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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2019

Oklahoma's unemployment rate holds steady in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was unchanged at 3.2 percent in September, while the U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent in September. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up 0.1 percentage point compared to September 2018.

September 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.2%	1,850,869	1,791,305	59,564
United States	3.5%	164,039,000	158,269,000	5,769,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Sept '19	3.2%	1,850,869	1,791,305	59,564
Aug '19	3.2%	1,845,520	1,786,542	58,978
July '19	3.2%	1,838,330	1,779,808	58,522
June '19	3.2%	1,831,640	1,773,363	58,277
May '19	3.2%	1,828,733	1,769,681	59,052
April '19	3.3%	1,828,475	1,768,729	59,746
Sept '18	3.1%	1,837,174	1,780,187	56,987

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In September, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** increased by 4,763 persons (0.3 percent), while **unemployment** increased by 586 persons (1.0 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** increased by 2,577 persons (4.5 percent).

September 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	5,349	0.3%	13,695	0.7%
Employment	4,763	0.3%	11,118	0.6%
Unemployment	586	1.0%	2,577	4.5%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment declines in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** edged down 100 jobs (0.0 percent) in September 2019. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 136,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in September. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 3,100 jobs (0.2 percent).

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

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	SEP 2019	AUG 2019	SEP 2018	AUG 19 TO SEP 19		SEP 18 TO SEP 19	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,695,800	1,695,900	1,692,700	-100	0.0%	3,100	0.2%
Total Private	1,347,900	1,347,300	1,344,400	600	0.0%	3,500	0.3%
Goods Producing	272,400	272,400	273,400	0	0.0%	-1,000	-0.4%
Service-Providing	1,423,400	1,423,500	1,419,300	-100	0.0%	4,100	0.3%
Private Service Providing	1,075,500	1,074,900	1,071,000	600	0.1%	4,500	0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	136,700	136,700	135,200	0	0.0%	1,500	1.1%
Mining and Logging	52,800	52,200	54,000	600	1.1%	-1,200	-2.2%
Construction	83,900	84,500	81,200	-600	-0.7%	2,700	3.3%
Manufacturing	135,700	135,700	138,200	0	0.0%	-2,500	-1.8%
Non-Durable Goods	40,500	40,600	40,900	-100	-0.2%	-400	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	304,700	303,800	300,700	900	0.3%	4,000	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	60,100	60,800	57,800	-700	-1.2%	2,300	4.0%
Retail Trade	178,900	178,000	178,300	900	0.5%	600	0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	65,700	65,000	64,600	700	1.1%	1,100	1.7%
Information**	18,800	18,600	19,700	200	1.1%	-900	-4.6%
Financial Activities	78,900	79,900	79,400	-1,000	-1.3%	-500	-0.6%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,000	22,700	21,400	-700	-3.1%	600	2.8%
Professional and Business Services	189,900	189,600	192,200	300	0.2%	-2,300	-1.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,100	72,400	73,000	-300	-0.4%	-900	-1.2%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,200	18,900	19,300	300	1.6%	-100	-0.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	98,600	98,300	99,900	300	0.3%	-1,300	-1.3%
Education and Health Services	239,300	237,400	235,900	1,900	0.8%	3,400	1.4%
Educational Services	18,900	18,600	19,700	300	1.6%	-800	-4.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	220,400	218,800	216,200	1,600	0.7%	4,200	1.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	169,600	171,100	171,500	-1,500	-0.9%	-1,900	-1.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,300	16,400	17,100	-100	-0.6%	-800	-4.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	153,300	154,700	154,400	-1,400	-0.9%	-1,100	-0.7%
Other Services	74,300	74,500	71,600	-200	-0.3%	2,700	3.8%
Government	347,900	348,600	348,300	-700	-0.2%	-400	-0.1%
Federal Government	49,700	49,900	49,300	-200	-0.4%	400	0.8%
State Government	81,600	81,700	82,000	-100	0.0%	-400	-0.5%
Local Government	216,600	217,000	217,000	-400	-0.2%	-400	-0.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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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.