

# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – August 2025

## Oklahoma’s unemployment rate unchanged in August

Oklahoma’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.1 percent in August. The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent in August. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points from 3.3 percent in August 2024.

| <b>August 2025</b> | <b>Unemp. rate*</b> | <b>Labor force*</b> | <b>Employment*</b> | <b>Unemployment*</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Oklahoma</b>    | <b>3.1%</b>         | <b>2,007,115</b>    | <b>1,944,869</b>   | <b>62,246</b>        |
| United States      | 4.3%                | 170,778,000         | 163,394,000        | 7,384,000            |

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Aug '25</b>  | <b>3.1%</b>         | <b>2,007,115</b>    | <b>1,944,869</b>   | <b>62,246</b>        |
| July '25        | 3.1%                | 2,003,151           | 1,941,371          | 61,780               |
| June '25        | 3.1%                | 2,001,147           | 1,938,800          | 62,347               |
| May '25         | 3.1%                | 1,998,871           | 1,935,916          | 62,955               |
| April '25       | 3.2%                | 1,997,352           | 1,933,095          | 64,257               |
| Mar '25         | 3.3%                | 1,993,856           | 1,928,611          | 65,245               |
| Aug '24         | 3.3%                | 1,987,925           | 1,922,744          | 65,181               |

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In August, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 3,498 persons (0.2 percent), while unemployment increased by 466 persons (0.8 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 2,935 persons (-4.5 percent).

| <b>August 2025</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>  | 3,964                  | 0.2%           | 19,190                | 1.0%           |
| <b>Employment</b>   | 3,498                  | 0.2%           | 22,125                | 1.2%           |
| <b>Unemployment</b> | 466                    | 0.8%           | -2,935                | -4.5%          |

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## Oklahoma nonfarm employment added jobs in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 1,000 jobs (0.1 percent) over the month in August 2025. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 22,000 jobs (0.0 percent) in August. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 23,400 jobs (1.3 percent).

- In August, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs, as **Government** (1,800 jobs) followed by **Other Services** (700 jobs) reported the largest job gains over the month.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,200 jobs) followed by **Manufacturing** and **Education and Health Services** (-300 jobs) posted the largest over-the-month job losses in August.
- Nine of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in August, as **Education and Health Services** (7,300 jobs) posted the largest gain, followed by **Government** (5,100 jobs).
- **Mining and Logging** (-1,100 jobs) reported the largest over-the-year job loss in August.

