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OKLAHOMA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HOLDS STEADY IN DECEMBER

- Oklahoma's December **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** was unchanged from the November rate of 3.7 percent. The non-seasonally adjusted rate for the state has been at or below 4.0 percent for the past six months. Small over-the-month losses were reported in the state's **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (-3,209 persons), **employment** (-2,955 persons) and **unemployment** (-254 persons).
- For the December-to-December period, the state job market continued to improve as **non-seasonally adjusted labor force** (+10,623 persons), **employment** (+14,262 persons) and **unemployment** (-3,639 persons) all strengthened over the year. The state's **non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate** recorded a 0.3 percent drop over the year.

Month	Non-seasonally Adjusted				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemp. Rate
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%
Dec '06	1,763,807	1,698,049	65,758	3.7%	1,767,260	1,699,298	67,962	3.8%

December 2006		Non-seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
		Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment
		1,763,807	1,698,049	65,758	1,767,260	1,699,298	67,962
CHANGE	Monthly #	-3,209	-2,955	-254	7,525	8,965	-1,440
	Monthly %	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	-2.1%
	Annual #	10,623	14,262	-3,639	14,409	20,455	-6,046
	Annual %	0.6%	0.8%	-5.2%	0.8%	1.2%	-0.4%
Participation rate*		64.2%	61.9%	--	64.4%	61.9%	--

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