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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2019

### Oklahoma's unemployment rate holds steady in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** held steady at 3.3 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined to 3.6 percent in April. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 0.3 percentage point compared to April 2018.

April 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.3%	1,828,485	1,768,798	59,687
United States	3.6%	162,470,000	156,645,000	5,824,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
April '19	3.3%	1,828,485	1,768,798	59,687
Mar'19	3.3%	1,830,795	1,770,663	60,132
Feb '19	3.3%	1,833,045	1,773,387	59,658
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
April '18	3.6%	1,846,844	1,780,277	66,567

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** decreased by 1,865 persons (-0.1 percent), while **unemployment** decreased by 445 persons (-0.7 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 6,880 persons (-10.3 percent).

April 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-2,310	-0.1%	-18,359	-1.0%
Employment	-1,865	-0.1%	-11,479	-0.6%
Unemployment	-445	-0.7%	-6,880	-10.3%

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# Oklahoma nonfarm employment up in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 4,400 jobs (0.3 percent) in April 2019. The U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 263,000 jobs (0.2 percent) in April. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 17,000 jobs (1.0 percent).

- In April, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+1,900 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Education and Health Services** (+1,200 jobs).
- **Mining and Logging, Manufacturing** and **Information** (-300 jobs each) reported over-the-month job losses.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+5,300 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Construction** (+4,700 jobs).
- Sectors showing declines in jobs over the year were **Manufacturing** (-1,100 jobs), **Information** (-1,000 jobs), and **Government** (-400 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	APR	MAR	APR	MAR 19 TO	APR 18 TO		
	2019	2019	2018	APR 19	APR 19		
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,697,300</b>	<b>1,692,900</b>	<b>1,680,300</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Total Private	1,350,800	1,346,400	1,333,400	4,400	0.3%	17,400	1.3%
Goods Producing	274,700	274,300	269,500	400	0.1%	5,200	1.9%
Service-Providing	1,422,600	1,418,600	1,410,800	4,000	0.3%	11,800	0.8%
Private Service Providing	1,076,100	1,072,100	1,063,900	4,000	0.4%	12,200	1.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	138,400	137,700	132,100	700	0.5%	6,300	4.8%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>53,900</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>52,300</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>84,500</b>	<b>83,500</b>	<b>79,800</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>136,300</b>	<b>136,600</b>	<b>137,400</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
Non-Durable Goods	40,700	40,700	41,000	0	0.0%	-300	-0.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>303,700</b>	<b>301,800</b>	<b>298,400</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Wholesale Trade	59,900	58,600	57,100	1,300	2.2%	2,800	4.9%
Retail Trade	178,100	177,600	178,400	500	0.3%	-300	-0.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	65,700	65,600	62,900	100	0.2%	2,800	4.5%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>18,900</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>79,700</b>	<b>79,700</b>	<b>79,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,700	21,700	21,100	0	0.0%	600	2.8%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>189,100</b>	<b>188,700</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,400	72,400	72,200	0	0.0%	200	0.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,200	19,100	19,000	100	0.5%	200	1.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	97,500	97,200	97,800	300	0.3%	-300	-0.3%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>238,300</b>	<b>237,100</b>	<b>235,700</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Educational Services	19,400	19,500	19,800	-100	-0.5%	-400	-2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	218,900	217,600	215,900	1,300	0.6%	3,000	1.4%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>173,900</b>	<b>173,100</b>	<b>170,500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,400	17,300	17,600	100	0.6%	-200	-1.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	156,500	155,800	152,900	700	0.4%	3,600	2.4%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>71,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>346,500</b>	<b>346,500</b>	<b>346,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
Federal Government	50,200	49,600	48,900	600	1.2%	1,300	2.7%
State Government	81,000	81,000	81,700	0	0.0%	-700	-0.9%
Local Government	215,300	215,900	216,300	-600	-0.3%	-1,000	-0.5%
				<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.