

# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – February 2026

## Oklahoma’s unemployment rate held steady February

Oklahoma’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.9 percent in February. The U.S. unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage point to 4.4 percent in February. Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage point from 3.1 percent in February 2025.

February 2026	Unemployment rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.9%	2,014,158	1,935,031	79,127
United States	4.4%	170,483,000	162,912,000	7,571,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemployment rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Feb '26	3.9%	2,014,158	1,935,031	79,127
Jan '26	3.9%	2,018,658	1,940,673	77,985
Dec '25	3.7%	2,020,051	1,944,648	75,403
Nov '25	3.7%	2,020,442	1,944,795	75,647
Oct '25	-	-	-	-
Sept '25	3.6%	2,022,471	1,949,931	72,540
Feb '25	3.1%	2,012,211	1,950,261	61,950

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In February, statewide seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 4,500 persons (-0.2 percent), while unemployment increased by 1,142 persons (1.5 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment increased by 17,177 persons (27.7 percent).

February 2026	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-4,500	-0.2%	1,947	0.1%
Employment	-5,642	-0.3%	-15,230	-0.8%
Unemployment	1,142	1.5%	17,177	27.7%

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# Oklahoma nonfarm employment shed jobs in February

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 300 jobs (0.0 percent) over the month in February 2026. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 133,000 jobs (-0.1 percent) in February. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** shed a seasonally adjusted 5,200 jobs (-0.3 percent).

- In February, five of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs, as **Education and Health Services** (1,100 jobs) followed by **Construction** (400 jobs) reported the largest job gains over the month.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,900 jobs) followed by **Manufacturing** (-400 jobs) posted the largest over-the-month job losses in February.
- Four of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in February, as **Education and Health Services** (4,200 jobs) posted the largest gain, followed by **Construction** (3,600 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-4,200 jobs) followed by **Trade, Transportation and Utilities** (-3,100 jobs) reported the largest over-the-year job losses in February.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	FEB 2026	JAN 2026	FEB 2025	JAN 26 TO FEB. 26	FEB. 25 TO FEB. 26		
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,786,400</b>	<b>1,786,700</b>	<b>1,791,600</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-5,200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
Total Private	1,416,700	1,417,300	1,419,500	-600	0.0%	-2,800	-0.2%
Goods Producing	258,200	258,300	257,700	-100	0.0%	500	0.2%
Service-Providing	1,528,200	1,528,400	1,533,900	-200	0.0%	-5,700	-0.4%
Private Service Providing	1,158,500	1,159,000	1,161,800	-500	0.0%	-3,300	-0.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	119,300	119,000	116,300	300	0.3%	3,000	2.6%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>28,700</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>91,200</b>	<b>90,800</b>	<b>87,600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>138,900</b>	<b>139,300</b>	<b>141,400</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-2,500</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
Durable Goods	93,300	93,800	95,000	-500	-0.5%	-1,700	-1.8%
Non-Durable Goods	45,600	45,500	46,400	100	0.2%	-800	-1.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>316,000</b>	<b>317,900</b>	<b>319,100</b>	<b>-1,900</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
Wholesale Trade	61,700	61,400	60,400	300	0.5%	1,300	2.2%
Retail Trade	180,800	181,600	184,800	-800	-0.4%	-4,000	-2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	73,500	74,900	73,900	-1,400	-1.9%	-400	-0.5%
<b>Information</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>86,000</b>	<b>85,800</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Finance and Insurance	63,700	63,600	63,000	100	0.2%	700	1.1%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22,300	22,200	22,500	100	0.5%	-200	-0.9%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>204,100</b>	<b>204,100</b>	<b>205,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	82,000	81,400	82,700	600	0.7%	-700	-0.8%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,800	23,800	24,200	0	0.0%	-400	-1.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	98,300	98,900	98,600	-600	-0.6%	-300	-0.3%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>282,900</b>	<b>281,800</b>	<b>278,700</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Educational Services	23,400	23,500	24,000	-100	-0.4%	-600	-2.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	259,500	258,300	254,700	1,200	0.5%	4,800	1.9%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>180,600</b>	<b>180,400</b>	<b>184,800</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-4,200</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	20,600	20,100	20,800	500	2.5%	-200	-1.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	160,000	160,300	164,000	-300	-0.2%	-4,000	-2.4%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>72,200</b>	<b>72,300</b>	<b>70,900</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>369,700</b>	<b>369,400</b>	<b>372,100</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
Federal Government	48,400	48,200	53,400	200	0.4%	-5,000	-9.4%
State Government	85,500	85,500	83,800	0	0.0%	1,700	2.0%
Local Government	235,800	235,700	234,900	100	0.0%	900	0.4%
				<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 February, Oklahoma's private sector average hourly wage grew to \$31.13, up from \$31.06 the prior month and \$30.30 a year ago.