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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - December 2009

Oklahoma unemployment rate down in December

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** dropped to 6.6 percent in December 2009, down by 0.5 percentage points over the month. The national unemployment rate held steady at 10.0 percent in December. The **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for the state increased by 2.0 percentage points when compared to December 2008.

| DECEMBER 2009 | Unemp. rate* | Labor force* | Employment* | Unemployment* |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Oklahoma | 6.6% | 1,773,300 | 1,655,500 | 117,800 |
| United States | 10.0% | 153,059,000 | 137,792,000 | 15,267,000 |

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|----------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Dec '09 | 6.6% | 1,773,300 | 1,655,500 | 117,800 |
| Nov '09 | 7.1% | 1,783,650 | 1,657,390 | 126,260 |
| Oct '09 | 7.3% | 1,781,430 | 1,651,340 | 130,090 |
| 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 |
| Dec '08 | 4.6% | 1,767,780 | 1,687,200 | 80,580 |

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In December 2009, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force, employment** and **unemployment** all decreased over the month, with seasonally adjusted **unemployment** reporting a large drop. During the December-to-December period, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** grew by 37,210 persons (+46.2 percent).

| DECEMBER 2009 | Monthly change* | | Annual change* | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Labor force | -10,350 | -0.6% | 5,520 | 0.3% |
| Employment | -1,890 | -0.1% | -31,700 | -1.9% |
| Unemployment | -8,460 | -6.7% | 37,210 | 46.2% |

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Statewide employment gains traction in December

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 5,000 jobs (+0.3 percent) over the month in December. During the same period, seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States shed 85,000 jobs (-0.1 percent). Between December 2008 and December 2009, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 36,700 jobs (-2.3 percent).

- Seven of the 10 supersectors reported over-the-month gains in December, including **Professional & Business Services** (+3,000 jobs), **Manufacturing** (+1,900 jobs), and **Educational & Health Services** (+1,300 jobs).
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,200 jobs) posted the largest job loss for the month due to a weakening **Retail Trade** sector.
- **Manufacturing** (-14,600 jobs) and **Professional & Business Services** (-10,500 jobs) recorded the largest over-the-year drops in December.
- The only two supersectors to add jobs for the December-to-December period were **Educational & Health Services** (+6,200 jobs) and **Government** (+4,400 jobs).

| | NUMBER OF JOBS* | | | CHANGE* | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Dec '09 | Nov '09 | Dec '08 | Nov '09 to Dec '09 | | Dec '08 to Dec '09 | |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 1,558,900 | 1,553,900 | 1,595,600 | 5,000 | 0.3% | -36,700 | -2.3% |
| Mining & Logging | 44,500 | 45,100 | 51,700 | -600 | -1.3% | -7,200 | -13.9% |
| Construction | 73,500 | 72,800 | 76,600 | 700 | 1.0% | -3,100 | -4.0% |
| Manufacturing | 133,500 | 131,600 | 148,100 | 1,900 | 1.4% | -14,600 | -9.9% |
| Trade, Transportation & Util. | 283,600 | 284,800 | 287,600 | -1,200 | -0.4% | -4,000 | -1.4% |
| Wholesale Trade | 59,800 | 59,600 | 60,200 | 200 | 0.3% | -400 | -0.7% |
| Retail Trade | 168,400 | 170,300 | 170,100 | -1,900 | -1.1% | -1,700 | -1.0% |
| Financial Activities | 81,500 | 81,300 | 82,400 | 200 | 0.2% | -900 | -1.1% |
| Real Estate and Rental & Leasing | 23,200 | 23,200 | 23,400 | 0 | 0.0% | -200 | -0.9% |
| Professional & Business Svcs. | 174,800 | 171,800 | 185,300 | 3,000 | 1.7% | -10,500 | -5.7% |
| Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services | 100,600 | 97,700 | 107,900 | 2,900 | 3.0% | -7,300 | -6.8% |
| Educational & Health Services | 204,100 | 202,800 | 197,900 | 1,300 | 0.6% | 6,200 | 3.1% |
| Educational Services | 20,300 | 19,600 | 19,300 | 700 | 3.6% | 1,000 | 5.2% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 183,800 | 183,200 | 178,600 | 600 | 0.3% | 5,200 | 2.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 140,700 | 140,200 | 145,800 | 500 | 0.4% | -5,100 | -3.5% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 19,700 | 19,400 | 19,500 | 300 | 1.5% | 200 | 1.0% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 121,000 | 120,800 | 126,300 | 200 | 0.2% | -5,300 | -4.2% |
| Other Services | 61,900 | 60,900 | 63,600 | 1,000 | 1.6% | -1,700 | -2.7% |
| Government | 332,900 | 333,700 | 328,500 | -800 | -0.2% | 4,400 | 1.3% |
| Federal Government | 46,800 | 46,900 | 45,500 | -100 | -0.2% | 1,300 | 2.9% |
| State Government | 85,000 | 85,100 | 84,800 | -100 | -0.1% | 200 | 0.2% |
| Local Government | 201,100 | 201,700 | 198,200 | -600 | -0.3% | 2,900 | 1.5% |
| | | | | Jobs | Pct. | Jobs | Pct. |

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