



local labor market update for the **OKLAHOMA CITY AREA**



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The **Oklahoma City Local Labor Market (LLM)** is comprised of Canadian, Logan and Oklahoma counties.

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) staff at the Oklahoma City workforce centers has been planning its 30th Semi-Annual Job Fair. This hiring event has been called one of the "premier job fairs" in Oklahoma. A variety of employers and businesses along with a diverse group of job seekers are the perfect ingredients for an employment connection! The job fair will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at the Coca Cola Bricktown Event Center. There will be plenty of free parking for job seekers and employers.

Also during third quarter 2011, the **Rockwell Workforce Center** located on the campus of Francis Tuttle Technology Center closed its doors. Customers have been directed to the three remaining centers in the Oklahoma City area.

SPOTLIGHT ON

RAPID RESPONSE

Layoffs are difficult for everyone involved. OESC's Rapid Response program provides services to employers and employees to help ease the process. When a layoff is announced, the Rapid Response team can travel to an employer's facility and provide affected employees with onsite information about unemployment benefits, childcare assistance, health insurance, and help available through their local workforce centers, such as career counseling, skills upgrading and training. In some cases, job fairs are provided to these companies and their workers. The objective is to help workers go from notification of layoff to re-employment as soon as possible. In 2010, OESC conducted Rapid Response presentations for 32 layoff events affecting nearly 3,400 total employees. Although these numbers have decreased somewhat in 2011, the Rapid Response team remains busy and dedicated to assisting Oklahoma workers. For more information on the Rapid Response program, contact John Cole at john.cole@oesc.state.ok.us.

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION (OESC)

In 2010, OESC

- served **172,028 job seekers** through workforce centers
- assisted **65,199 customers** enter employment
- listed **106,497 job openings**
- processed **199,195 unemployment insurance (UI) claims**
- injected **just over \$1.0 billion** in UI benefits into Oklahoma's economy

EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT

Sept. 2011	LLM	State
Labor force	393,329	1,738,590
Employment	371,066	1,636,750
Unemployment	22,263	101,850
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.9%

Source: OESC Economic Research & Analysis

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

3Q 2011	LLM	State
Initial claims	13,906	56,861
Continued claims	137,610	589,637

Source: OESC Unemployment Insurance Division

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

OKC workforce centers

3Q 2011	Center	State
Registrations	6,051	39,325
Entered employment	11,477	67,161
Employer contacts	961	5,497
Job openings	4,090	15,458

Source: OESC Workforce Integrated Programs

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