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OKLAHOMA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER

- In November, Oklahoma's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** inched up to 3.7 percent, a gain of one-tenth of a percent over the month. This change was driven by minor movement in non-seasonally adjusted labor force, employment and unemployment. The state's **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (-5,201 persons) and **employment** (-7,236 persons) both dropped from October to November, while **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment** (+2,215 persons) grew by 3.5 percent during the period.
- For the November-to-November period, the state job market improved as **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (+4,018 persons), **employment** (+7,854 persons) and **unemployment** (-3,836 persons) all strengthened over the year.

Month	Non-seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
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%
Jun '06	1,785,453	1,712,762	72,691	4.1%	1,760,923	1,692,838	68,085	3.9%
Jul '06	1,774,767	1,707,019	67,748	3.8%	1,756,495	1,686,566	69,929	4.0%
Aug '06	1,757,803	1,687,639	70,164	4.0%	1,758,390	1,685,325	73,065	4.2%
Sep '06	1,760,437	1,693,666	66,771	3.8%	1,766,587	1,696,342	70,245	4.0%
Oct '06	1,772,037	1,708,240	63,797	3.6%	1,768,367	1,701,378	66,989	3.8%
Nov '06	1,767,016	1,701,004	66,012	3.7%	1,759,735	1,690,333	69,402	3.9%

November 2006		Non-seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
		1,767,016	1,701,004	66,012	1,759,735	1,690,333	69,402
CHANGE	Monthly #	-5,021	-7,236	2,215	-8,632	-11,045	2,413
	Monthly %	-0.3%	-0.4%	3.5%	-0.5%	-0.6%	3.6%
	Annual #	4,018	7,854	-3,836	7,885	13,487	-5,602
	Annual %	0.2%	0.5%	-5.5%	0.5%	0.8%	-7.5%
Participation rate*		64.4%	62.0%	--	64.1%	61.6%	--

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