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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2020

Oklahoma's unemployment rate skyrockets in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** soared to 13.7 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate jumped to 14.7 percent in April. The changes in these measures reflect the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to contain it. Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was 10.5 percentage points higher than April 2019.

April 2020	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	13.7%	1,767,597	1,524,920	242,677
United States	14.7%	156,481,000	133,403,000	23,078,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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April '20	13.7%	1,767,597	1,524,920	242,677
Mar'20	2.9%	1,829,828	1,776,101	53,727
Feb '20	3.2%	1,844,257	1,785,827	58,430
Jan '20	3.3%	1,845,422	1,784,815	60,607
Dec '19	3.4%	1,845,530	1,783,548	61,982
Nov '19	3.4%	1,845,800	1,783,677	62,123
April '19	3.2%	1,837,101	1,778,063	59,038

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** decreased by 251,181 persons (-14.1 percent), while **unemployment** increased by 188,950 persons (351.7 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** increased by 183,639 persons (311.1 percent).

April 2020	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-62,231	-3.4%	-69,504	-3.8%
Employment	-251,181	-14.1%	-253,143	-14.2%
Unemployment	188,950	351.7%	183,639	311.1%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment plunges in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 130,800 jobs (-7.8 percent) in April 2020. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** fell by 20.5 million jobs (-13.5 percent) in April. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed a seasonally adjusted 148,100 jobs (-8.7 percent).

- In April, one of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Financial Activities** (+300 jobs) posted the only monthly gain.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-50,300 jobs) saw the largest over-the-month job losses.
- None of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in April.
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Leisure and Hospitality** (-55,600 jobs) and **Professional and Business Services** (-25,800 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	APR	MAR	APR	MAR. 20 TO		APR. 19 TO	
	2020	2020	2019	APR. 20		APR. 20	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,556,100	1,686,900	1,704,200	-130,800	-7.8%	-148,100	-8.7%
Total Private	1,209,400	1,330,000	1,352,400	-120,600	-9.1%	-143,000	-10.6%
Goods Producing	245,700	258,700	276,400	-13,000	-5.0%	-30,700	-11.1%
Service-Providing	1,310,400	1,428,200	1,427,800	-117,800	-8.2%	-117,400	-8.2%
Private Service Providing	963,700	1,071,300	1,076,000	-107,600	-10.0%	-112,300	-10.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	115,500	123,100	134,700	-7,600	-6.2%	-19,200	-14.3%
Mining and Logging	39,300	42,300	51,700	-3,000	-7.1%	-12,400	-24.0%
Construction	76,200	80,800	83,000	-4,600	-5.7%	-6,800	-8.2%
Manufacturing	130,200	135,600	141,700	-5,400	-4.0%	-11,500	-8.1%
Durable Goods	86,700	91,900	98,300	-5,200	-5.7%	-11,600	-11.8%
Non-Durable Goods	43,500	43,700	43,400	-200	-0.5%	100	0.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	284,400	302,900	300,400	-18,500	-6.1%	-16,000	-5.3%
Wholesale Trade	54,400	57,900	57,900	-3,500	-6.0%	-3,500	-6.0%
Retail Trade	163,000	176,500	176,300	-13,500	-7.6%	-13,300	-7.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	67,000	68,500	66,200	-1,500	-2.2%	800	1.2%
Information	19,200	19,200	19,600	0	0.0%	-400	-2.0%
Financial Activities	79,500	79,200	79,600	300	0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Finance and Insurance	57,600	57,500	58,000	100	0.2%	-400	-0.7%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,900	21,700	21,600	200	0.9%	300	1.4%
Professional and Business Services	168,700	190,400	194,500	-21,700	-11.4%	-25,800	-13.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68,700	76,200	74,900	-7,500	-9.8%	-6,200	-8.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,600	20,500	20,000	-900	-4.4%	-400	-2.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	80,400	93,700	99,600	-13,300	-14.2%	-19,200	-19.3%
Education and Health Services	229,000	240,200	238,200	-11,200	-4.7%	-9,200	-3.9%
Educational Services	18,900	19,100	19,800	-200	-1.0%	-900	-4.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	210,100	221,100	218,400	-11,000	-5.0%	-8,300	-3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	117,600	167,900	173,200	-50,300	-30.0%	-55,600	-32.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,900	18,500	17,700	-3,600	-19.5%	-2,800	-15.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	102,700	149,400	155,500	-46,700	-31.3%	-52,800	-34.0%
Other Services	65,300	71,500	70,500	-6,200	-8.7%	-5,200	-7.4%
Government	346,700	356,900	351,800	-10,200	-2.9%	-5,100	-1.4%
Federal Government	50,600	50,700	49,500	-100	-0.2%	1,100	2.2%
State Government	80,400	80,600	81,600	-200	-0.2%	-1,200	-1.5%
Local Government	215,700	225,600	220,700	-9,900	-4.4%	-5,000	-2.3%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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