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## OKLAHOMA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.6 PERCENT IN APRIL

- Seasonal factors heavily influenced the state **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** over the month, forcing a drop from 4.2 percent in March to 3.6 percent in April. Although this drop is significant, it follows the pattern seen each year for the March-to-April period.
- Over the month, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** shed more than 14 percent (-10,473 persons), while **non-seasonally adjusted employment** added more than 13,000 persons (+0.8 percent).
- While most of the over-the-month change can be attributed to seasonal patterns, the seasonally adjusted data reflects improvement in **seasonally adjusted employment** (+1.3 percent), **seasonally adjusted labor force** (+1.8 percent), and **seasonally adjusted unemployment** (-9.6 percent).

Month	Non-seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
Apr '05	1,730,451	1,658,441	72,010	4.2%	1,735,275	1,658,899	76,376	4.4%
May '05	1,738,044	1,661,211	76,833	4.4%	1,737,829	1,661,829	76,000	4.4%
Jun '05	1,759,996	1,677,309	82,687	4.7%	1,742,730	1,664,656	78,074	4.5%
Jul '05	1,756,556	1,682,595	73,961	4.2%	1,743,447	1,667,333	76,114	4.4%
Aug '05	1,743,431	1,671,191	72,240	4.1%	1,746,832	1,669,933	76,899	4.4%
Sep '05	1,746,485	1,674,549	71,936	4.1%	1,749,834	1,672,385	77,449	4.4%
Oct '05	1,759,920	1,689,483	70,437	4.0%	1,751,626	1,674,685	76,941	4.4%
Nov '05	1,762,998	1,693,150	69,848	4.0%	1,751,850	1,676,846	75,004	4.3%
Dec '05	1,753,184	1,683,787	69,397	4.0%	1,752,851	1,678,843	74,008	4.2%
Jan '06	1,738,918	1,661,983	76,935	4.4%	1,753,575	1,685,258	68,317	3.9%
Feb '06	1,739,826	1,668,661	71,165	4.1%	1,754,172	1,690,413	63,759	3.6%
Mar '06	1,747,693	1,674,488	73,205	4.2%	1,757,040	1,686,672	70,368	4.0%
Apr '06	1,750,408	1,687,676	62,732	3.6%	1,757,866	1,688,833	69,033	3.9%

April 2006		Non-seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
		1,750,408	1,687,676	62,732	1,757,866	1,688,833	69,033
CHANGE	Monthly #	+2,715	+13,188	-10,473	+826	+2,161	-1,335
	Monthly %	0.2%	0.8%	-14.3%	0.0%	0.1%	-1.9%
	Annual #	+19,957	+29,235	-9,278	+22,591	+29,934	-7,343
	Annual %	1.2%	-0.2%	-12.9%	1.3%	1.8%	-9.6%
Participation rate*		64.1%	61.8%	--	64.4%	61.9%	--

\* Participation rate represents the ratio of Labor Force or Employment compared to the general population of Oklahoma.