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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2020

Oklahoma’s unemployment rate falls in September

Oklahoma’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.3 percent in September, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined to 7.9 percent in September. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.0 percentage points higher than September 2019.

	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
September 2020				
Oklahoma	5.3%	1,880,260	1,780,447	99,813
United States	7.9%	160,143,000	147,563,000	12,580,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Sept '20	5.3%	1,880,260	1,780,447	99,813
Aug '20	5.7%	1,833,445	1,728,723	104,722
July '20	7.1%	1,804,753	1,676,888	127,865
June '20	6.4%	1,767,340	1,653,543	113,797
May '20	12.6%	1,823,007	1,592,762	230,245
April '20	14.7%	1,776,346	1,515,047	261,299
Sept '19	3.3%	1,845,138	1,783,397	61,741

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In September, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 51,724 persons (3.0 percent), while unemployment decreased by 4,909 persons (-4.7 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment increased by 38,072 persons (61.7 percent).

September 2020	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	46,815	2.6%	35,122	1.9%
Employment	51,724	3.0%	-2,950	-0.2%
Unemployment	-4,909	-4.7%	38,072	61.7%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment declines in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 3,100 jobs (-0.2 percent) in September 2020. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 661,000 (0.5 percent), in September. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed a seasonally adjusted 86,400 jobs (-5.1 percent).

- In September, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Service** (800 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (200 jobs).
- **Manufacturing** (-1,500 jobs) saw the largest over-the-month job losses.
- None of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in September.
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Professional and Business Services** (-14,300 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-13,800 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	SEP 2020	AUG 2020	SEP 2019	AUG. 20 TO SEP. 20		SEP. 19 TO SEP. 20	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,618,900	1,622,000	1,705,300	-3,100	-0.2%	-86,400	-5.1%
Total Private	1,272,000	1,274,500	1,349,500	-2,500	-0.2%	-77,500	-5.7%
Goods Producing	235,400	237,000	269,400	-1,600	-0.7%	-34,000	-12.6%
Service-Providing	1,383,500	1,385,000	1,435,900	-1,500	-0.1%	-52,400	-3.6%
Private Service Providing	1,036,600	1,037,500	1,080,100	-900	-0.1%	-43,500	-4.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	108,900	109,000	129,100	-100	-0.1%	-20,200	-15.6%
Mining and Logging	33,300	33,500	46,200	-200	-0.6%	-12,900	-27.9%
Construction	75,600	75,500	82,900	100	0.1%	-7,300	-8.8%
Manufacturing	126,500	128,000	140,300	-1,500	-1.2%	-13,800	-9.8%
Durable Goods	83,000	84,500	96,500	-1,500	-1.8%	-13,500	-14.0%
Non-Durable Goods	43,500	43,500	43,800	0	0.0%	-300	-0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	294,200	294,700	302,800	-500	-0.2%	-8,600	-2.8%
Wholesale Trade	52,700	52,200	58,200	500	1.0%	-5,500	-9.5%
Retail Trade	177,600	178,900	176,300	-1,300	-0.7%	1,300	0.7%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	63,900	63,600	68,300	300	0.5%	-4,400	-6.4%
Information	18,900	19,000	19,600	-100	-0.5%	-700	-3.6%
Financial Activities	79,100	79,000	79,100	100	0.1%	0	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	58,800	58,700	57,500	100	0.2%	1,300	2.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,300	20,300	21,600	0	0.0%	-1,300	-6.0%
Professional and Business Services	179,800	179,000	194,100	800	0.4%	-14,300	-7.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	73,100	72,500	74,500	600	0.8%	-1,400	-1.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,400	19,500	20,200	-100	-0.5%	-800	-4.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	87,300	87,000	99,400	300	0.3%	-12,100	-12.2%
Education and Health Services	233,400	234,000	239,300	-600	-0.3%	-5,900	-2.5%
Educational Services	15,600	16,100	19,700	-500	-3.1%	-4,100	-20.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	217,800	217,900	219,600	-100	0.0%	-1,800	-0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	164,400	164,200	174,600	200	0.1%	-10,200	-5.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	12,800	12,800	18,200	0	0.0%	-5,400	-29.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	151,600	151,400	156,400	200	0.1%	-4,800	-3.1%
Other Services	66,800	67,600	70,600	-800	-1.2%	-3,800	-5.4%
Government	346,900	347,500	355,800	-600	-0.2%	-8,900	-2.5%
Federal Government	53,000	53,300	49,800	-300	-0.6%	3,200	6.4%
State Government	79,000	80,000	81,300	-1,000	-1.3%	-2,300	-2.8%
Local Government	214,900	214,200	224,700	700	0.3%	-9,800	-4.4%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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