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SEASONAL FACTORS PUSH STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO 4.1 PERCENT IN MAY

- In May, Oklahoma's statewide **non-seasonally adjusted employment** (-2,326 persons), **unemployment** (+8,866 persons) and **labor force** (+6,540 persons) all reversed course from April's seasonal changes.
- Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** rose to 4.1 percent (+0.5 percent) in May, following the annual trend for the April-to-May period.
- May's unemployment rate growth can be attributed to the 8,866-person gain (+14.1 percent) in Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment**. This gain represents nearly 85 percent of April's seasonal loss.
- Seasonally adjusted data for May 2006 reflect a drop of more than 5.0 percent (-3,957 persons) in **seasonally adjusted unemployment** over the year.

| Month | Non-seasonally Adjusted | | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemp. Rate | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Unemp. Rate |
| 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% |
| May '06 | 1,756,948 | 1,685,350 | 71,598 | 4.1% | 1,758,053 | 1,686,010 | 72,043 | 4.1% |

| May 2006 | | Non-seasonally Adjusted | | | Seasonally Adjusted | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployment |
| | | 1,756,948 | 1,685,350 | 71,598 | 1,758,053 | 1,686,010 | 72,043 |
| CHANGE | Monthly # | 6,540 | -2,326 | 8,866 | 187 | -2,823 | 3,010 |
| | Monthly % | +0.4% | -0.1% | +14.1% | +0.0% | -0.2% | +4.4% |
| | Annual # | 18,904 | 24,139 | -5,235 | 20,224 | 24,181 | -3,957 |
| | Annual % | +1.1% | +1.5% | -6.8% | +1.2% | +1.5% | -5.2% |
| Participation rate* | | 64.3% | 61.7% | -- | 64.4% | 61.7% | -- |

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