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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – October 2020

### Oklahoma’s unemployment rate moves up in October

Oklahoma’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 6.1 percent in October, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent in October. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.7 percentage points higher than October 2019.

	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
<b>October 2020</b>				
Oklahoma	6.1%	1,871,865	1,757,446	114,419
United States	6.9%	160,867,000	149,806,000	11,061,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Oct '20	6.1%	1,871,865	1,757,446	114,419
Sept '20	5.4%	1,885,351	1,783,489	101,862
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
Oct '19	3.4%	1,846,046	1,783,842	62,204

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In October, statewide seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 26,043 persons (-1.5 percent), while unemployment increased by 12,557 persons (12.3 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment increased by 52,215 persons (83.9 percent).

October 2020	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-13,486	-0.7%	25,819	1.4%
Employment	-26,043	-1.5%	-26,396	-1.5%
Unemployment	12,557	12.3%	52,215	83.9%

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# Oklahoma nonfarm employment adds jobs in October

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,100 jobs (0.1 percent) in October 2020. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 638,000 (0.5 percent), in October. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed a seasonally adjusted 83,100 jobs (-4.9 percent).

- In October, six of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Leisure and Hospitality** (3,700 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Education and Health Services** (2,100 jobs).
- **Government** (-2,900 jobs) saw the largest over-the-month job losses.
- One of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in October as **Financial Activities** (800 jobs) posted the only annual gain.
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Professional and Business Services** (-16,700 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-13,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	OCT 2020	SEP 2020	OCT 2019	SEP. 20 TO OCT. 20		OCT. 19 TO OCT. 20	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,624,100</b>	<b>1,623,000</b>	<b>1,707,200</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-83,100</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>
Total Private	1,276,500	1,272,500	1,351,700	4,000	0.3%	-75,200	-5.6%
Goods Producing	235,600	235,200	267,400	400	0.2%	-31,800	-11.9%
Service-Providing	1,388,500	1,387,800	1,439,800	700	0.1%	-51,300	-3.6%
Private Service Providing	1,040,900	1,037,300	1,084,300	3,600	0.3%	-43,400	-4.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	109,100	108,900	127,800	200	0.2%	-18,700	-14.6%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>45,300</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>-12,300</b>	<b>-27.2%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>75,500</b>	<b>82,500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-6,400</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>126,500</b>	<b>126,300</b>	<b>139,600</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-13,100</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>
Durable Goods	82,800	82,800	95,800	0	0.0%	-13,000	-13.6%
Non-Durable Goods	43,700	43,500	43,800	200	0.5%	-100	-0.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>293,700</b>	<b>293,400</b>	<b>303,700</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
Wholesale Trade	53,700	53,200	58,000	500	0.9%	-4,300	-7.4%
Retail Trade	176,100	176,600	177,000	-500	-0.3%	-900	-0.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	63,900	63,600	68,700	300	0.5%	-4,800	-7.0%
<b>Information</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>18,900</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>79,800</b>	<b>79,200</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Finance and Insurance	58,900	58,900	57,700	0	0.0%	1,200	2.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,900	20,300	21,300	600	3.0%	-400	-1.9%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>178,100</b>	<b>180,600</b>	<b>194,800</b>	<b>-2,500</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>-16,700</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	72,500	73,700	76,300	-1,200	-1.6%	-3,800	-5.0%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,500	19,400	20,200	100	0.5%	-700	-3.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	86,100	87,500	98,300	-1,400	-1.6%	-12,200	-12.4%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>235,200</b>	<b>233,100</b>	<b>239,600</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-4,400</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
Educational Services	15,500	15,500	19,900	0	0.0%	-4,400	-22.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	219,700	217,600	219,700	2,100	1.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>169,000</b>	<b>165,300</b>	<b>177,600</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-8,600</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,100	12,700	18,500	400	3.1%	-5,400	-29.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	155,900	152,600	159,100	3,300	2.2%	-3,200	-2.0%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66,700</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>-3,300</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>347,600</b>	<b>350,500</b>	<b>355,500</b>	<b>-2,900</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>-7,900</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
Federal Government	51,700	52,900	50,000	-1,200	-2.3%	1,700	3.4%
State Government	79,400	80,700	80,800	-1,300	-1.6%	-1,400	-1.7%
Local Government	216,500	216,900	224,700	-400	-0.2%	-8,200	-3.6%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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