|  | NUMBER OF JOBS*  |                  |                  | CHANGE FROM*         |              |               |              |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | AUG<br>2025      | JUL<br>2025      | AUG<br>2024      | JUL 25 TO<br>AUG. 25 | AUG. 24 TO   |               |              |
|  |                  |                  |                  |                      | AUG. 25      | AUG. 25       |              |
| <b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>  | <b>1,802,300</b> | <b>1,801,300</b> | <b>1,778,900</b> | <b>1,000</b>         | <b>0.1%</b>  | <b>23,400</b> | <b>1.3%</b>  |
| Total Private  | 1,429,500        | 1,430,300        | 1,411,200        | -800                 | -0.1%        | 18,300        | 1.3%         |
| Goods Producing  | 259,600          | 260,300          | 257,100          | -700                 | -0.3%        | 2,500         | 1.0%         |
| Service-Providing  | 1,542,700        | 1,541,000        | 1,521,800        | 1,700                | 0.1%         | 20,900        | 1.4%         |
| Private Service Providing  | 1,169,900        | 1,170,000        | 1,154,100        | -100                 | 0.0%         | 15,800        | 1.4%         |
| Mining, Logging and Construction   | 117,400          | 117,800          | 116,300          | -400                 | -0.3%        | 1,100         | 0.9%         |
| <b>Mining and Logging</b>  | <b>29,300</b>    | <b>29,500</b>    | <b>30,400</b>    | <b>-200</b>          | <b>-0.7%</b> | <b>-1,100</b> | <b>-3.6%</b> |
| <b>Construction</b>  | <b>88,100</b>    | <b>88,300</b>    | <b>85,900</b>    | <b>-200</b>          | <b>-0.2%</b> | <b>2,200</b>  | <b>2.6%</b>  |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>   | <b>142,200</b>   | <b>142,500</b>   | <b>140,800</b>   | <b>-300</b>          | <b>-0.2%</b> | <b>1,400</b>  | <b>1.0%</b>  |
| Durable Goods  | 93,900           | 94,400           | 94,200           | -500                 | -0.5%        | -300          | -0.3%        |
| Non-Durable Goods  | 48,300           | 48,100           | 46,600           | 200                  | 0.4%         | 1,700         | 3.6%         |
| <b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>                              | <b>322,200</b>   | <b>323,400</b>   | <b>319,400</b>   | <b>-1,200</b>        | <b>-0.4%</b> | <b>2,800</b>  | <b>0.9%</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade  | 62,100           | 62,200           | 60,200           | -100                 | -0.2%        | 1,900         | 3.2%         |
| Retail Trade   | 187,200          | 187,700          | 185,200          | -500                 | -0.3%        | 2,000         | 1.1%         |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities                                | 72,900           | 73,500           | 74,000           | -600                 | -0.8%        | -1,100        | -1.5%        |
| <b>Information</b>   | <b>17,500</b>    | <b>17,500</b>    | <b>17,200</b>    | <b>0</b>             | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>300</b>    | <b>1.7%</b>  |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>  | <b>86,800</b>    | <b>86,600</b>    | <b>85,200</b>    | <b>200</b>           | <b>0.2%</b>  | <b>1,600</b>  | <b>1.9%</b>  |
| Finance and Insurance  | 64,000           | 63,900           | 62,600           | 100                  | 0.2%         | 1,400         | 2.2%         |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                                       | 22,800           | 22,700           | 22,600           | 100                  | 0.4%         | 200           | 0.9%         |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>                                | <b>208,800</b>   | <b>208,300</b>   | <b>206,200</b>   | <b>500</b>           | <b>0.2%</b>  | <b>2,600</b>  | <b>1.3%</b>  |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services                         | 84,100           | 84,000           | 83,300           | 100                  | 0.1%         | 800           | 1.0%         |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises                                  | 23,500           | 23,700           | 23,700           | -200                 | -0.8%        | -200          | -0.8%        |
| Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services | 101,200          | 100,600          | 99,200           | 600                  | 0.6%         | 2,000         | 2.0%         |
| <b>Education and Health Services</b>                                     | <b>279,700</b>   | <b>280,000</b>   | <b>272,400</b>   | <b>-300</b>          | <b>-0.1%</b> | <b>7,300</b>  | <b>2.7%</b>  |
| Educational Services   | 24,800           | 24,200           | 24,000           | 600                  | 2.5%         | 800           | 3.3%         |
| Health Care and Social Assistance  | 254,900          | 255,800          | 248,400          | -900                 | -0.4%        | 6,500         | 2.6%         |
| <b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>   | <b>183,400</b>   | <b>183,400</b>   | <b>183,800</b>   | <b>0</b>             | <b>0.0%</b>  | <b>-400</b>   | <b>-0.2%</b> |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                                      | 21,800           | 21,800           | 20,900           | 0                    | 0.0%         | 900           | 4.3%         |
| Accommodation and Food Services  | 161,600          | 161,600          | 162,900          | 0                    | 0.0%         | -1,300        | -0.8%        |
| <b>Other Services</b>  | <b>71,500</b>    | <b>70,800</b>    | <b>69,900</b>    | <b>700</b>           | <b>1.0%</b>  | <b>1,600</b>  | <b>2.3%</b>  |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>372,800</b>   | <b>371,000</b>   | <b>367,700</b>   | <b>1,800</b>         | <b>0.5%</b>  | <b>5,100</b>  | <b>1.4%</b>  |
| Federal Government   | 52,100           | 52,200           | 53,400           | -100                 | -0.2%        | -1,300        | -2.4%        |
| State Government   | 85,000           | 84,700           | 81,600           | 300                  | 0.4%         | 3,400         | 4.2%         |
| Local Government   | 235,700          | 234,100          | 232,700          | 1,600                | 0.7%         | 3,000         | 1.3%         |
|  |                  |                  |                  | <b>Jobs</b>          | <b>Pct.</b>  | <b>Jobs</b>   | <b>Pct.</b>  |

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### Average Hourly Wage (12-month average) Private Sector

In August, Oklahoma's private sector average hourly wage grew to \$30.71 up from \$30.63 the prior month and \$29.78 a year ago.