



# Economic Research & Analysis

...Bringing Oklahoma's Labor Market to Life!

FOR RELEASE: November 20, 2009

## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - October 2009

### Oklahoma unemployment rate on the rise in October

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** increased to 7.1 percent in October 2009, an expansion of 0.3 percentage points over the month. Compared to October 2008, the state's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** grew by 2.9 percentage points. The national unemployment rate rose from 9.8 percent in September to 10.2 percent in October.

OCTOBER 2009	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	7.1%	1,778,350	1,651,710	126,640
United States	10.2%	153,975,000	138,275,000	15,700,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oct '09	7.1%	1,778,350	1,651,710	126,640
Sep '09	6.8%	1,785,980	1,664,580	121,400
Aug '09	6.8%	1,783,860	1,663,250	120,610
Jul '09	6.6%	1,778,180	1,661,310	116,870
Jun '09	6.4%	1,777,560	1,664,500	113,070
May '09	6.4%	1,771,780	1,659,130	112,640
Oct '08	4.2%	1,760,010	1,685,450	74,560

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** contracted in October, while **seasonally adjusted unemployment** expanded by more than 5,000 persons. During the October-to-October period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 52,080 persons (+69.9 percent).

OCTOBER 2009	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-7,620	-0.4%	18,340	1.0%
Employment	-12,860	-0.8%	-33,740	-2.0%
Unemployment	5,240	4.3%	52,080	69.9%

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

This publication is produced by the Economic Research & Analysis (ER&A) division of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission as a no cost service. All information contained within this document is available free of charge on the OESC website ([www.ok.gov/oesc\\_web/Services/Find\\_Labor\\_Market\\_Statistics/index.html](http://www.ok.gov/oesc_web/Services/Find_Labor_Market_Statistics/index.html)) and through labor market information (LMI) publications developed by the ER&A division. **All statistics are preliminary and have been adjusted for seasonal factors.** All data is collected under strict guidelines provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. **Although a large amount of data has been presented, this in no way suggests that all data has been included. Due to space restrictions, only relevant industries and sectors are included.** Unless otherwise noted, data is rounded to the nearest 10.

# Statewide employment reports job additions in October

In October 2009, seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 8,800 jobs (0.6 percent). The seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States dropped by 190,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) over the same period. For the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** contracted by 43,400 jobs (-2.7 percent).

- Only two supersectors, **Mining & Logging** and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities**, recorded job losses for the month in October.
- Of the remaining supersectors, the largest monthly gains were seen in **Other Services** (+2,100 jobs), **Educational & Health Services** (+1,900 jobs), **Leisure & Hospitality** (+1,800 jobs) and **Professional & Business Services** (+1,400 jobs).
- **Manufacturing** (-16,900 jobs) and **Professional & Business Services** (-13,500 jobs) reported the largest over-the-year drops in October.
- The only two supersectors to manage October-to-October gains were **Government** (+6,400 jobs) and **Educational & Health Services** (+3,800 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Oct '09	Sep '09	Oct '08	Sep '09 to Oct '09		Oct '08 to Oct '09	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,558,500</b>	<b>1,549,700</b>	<b>1,601,900</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-43,400</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	44,300	45,700	53,300	-1,400	-3.1%	-9,000	-16.9%
<b>Construction</b>	74,000	73,100	77,000	900	1.2%	-3,000	-3.9%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	132,500	132,200	149,400	300	0.2%	-16,900	-11.3%
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Util.</b>	285,700	286,700	290,100	-1,000	-0.3%	-4,400	-1.5%
Wholesale Trade	59,900	59,400	59,900	500	0.8%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	170,500	172,000	173,500	-1,500	-0.9%	-3,000	-1.7%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	81,600	80,800	82,500	800	1.0%	-900	-1.1%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	23,200	23,100	23,400	100	0.4%	-200	-0.9%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs.</b>	171,100	169,700	184,600	1,400	0.8%	-13,500	-7.3%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	98,700	97,200	107,500	1,500	1.5%	-8,800	-8.2%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	201,700	199,800	197,900	1,900	1.0%	3,800	1.9%
Educational Services	19,700	19,600	19,400	100	0.5%	300	1.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	182,000	180,200	178,500	1,800	1.0%	3,500	2.0%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	141,500	139,700	145,900	1,800	1.3%	-4,400	-3.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18,900	19,400	19,400	-500	-2.6%	-500	-2.6%
Accommodation & Food Services	122,600	120,300	126,500	2,300	1.9%	-3,900	-3.1%
<b>Other Services</b>	62,500	60,400	64,000	2,100	3.5%	-1,500	-2.3%
<b>Government</b>	333,700	333,400	327,300	300	0.1%	6,400	2.0%
Federal Government	47,000	46,600	45,400	400	0.9%	1,600	3.5%
State Government	85,300	85,100	84,500	200	0.2%	800	0.9%
Local Government	201,400	201,700	197,400	-300	-0.1%	4,000	2.0%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors