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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - May 2009

Oklahoma's unemployment rate up slightly in May

Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** inched upward to 6.3 percent in May 2009. Compared to May 2008, the **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for Oklahoma increased by 2.7 percentage points. The national unemployment rate rose to 9.4 percent in May, an expansion of 0.5 percentage points for the month.

MAY 2009	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	6.3%	1,770,610	1,658,890	111,720
United States	9.4%	155,081,000	140,570,000	14,511,000

* data adjusted for seasonal factors

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May '09	6.3%	1,770,610	1,658,890	111,720
Apr '09	6.2%	1,771,690	1,661,340	110,350
Mar '09	5.9%	1,763,260	1,658,650	104,620
Feb '09	5.5%	1,757,710	1,661,080	96,640
Jan '09	5.0%	1,760,690	1,672,160	88,530
Dec '08	4.6%	1,767,780	1,687,200	80,580
May '08	3.6%	1,743,610	1,680,480	63,130

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In May 2009, Oklahoma's statewide **seasonally adjusted labor force** and **employment** contracted over the month, while growth in statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** slowed compared to previous months. Between May 2008 and May 2009, statewide **seasonally adjusted unemployment** increased by 48,590 persons (+77.0 percent).

MAY 2009	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-1,080	-0.1%	27,000	1.5%
Employment	-2,450	-0.1%	-21,590	-1.3%
Unemployment	1,370	1.2%	48,590	77.0%

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Statewide employment losses continue for month, year in May

Seasonally adjusted Oklahoma **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed 11,400 jobs (-0.7 percent) over the month in May 2009. For the same period, seasonally adjusted national **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** dropped by 345,000 jobs (-0.3 percent). For the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 39,900 jobs.

- **Professional & Business Services** reported the largest monthly loss (-5,000 jobs) of any supersector for May 2009.
- **Educational & Health Services** (+1,100 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+500 jobs) were the only supersectors to add jobs in May.
- For the May-to-May period, **Manufacturing** posted the largest drop (-16,000 jobs), followed closely by **Professional & Business Services** (-14,700 jobs).
- Three supersectors (**Educational & Health Services**, **Leisure & Hospitality**, and **Government**) reported over-the-year additions in May.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	May '09	Apr '09	May '08	Apr '09 to May '09		May '08 to May '09	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,557,700	1,569,100	1,597,600	-11,400	-0.7%	-39,900	-2.5%
Mining & Logging	44,900	46,500	51,700	-1,600	-3.4%	-6,800	-13.2%
Construction	72,700	74,700	76,000	-2,000	-2.7%	-3,300	-4.3%
Manufacturing	135,600	138,500	151,600	-2,900	-2.1%	-16,000	-10.6%
Trade, Transportation & Util.	286,100	286,500	289,300	-400	-0.1%	-3,200	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	58,400	59,400	59,700	-1,000	-1.7%	-1,300	-2.2%
Retail Trade	172,300	171,900	173,000	400	0.2%	-700	-0.4%
Financial Activities	80,100	80,500	83,400	-400	-0.5%	-3,300	-4.0%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	23,000	23,200	23,500	-200	-0.9%	-500	-2.1%
Professional & Business Svcs.	170,300	175,300	185,000	-5,000	-2.9%	-14,700	-7.9%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services	95,400	98,300	106,000	-2,900	-3.0%	-10,600	-10.0%
Educational & Health Services	200,100	199,000	198,400	1,100	0.6%	1,700	0.9%
Educational Services	19,700	19,200	19,500	500	2.6%	200	1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	180,400	179,800	178,900	600	0.3%	1,500	0.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	146,000	145,500	143,100	500	0.3%	2,900	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	19,800	19,200	18,300	600	3.1%	1,500	8.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	126,200	126,300	124,800	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.1%
Other Services	62,300	63,500	63,200	-1,200	-1.9%	-900	-1.4%
Government	331,200	331,700	324,900	-500	-0.2%	6,300	1.9%
Federal Government	45,500	47,000	45,100	-1,500	-3.2%	400	0.9%
State Government	85,500	85,200	84,600	300	0.4%	900	1.1%
Local Government	200,200	199,500	195,200	700	0.4%	5,000	2.6%

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