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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - October 2012

State unemployment rate up slightly in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** bumped up to 5.3 percent in October 2012. The **national unemployment rate** also rose by 0.1 percentage points to 7.9 percent for the month. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 1.0 percentage points over the year.

OCTOBER 2012	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.3%	1,821,960	1,725,880	96,080
United States	7.9%	155,641,000	143,384,000	12,258,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Oct '12	5.3%	1,821,960	1,725,880	96,080
Sep '12	5.2%	1,813,490	1,719,120	94,380
Aug '12	5.1%	1,799,250	1,707,850	91,400
Jul '12	4.9%	1,795,720	1,707,300	88,420
Jun '12	4.7%	1,794,260	1,709,300	84,960
May '12	4.8%	1,791,380	1,706,070	85,320
Oct '11	6.3%	1,779,230	1,666,340	112,890

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In October, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** and **unemployment** both grew over the month, with **employment** expanding by 6,770 persons. For the year, statewide seasonally adjusted **unemployment** dropped by 16,820 persons (-14.9 percent).

OCTOBER 2012	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	8,470	0.5%	42,730	2.4%
Employment	6,770	0.4%	59,540	3.6%
Unemployment	1,700	1.8%	-16,820	-14.9%

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Number of Oklahoma jobs rises in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,300 jobs (+0.1 percent) in October 2012. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States increased by 171,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the month. For the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 42,200 jobs (+2.7 percent).

- In October, Oklahoma managed to add jobs despite recording losses in six of the state's 11 supersectors. **Professional & Business Services** (+2,300 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+2,200 jobs) provided the largest job gains for the month.
- **Mining & Logging, Construction, Manufacturing, Financial Activities, Educational & Health Services,** and **Other Services** all shed jobs in October. **Information** reported no change over the month.
- Eight supersectors saw over-the-year job gains, with **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** and **Government** leading the way.
- October's over-the-year job losses came from **Construction** (-1,300 jobs), **Information** (-300 jobs), and **Educational & Health Services** (-700 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Oct '12	Sep '12	Oct '11	Sep '12 to Oct '12		Oct '11 to Oct '12	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,603,800	1,602,500	1,561,600	1,300	0.1%	42,200	2.7%
Mining & Logging	53,900	55,700	52,500	-1,800	-3.2%	1,400	2.7%
Construction	68,900	69,000	70,200	-100	-0.1%	-1,300	-1.9%
Manufacturing	137,200	138,200	130,600	-1,000	-0.7%	6,600	5.1%
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	41,200	42,000	42,100	-800	-1.9%	-900	-2.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	295,300	294,300	283,500	1,000	0.3%	11,800	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	66,800	64,800	59,400	2,000	3.1%	7,400	12.5%
Retail Trade	174,600	175,500	170,400	-900	-0.5%	4,200	2.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	53,900	54,000	53,700	-100	-0.2%	200	0.4%
Information	24,000	24,000	24,300	0	0.0%	-300	-1.2%
Financial Activities	81,900	82,000	79,900	-100	-0.1%	2,000	2.5%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,200	22,500	21,600	-300	-1.3%	600	2.8%
Professional & Business Services	179,400	177,100	174,200	2,300	1.3%	5,200	3.0%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	61,500	62,800	64,100	-1,300	-2.1%	-2,600	-4.1%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	102,600	99,900	95,000	2,700	2.7%	7,600	8.0%
Educational & Health Services	207,300	208,200	208,000	-900	-0.4%	-700	-0.3%
Educational Services	22,200	22,800	21,100	-600	-2.6%	1,100	5.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	185,100	185,400	186,900	-300	-0.2%	-1,800	-1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	148,000	145,800	142,800	2,200	1.5%	5,200	3.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16,200	16,100	14,000	100	0.6%	2,200	15.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	131,800	129,700	128,800	2,100	1.6%	3,000	2.3%
Other Services	60,600	61,900	59,600	-1,300	-2.1%	1,000	1.7%
Government	347,300	346,300	336,000	1,000	0.3%	11,300	3.4%
Federal Government	49,300	49,200	49,500	100	0.2%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	91,500	90,300	84,600	1,200	1.3%	6,900	8.2%
Local Government	206,500	206,800	201,900	-300	-0.1%	4,600	2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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