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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - October 2010

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate unchanged in October

In October, Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** remained at 6.9 percent for the month. The national unemployment rate also held steady in October. The October 2010 **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state was also the same as that for October 2009.

OCTOBER 2010	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.9%	1,754,090	1,632,580	121,510
United States	9.6%	153,904,000	139,061,000	14,843,000

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Oct '10	6.9%	1,754,090	1,632,580	121,510
Sep '10	6.9%	1,756,870	1,634,790	122,080
Aug '10	7.0%	1,756,990	1,634,190	122,800
Jul '10	6.9%	1,761,130	1,639,520	121,610
Jun '10	6.8%	1,770,000	1,649,290	120,710
May '10	6.7%	1,778,850	1,659,060	119,800
Oct '09	6.9%	1,777,110	1,654,440	122,680

\* data adjusted for seasonal factors

Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment** all recorded monthly losses in October. For the October-to-October period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** shed 1,170 persons.

OCTOBER 2010	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-2,770	-0.2%	-23,020	-1.3%
Employment	-2,210	-0.1%	-21,860	-1.3%
Unemployment	-570	-0.5%	-1,170	-0.9%

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# Minor loss reported for statewide employment in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped 100 jobs over the month in October 2010. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 151,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) from September to October. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 18,600 jobs (+1.2 percent) when compared to its October 2009 level.

- In October, over-the-month losses in **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,500 jobs); **Financial Activities** (-1,000 jobs); **Leisure & Hospitality** (-800 jobs); and **Government** (-1,700 jobs) were counterbalanced by job gains in other supersectors.
- **Manufacturing** (+900 jobs) posted the largest job gain for the month.
- Seven of Oklahoma's 10 statewide supersectors reported over-the-year gains in October, led by **Educational & Health Services** (+8,400 jobs).
- **Government** once again posted the state's largest over-the-year decrease with a 9,000-job loss.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Oct '10	Sep '10	Oct '09	Sep '10 to Oct '10		Oct '09 to Oct '10	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,543,300</b>	<b>1,543,400</b>	<b>1,524,700</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>45,600</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>39,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>72,400</b>	<b>72,200</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>123,100</b>	<b>123,800</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Util.</b>	<b>275,300</b>	<b>276,800</b>	<b>276,400</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
Wholesale Trade	54,400	55,000	55,000	-600	-1.1%	-600	-1.1%
Retail Trade	170,200	169,700	167,800	500	0.3%	2,400	1.4%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>82,400</b>	<b>83,400</b>	<b>81,100</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	22,100	22,200	21,900	-100	-0.5%	200	0.9%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Svcs.</b>	<b>170,200</b>	<b>170,700</b>	<b>164,700</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	95,600	94,400	89,400	1,200	1.3%	6,200	6.9%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>212,400</b>	<b>211,700</b>	<b>204,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Educational Services	21,800	22,200	20,100	-400	-1.8%	1,700	8.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	190,600	189,500	183,900	1,100	0.6%	6,700	3.6%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>143,800</b>	<b>144,600</b>	<b>139,400</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,500	14,900	13,900	-400	-2.7%	600	4.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	129,300	129,700	125,500	-400	-0.3%	3,800	3.0%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>60,200</b>	<b>59,600</b>	<b>62,200</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-2,000</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>330,000</b>	<b>329,300</b>	<b>339,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-9,000</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
Federal Government	46,500	46,500	46,700	0	0.0%	-200	-0.4%
State Government	82,000	82,500	85,300	-500	-0.6%	-3,300	-3.9%
Local Government	201,500	200,300	207,000	1,200	0.6%	-5,500	-2.7%

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**Jobs Pct. Jobs Pct.**