

# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2021

## Oklahoma’s unemployment rate holds steady in April

Oklahoma’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.3 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate moved up to 6.1 percent in April. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7 percentage points lower than April 2020.

<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Unemp. rate*</b>	<b>Labor force*</b>	<b>Employment*</b>	<b>Unemployment*</b>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,866,841</b>	<b>1,787,258</b>	<b>79,583</b>
United States	6.1%	160,988,000	151,176,000	9,812,000

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Mar'21	4.3%	1,865,563	1,786,096	79,467
Feb '21	4.4%	1,865,515	1,784,222	81,293
Jan '21	4.4%	1,864,691	1,783,422	81,269
Dec '20	4.5%	1,861,928	1,777,990	83,938
Nov '20	4.8%	1,861,831	1,772,259	89,572
April '20	13.0%	1,821,680	1,585,139	236,541

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 1,162 persons (0.1 percent), while unemployment increased by 116 persons (0.1 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 156,958 persons (-66.4 percent).

<b>April 2021</b>	<b>Monthly change*</b>		<b>Annual change*</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Labor force</b>	1,278	0.1%	45,161	2.5%
<b>Employment</b>	1,162	0.1%	202,119	12.8%
<b>Unemployment</b>	116	0.1%	-156,958	-66.4%

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## Oklahoma nonfarm employment dips in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 1,300 jobs (-0.1 percent) in April 2021. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 266,000 (0.2 percent), in April. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 90,300 jobs (5.9 percent).

- In April, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Services** (600 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Education and Health Services** and **Government** (500 jobs each).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,200 jobs) posted the largest over-the-month job losses in April.
- Six of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in April as **Leisure and Hospitality** (51,400 jobs) reported the largest gain, followed by **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (23,700 jobs).
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Mining and Logging** (-8,400 jobs) and **Government** (-4,000 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	APR 2021	MAR 2021	APR 2020	MAR. 21 TO APR. 21		APR. 20 TO APR. 21	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,625,400</b>	<b>1,626,700</b>	<b>1,535,100</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>90,300</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
Total Private	1,284,100	1,285,900	1,189,800	-1,800	-0.1%	94,300	7.9%
Goods Producing	233,800	234,400	242,100	-600	-0.3%	-8,300	-3.4%
Service-Providing	1,391,600	1,392,300	1,293,000	-700	-0.1%	98,600	7.6%
Private Service Providing	1,050,300	1,051,500	947,700	-1,200	-0.1%	102,600	10.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	103,800	104,800	112,500	-1,000	-1.0%	-8,700	-7.7%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>34,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-8,400</b>	<b>-24.6%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>78,000</b>	<b>79,000</b>	<b>78,300</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Durable Goods	83,900	84,100	89,000	-200	-0.2%	-5,100	-5.7%
Non-Durable Goods	46,100	45,500	40,600	600	1.3%	5,500	13.5%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>304,900</b>	<b>304,800</b>	<b>281,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
Wholesale Trade	55,200	54,500	54,400	700	1.3%	800	1.5%
Retail Trade	178,700	179,200	161,200	-500	-0.3%	17,500	10.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	71,000	71,100	65,600	-100	-0.1%	5,400	8.2%
<b>Information</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>74,900</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>76,200</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
Finance and Insurance	55,400	56,100	56,700	-700	-1.2%	-1,300	-2.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	19,500	19,700	19,500	-200	-1.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>186,700</b>	<b>186,100</b>	<b>177,200</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	73,900	74,000	71,700	-100	-0.1%	2,200	3.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,700	19,700	20,700	0	0.0%	-1,000	-4.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	93,100	92,400	84,800	700	0.8%	8,300	9.8%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>234,200</b>	<b>233,700</b>	<b>223,700</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Educational Services	19,600	19,200	18,200	400	2.1%	1,400	7.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	214,600	214,500	205,500	100	0.0%	9,100	4.4%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>166,400</b>	<b>167,600</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>51,400</b>	<b>44.7%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,000	17,000	10,300	0	0.0%	6,700	65.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	149,400	150,600	104,700	-1,200	-0.8%	44,700	42.7%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>65,900</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>9,900</b>	<b>17.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>341,300</b>	<b>340,800</b>	<b>345,300</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-4,000</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
Federal Government	50,300	50,300	50,800	0	0.0%	-500	-1.0%
State Government	80,000	80,300	79,800	-300	-0.4%	200	0.3%
Local Government	211,000	210,200	214,700	800	0.4%	-3,700	-1.7%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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