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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – October 2019

Oklahoma's unemployment rate moves up in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** moved up to 3.3 percent in October, while the U.S. unemployment rate rose to 3.6 percent in October. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up 0.2 percentage point compared to October 2018.

October 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.3%	1,853,560	1,792,847	60,713
United States	3.6%	164,364,000	158,510,000	5,855,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Oct '19	3.3%	1,853,560	1,792,847	60,713
Sept '19	3.2%	1,850,818	1,791,227	59,591
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
Oct '18	3.1%	1,836,660	1,779,759	56,901

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In October, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** increased by 1,620 persons (0.1 percent), while **unemployment** increased by 1,122 persons (1.9 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** increased by 3,812 persons (6.7 percent).

October 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	2,742	0.1%	16,900	0.9%
Employment	1,620	0.1%	13,088	0.7%
Unemployment	1,122	1.9%	3,812	6.7%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment adds jobs in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in October 2019. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 128,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in October. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 4,400 jobs (0.3 percent).

- In October, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Leisure and Hospitality** (+1,700 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** and **Professional and Business Services** (+1,300 jobs each).
- **Government** (-1,600 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job losses.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+4,500 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Education and Health Services** (+4,300 jobs).
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Mining and Logging** (-2,200 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-2,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	OCT	SEP	OCT	SEP 19 TO		OCT 18 TO	
	2019	2019	2018	OCT 19		OCT 19	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,696,600	1,695,600	1,692,200	1,000	0.1%	4,400	0.3%
Total Private	1,350,600	1,348,000	1,346,200	2,600	0.2%	4,400	0.3%
Goods Producing	270,600	271,700	272,900	-1,100	-0.4%	-2,300	-0.8%
Service-Providing	1,426,000	1,423,900	1,419,300	2,100	0.1%	6,700	0.5%
Private Service Providing	1,080,000	1,076,300	1,073,300	3,700	0.3%	6,700	0.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	135,000	136,000	135,200	-1,000	-0.7%	-200	-0.1%
Mining and Logging	51,700	52,300	53,900	-600	-1.1%	-2,200	-4.1%
Construction	83,300	83,700	81,300	-400	-0.5%	2,000	2.5%
Manufacturing	135,600	135,700	137,700	-100	-0.1%	-2,100	-1.5%
Non-Durable Goods	40,800	40,600	40,500	200	0.5%	300	0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	306,100	304,800	301,600	1,300	0.4%	4,500	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	60,500	60,200	57,800	300	0.5%	2,700	4.7%
Retail Trade	179,700	179,100	178,900	600	0.3%	800	0.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	65,900	65,500	64,900	400	0.6%	1,000	1.5%
Information**	18,900	18,800	19,900	100	0.5%	-1,000	-5.0%
Financial Activities	78,400	79,000	79,400	-600	-0.8%	-1,000	-1.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,100	22,000	21,400	100	0.5%	700	3.3%
Professional and Business Services	190,500	189,200	191,100	1,300	0.7%	-600	-0.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,300	71,100	73,600	1,200	1.7%	-1,300	-1.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,100	19,200	19,100	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	99,100	98,900	98,400	200	0.2%	700	0.7%
Education and Health Services	240,200	239,700	235,900	500	0.2%	4,300	1.8%
Educational Services	19,500	19,300	19,800	200	1.0%	-300	-1.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	220,700	220,400	216,100	300	0.1%	4,600	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	172,300	170,600	173,400	1,700	1.0%	-1,100	-0.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,700	16,500	17,100	200	1.2%	-400	-2.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	155,600	154,100	156,300	1,500	1.0%	-700	-0.4%
Other Services	73,600	74,200	72,000	-600	-0.8%	1,600	2.2%
Government	346,000	347,600	346,000	-1,600	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	50,000	49,700	49,400	300	0.6%	600	1.2%
State Government	80,700	81,500	81,300	-800	0.0%	-600	-0.7%
Local Government	215,300	216,400	215,300	-1,100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
				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.