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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – December 2019

Oklahoma's unemployment rate holds steady in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** held steady at 3.4 percent in December, while the U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.5 percent in December. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up 0.3 percentage point compared to December 2018.

December 2019	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.4%	1,846,283	1,783,293	62,990
United States	3.5%	164,556,000	158,803,000	5,753,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '19	3.4%	1,846,283	1,783,293	62,990
Nov '19	3.4%	1,851,391	1,788,749	62,642
Oct '19	3.3%	1,853,492	1,792,698	60,794
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
Dec '18	3.1%	1,837,373	1,779,871	57,502

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In December, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** decreased by 5,456 persons (-0.3 percent), while **unemployment** increased by 348 persons (0.6 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** increased by 5,488 persons (9.5 percent).

December 2019	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-5,108	-0.3%	8,910	0.5%
Employment	-5,456	-0.3%	3,422	0.2%
Unemployment	348	0.6%	5,488	9.5%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment sheds jobs in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 1,300 jobs (-0.1 percent) in December 2019. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 145,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in December. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** fell a seasonally adjusted 4,800 jobs (-0.3 percent).

- In December, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Education and Health Services** (+800 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (+700 jobs).
- **Mining and Logging** (-1,700 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job losses.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (+5,700 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Education and Health Services** (+4,100 jobs).
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Mining and Logging** (-6,700 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-4,200 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV 19 TO		DEC 18 TO	
	2019	2019	2018	DEC 19		DEC 19	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,691,400	1,692,700	1,696,200	-1,300	-0.1%	-4,800	-0.3%
Total Private	1,344,500	1,345,800	1,349,700	-1,300	-0.1%	-5,200	-0.4%
Goods Producing	265,300	267,100	277,500	-1,800	-0.7%	-12,200	-4.4%
Service-Providing	1,426,100	1,425,600	1,418,700	500	0.0%	7,400	0.5%
Private Service Providing	1,079,200	1,078,700	1,072,200	500	0.0%	7,000	0.7%
Mining, Logging and Construction	130,900	132,700	138,900	-1,800	-1.4%	-8,000	-5.8%
Mining and Logging	48,100	49,800	54,800	-1,700	-3.4%	-6,700	-12.2%
Construction	82,800	82,900	84,100	-100	-0.1%	-1,300	-1.5%
Manufacturing	134,400	134,400	138,600	0	0.0%	-4,200	-3.0%
Non-Durable Goods	40,400	40,400	40,700	0	0.0%	-300	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	306,300	306,200	300,600	100	0.0%	5,700	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	60,100	60,300	57,600	-200	-0.3%	2,500	4.3%
Retail Trade	179,200	179,400	177,300	-200	-0.1%	1,900	1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	67,000	66,500	65,700	500	0.8%	1,300	2.0%
Information**	19,100	19,100	19,800	0	0.0%	-700	-3.5%
Financial Activities	79,100	78,600	78,900	500	0.6%	200	0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,200	21,800	21,300	400	1.8%	900	4.2%
Professional and Business Services	187,100	188,600	188,600	-1,500	-0.8%	-1,500	-0.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,200	72,400	72,400	-200	-0.3%	-200	-0.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,100	19,200	18,900	-100	-0.5%	200	1.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	95,800	97,000	97,300	-1,200	-1.2%	-1,500	-1.5%
Education and Health Services	241,000	240,200	236,900	800	0.3%	4,100	1.7%
Educational Services	19,300	19,400	19,700	-100	-0.5%	-400	-2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	221,700	220,800	217,200	900	0.4%	4,500	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	172,600	171,900	174,800	700	0.4%	-2,200	-1.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,700	16,600	17,300	100	0.6%	-600	-3.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	155,900	155,300	157,500	600	0.4%	-1,600	-1.0%
Other Services	74,000	74,100	72,600	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.9%
Government	346,900	346,900	346,500	0	0.0%	400	0.1%
Federal Government	50,000	50,200	49,600	-200	-0.4%	400	0.8%
State Government	80,700	80,700	81,100	0	0.0%	-400	-0.5%
Local Government	216,200	216,000	215,800	200	0.1%	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.