

# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – August 2021

## Oklahoma's unemployment rate drops in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.2 percent in August, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.2 percent in August. Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1 percentage points lower than August 2020.

August 2021		Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma		3.2%	1,862,422	1,802,013	60,409
United States		5.2%	161,537,000	153,154,000	8,384,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA		Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Aug '21		3.2%	1,862,422	1,802,013	60,409
July '21		3.5%	1,863,423	1,798,669	64,754
June '21		3.7%	1,863,951	1,794,302	69,649
May '21		3.9%	1,864,522	1,791,479	73,043
April '21		4.1%	1,864,383	1,787,282	77,101
Mar'21		4.3%	1,865,563	1,786,096	79,467
Aug '20		6.3%	1,853,864	1,736,890	116,974

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In August, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 3,344 persons (0.2 percent), while unemployment decreased by 4,345 persons (-6.7 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 56,565 persons (-48.4 percent).

August 2021	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-1,001	-0.1%	8,558	0.5%
Employment	3,344	0.2%	65,123	3.7%
Unemployment	-4,345	-6.7%	-56,565	-48.4%

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## Oklahoma nonfarm employment adds jobs in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 5,900 jobs (0.4 percent) in August 2021. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 235,000 (0.2 percent), in August. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 28,500 jobs (1.8 percent).

- In August, nine of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Education and Health Services** (2,000 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Construction** (1,800 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,700 jobs) posted the largest over-the-month job losses in August.
- Seven of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in August as **Leisure and Hospitality** (15,400 jobs) reported the largest gain, followed by **Professional and Business Services** (5,000 jobs).
- Sectors showing the largest declines in jobs over the year were **Government** (-1,700 jobs) and **Other Services** (-1,100 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	AUG 2021	JUL 2021	AUG 2020	JUL. 21 TO AUG. 21		AUG. 20 TO AUG. 21	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,636,200</b>	<b>1,630,300</b>	<b>1,607,700</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Total Private	1,292,500	1,287,500	1,262,300	5,000	0.4%	30,200	2.4%
Goods Producing	238,100	236,000	232,000	2,100	0.9%	6,100	2.6%
Service-Providing	1,398,100	1,394,300	1,375,700	3,800	0.3%	22,400	1.6%
Private Service Providing	1,054,400	1,051,500	1,030,300	2,900	0.3%	24,100	2.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	109,400	107,300	102,900	2,100	2.0%	6,500	6.3%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>28,400</b>	<b>26,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>80,700</b>	<b>78,900</b>	<b>76,300</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>5.8%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>128,700</b>	<b>128,700</b>	<b>129,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
Durable Goods	82,700	82,700	86,200	0	0.0%	-3,500	-4.1%
Non-Durable Goods	46,000	46,000	42,900	0	0.0%	3,100	7.2%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>302,900</b>	<b>302,600</b>	<b>301,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Wholesale Trade	53,600	53,600	53,700	0	0.0%	-100	-0.2%
Retail Trade	177,200	177,800	176,500	-600	-0.3%	700	0.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	72,100	71,200	71,400	900	1.3%	700	1.0%
<b>Information</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>77,300</b>	<b>75,800</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
Finance and Insurance	57,400	56,300	56,400	1,100	2.0%	1,000	1.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	19,900	19,500	18,900	400	2.1%	1,000	5.3%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>184,800</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>179,800</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	74,700	74,800	72,100	-100	-0.1%	2,600	3.6%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,900	19,700	19,500	200	1.0%	400	2.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	90,200	90,000	88,200	200	0.2%	2,000	2.3%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>236,800</b>	<b>234,800</b>	<b>235,200</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Educational Services	21,200	21,000	19,700	200	1.0%	1,500	7.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	215,600	213,800	215,500	1,800	0.8%	100	0.0%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>170,800</b>	<b>172,500</b>	<b>155,400</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>15,400</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,600	16,600	15,800	0	0.0%	800	5.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	154,200	155,900	139,600	-1,700	-1.1%	14,600	10.5%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>64,500</b>	<b>64,100</b>	<b>65,600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>343,700</b>	<b>342,800</b>	<b>345,400</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Federal Government	50,000	50,300	53,600	-300	-0.6%	-3,600	-6.7%
State Government	80,300	79,300	80,000	1,000	1.3%	300	0.4%
Local Government	213,400	213,200	211,800	200	0.1%	1,600	0.8%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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