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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – February 2019

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate moves up in February

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** increased 0.1 percentage point to 3.3 percent in February, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined to 3.8 percent in February. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 0.5 percentage point compared to February 2018.

February 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.3%	1,833,109	1,773,519	59,590
United States	3.8%	163,184,000	156,949,000	6,235,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Feb '19	3.3%	1,833,109	1,773,519	59,590
Jan '19	3.2%	1,834,891	1,775,975	58,916
Dec '18	3.1%	1,837,373	1,779,871	57,502
Nov '18	3.1%	1,836,984	1,779,700	57,284
Oct '18	3.1%	1,836,660	1,779,759	56,901
Sept '18	3.1%	1,837,174	1,780,187	56,987
Feb '18	3.8%	1,846,427	1,775,578	70,849

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In February, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** decreased by 2,456 persons (-0.1 percent), while **unemployment** increased by 674 persons (1.1 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 11,259 persons (-15.9 percent).

February 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-1,782	-0.1%	-13,318	-0.7%
Employment	-2,456	-0.1%	-2,059	-0.1%
Unemployment	674	1.1%	-11,259	-15.9%

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# Oklahoma nonfarm employment expands in February

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 1,800 jobs (0.1 percent) in February 2019. The U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** was little changed at 20,000 jobs (0.0 percent) in February. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 14,300 jobs (0.9 percent).

- In February, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Services** (+2,800 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Government** (+1,000 jobs).
- **Construction** and **Manufacturing** (-900 jobs) both reported the largest over-the-month job losses followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (-700 Jobs).
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+4,400 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Construction** (+3,600 jobs).
- Sectors showing declines in jobs over the year were **Information** (-600 jobs), **Manufacturing** (-500 jobs), **Professional and Business Services** (-400 jobs), **Education and Health Services** (-300 jobs), and **Government** (-300 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	FEB	JAN	FEB	JAN. 19 TO		JAN. 18 TO	
	2019	2019	2018	FEB. 19		FEB. 19	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,693,900</b>	<b>1,692,100</b>	<b>1,679,600</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Total Private	1,346,400	1,345,600	1,331,800	800	0.1%	14,600	1.1%
Goods Producing	273,200	274,800	266,800	-1,600	-0.6%	6,400	2.4%
Service-Providing	1,420,700	1,417,300	1,412,800	3,400	0.2%	7,900	0.6%
Private Service Providing	1,073,200	1,070,800	1,065,000	2,400	0.2%	8,200	0.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	137,200	137,900	130,300	-700	-0.5%	6,900	5.3%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>54,900</b>	<b>54,700</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>82,300</b>	<b>83,200</b>	<b>78,700</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>136,000</b>	<b>136,900</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
Non-Durable Goods	40,300	40,500	41,100	-200	-0.5%	-800	-1.9%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>302,500</b>	<b>302,600</b>	<b>298,100</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Wholesale Trade	58,600	58,300	57,300	300	0.5%	1,300	2.3%
Retail Trade	177,900	178,100	178,500	-200	-0.1%	-600	-0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	66,000	66,200	62,300	-200	-0.3%	3,700	5.9%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>79,400</b>	<b>79,200</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,700	21,300	21,000	400	1.9%	700	3.3%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>189,400</b>	<b>186,600</b>	<b>189,800</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	73,400	72,300	71,900	1,100	1.5%	1,500	2.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,100	18,800	18,900	300	1.6%	200	1.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	96,900	95,500	99,000	1,400	1.5%	-2,100	-2.1%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>236,700</b>	<b>236,500</b>	<b>237,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
Educational Services	19,500	19,200	20,100	300	1.6%	-600	-3.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	217,200	217,300	216,900	-100	0.0%	300	0.1%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>173,000</b>	<b>173,700</b>	<b>170,300</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,300	17,200	17,400	100	0.6%	-100	-0.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	155,700	156,500	152,900	-800	-0.5%	2,800	1.8%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>70,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>347,500</b>	<b>346,500</b>	<b>347,800</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
Federal Government	50,100	49,100	48,600	1,000	2.0%	1,500	3.1%
State Government	81,100	81,400	82,200	-300	0.0%	-1,100	-1.3%
Local Government	216,300	216,000	217,000	300	0.1%	-700	-0.3%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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\*\* Non-seasonally adjusted. Due to employment stability in the Information supersector, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that it does not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time.