

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2021

Oklahoma's unemployment rate falls in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 3.0 percent in September, while the U.S. unemployment rate declined by 0.4 percentage point to 4.8 percent in September. Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.7 percentage points lower than September 2020.

September 2021	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.0%	1,860,980	1,805,858	55,122
United States	4.8%	161,354,000	153,680,000	7,674,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Sept '21	3.0%	1,860,980	1,805,858	55,122
Aug '21	3.3%	1,862,553	1,801,999	60,554
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
Sept '20	5.7%	1,858,861	1,753,633	105,228

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In September, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 3,859 persons (0.2 percent), while unemployment decreased by 5,432 persons (-9.0 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 50,106 persons (-47.6 percent).

September 2021	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-1,573	-0.1%	2,119	0.1%
Employment	3,859	0.2%	52,225	3.0%
Unemployment	-5,432	-9.0%	-50,106	-47.6%

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Oklahoma nonfarm employment adds jobs in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 13,400 jobs (0.8 percent) in September 2021. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 194,000 (0.1 percent), in September. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 40,400 jobs (2.5 percent).

- In September, nine of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Government** (3,600 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** (2,900 jobs).
- **Mining and Logging** (-100 jobs) and **Other Services** (-100 jobs) posted the only over-the-month job losses in September.
- Eight of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in September as **Leisure and Hospitality** (17,200 jobs) reported the largest gain, followed by **Construction** (6,400 jobs).
- Sectors showing the only declines in jobs over the year were **Other Services** (-700 jobs) and **Information** (-400 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	SEP 2021	AUG 2021	SEP 2020	AUG. 21 TO SEP. 21		SEP. 20 TO SEP. 21	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,650,100	1,636,700	1,609,700	13,400	0.8%	40,400	2.5%
Total Private	1,303,300	1,293,500	1,262,900	9,800	0.8%	40,400	3.2%
Goods Producing	239,800	238,700	230,600	1,100	0.5%	9,200	4.0%
Service-Providing	1,410,300	1,398,000	1,379,100	12,300	0.9%	31,200	2.3%
Private Service Providing	1,063,500	1,054,800	1,032,300	8,700	0.8%	31,200	3.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	110,800	109,900	101,900	900	0.8%	8,900	8.7%
Mining and Logging	28,700	28,800	26,200	-100	-0.3%	2,500	9.5%
Construction	82,100	81,100	75,700	1,000	1.2%	6,400	8.5%
Manufacturing	129,000	128,800	128,700	200	0.2%	300	0.2%
Durable Goods	83,100	82,800	85,600	300	0.4%	-2,500	-2.9%
Non-Durable Goods	45,900	46,000	43,100	-100	-0.2%	2,800	6.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	306,100	303,200	302,600	2,900	1.0%	3,500	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	54,000	53,800	53,700	200	0.4%	300	0.6%
Retail Trade	180,200	177,300	177,100	2,900	1.6%	3,100	1.8%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	71,900	72,100	71,800	-200	-0.3%	100	0.1%
Information	17,400	17,300	17,800	100	0.6%	-400	-2.2%
Financial Activities	77,900	77,000	75,200	900	1.2%	2,700	3.6%
Finance and Insurance	58,100	57,200	56,200	900	1.6%	1,900	3.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	19,800	19,800	19,000	0	0.0%	800	4.2%
Professional and Business Services	186,000	184,600	180,200	1,400	0.8%	5,800	3.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	75,500	74,600	72,100	900	1.2%	3,400	4.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19,900	19,800	19,600	100	0.5%	300	1.5%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	90,600	90,200	88,500	400	0.4%	2,100	2.4%
Education and Health Services	238,500	236,900	235,400	1,600	0.7%	3,100	1.3%
Educational Services	20,700	21,100	19,700	-400	-1.9%	1,000	5.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	217,800	215,800	215,700	2,000	0.9%	2,100	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	173,100	171,200	155,900	1,900	1.1%	17,200	11.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,800	16,300	15,900	500	3.1%	900	5.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	156,300	154,900	140,000	1,400	0.9%	16,300	11.6%
Other Services	64,500	64,600	65,200	-100	-0.2%	-700	-1.1%
Government	346,800	343,200	346,800	3,600	1.0%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	50,700	50,000	53,100	700	1.4%	-2,400	-4.5%
State Government	79,200	79,300	80,100	-100	-0.1%	-900	-1.1%
Local Government	216,900	213,900	213,600	3,000	1.4%	3,300	1.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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