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## SEASONAL FACTORS FUEL STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASE FOR JANUARY 2006

- For the fourth straight month, Oklahoma's **seasonally adjusted unemployment** dropped, as **seasonally adjusted employment** grew. Since August 2005, **unemployment** has fallen by more than 9,100 people, while **employment** added almost 12,900 persons.
- The **statewide non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** for January 2006 was 4.4 percent, an increase of four-tenths of a percent from December. This behavior is typical, however, as this rate increase is seen each year at this time.
- This year's seasonal unemployment rate spike for the December-to-January period was smaller than normal, causing the **seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** to fall by three-tenths to 3.9 percent in January 2006.

Month	Non-seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
Feb '05	1,712,740	1,623,827	88,913	5.2%	1,727,783	1,652,609	75,174	4.4%
Mar '05	1,715,545	1,628,194	87,351	5.1%	1,733,559	1,655,808	77,751	4.5%
Apr '05	1,721,688	1,639,385	82,303	4.8%	1,735,275	1,658,899	76,376	4.4%
May '05	1,730,451	1,658,441	72,010	4.2%	1,737,829	1,661,829	76,000	4.4%
Jun '05	1,738,044	1,661,211	76,833	4.4%	1,742,730	1,664,656	78,074	4.5%
Jul '05	1,759,996	1,677,309	82,687	4.7%	1,743,447	1,667,333	76,114	4.4%
Aug '05	1,756,556	1,682,595	73,961	4.2%	1,746,832	1,669,933	76,899	4.4%
Sep '05	1,743,431	1,671,191	72,240	4.1%	1,749,834	1,672,385	77,449	4.4%
Oct '05	1,746,485	1,674,549	71,936	4.1%	1,751,626	1,674,685	76,941	4.4%
Nov '05	1,759,920	1,689,483	70,437	4.0%	1,751,850	1,676,846	75,004	4.3%
Dec '05	1,762,998	1,693,150	69,848	4.0%	1,752,851	1,678,843	74,008	4.2%
<b>Jan '06</b>	<b>1,738,918</b>	<b>1,661,983</b>	<b>76,935</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>1,753,575</b>	<b>1,685,258</b>	<b>68,317</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

January 2006		Non-seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
		1,738,918	1,661,983	76,935	1,753,575	1,685,258	68,317
<b>CHANGE</b>	Monthly #	-14,266	-21,804	7,538	724	6,415	-5,691
	Monthly %	-0.8%	-1.3%	10.9%	0.0%	0.4%	-7.7%
	Annual #	26,178	38,156	-11,978	26,152	35,962	-9,810
	Annual %	1.5%	2.3%	-13.5%	1.5%	2.2%	-12.6%
Participation rate*		63.9%	61.0%	--	64.4%	61.9%	--

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