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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – December 2017

Oklahoma's unemployment rate moves down in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** declined 0.1 percentage point to 4.1 percent in December, while the U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 4.1 percent in December. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 0.7 percentage point compared to December 2016.

	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
December 2017				
Oklahoma	4.1%	1,847,899	1,771,895	76,004
United States	4.1%	160,597,000	154,021,000	6,576,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '17	4.1%	1,847,899	1,771,895	76,004
Nov '17	4.2%	1,841,835	1,764,624	77,211
Oct '17	4.4%	1,835,578	1,755,148	80,430
Sept '17	4.5%	1,827,368	1,745,642	81,726
Aug '17	4.5%	1,819,372	1,737,851	81,521
July '17	4.4%	1,817,149	1,737,947	79,202
Dec '16	4.8%	1,823,830	1,735,518	88,312

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In December, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** increased by 7,271 persons (0.4 percent), while **unemployment** decreased by 1,207 persons (-1.6 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 12,308 persons (-13.9 percent).

December 2017	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	6,064	0.3%	24,069	1.3%
Employment	7,271	0.4%	36,377	2.1%
Unemployment	-1,207	-1.6%	-12,308	-13.9%

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Oklahoma employment up in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 1,100 jobs (0.1 percent) in December 2017. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 148,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in December. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 20,400 jobs (1.2 percent).

- In December, three of Oklahoma's super sectors added jobs as **Construction** (+2,900 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain, followed by **Education and Health Services** (+1,500 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,500 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss, followed by **Other Services** (-600 Jobs).
- **Construction** (+8,200 jobs) also claimed the largest job gain over the year, followed by **Mining and Logging** (+6,300 jobs) and **Education and Health Services** (+5,500 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-5,100 jobs) and **Other Services** (-2,000 jobs).

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	DEC	NOV	DEC	NOV. 17 TO		DEC. 16 TO	
	2017	2017	2016	DEC. 17	DEC. 17	DEC. 17	DEC. 17
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,670,600	1,669,500	1,650,200	1,100	0.1%	20,400	1.2%
Total Private	1,316,700	1,315,200	1,296,700	1,500	0.1%	20,000	1.5%
Goods Producing	263,000	260,600	245,500	2,400	0.9%	17,500	7.1%
Service-Providing	1,407,600	1,408,900	1,404,700	-1,300	-0.1%	2,900	0.2%
Private Service Providing	1,053,700	1,054,600	1,051,200	-900	-0.1%	2,500	0.2%
Mining, Logging and Construction	132,500	129,700	118,000	2,800	2.2%	14,500	12.3%
Mining and Logging	47,800	47,900	41,500	-100	-0.2%	6,300	15.2%
Construction	84,700	81,800	76,500	2,900	3.5%	8,200	10.7%
Manufacturing	130,500	130,900	127,500	-400	-0.3%	3,000	2.4%
Non-Durable Goods	39,600	39,800	41,500	-200	-0.5%	-1,900	-4.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	302,500	302,100	307,600	400	0.1%	-5,100	-1.7%
Wholesale Trade	58,000	57,300	58,500	700	1.2%	-500	-0.9%
Retail Trade	181,000	180,500	184,900	500	0.3%	-3,900	-2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	63,500	64,300	64,200	-800	-1.2%	-700	-1.1%
Information**	21,100	21,200	21,400	-100	-0.5%	-300	-1.4%
Financial Activities	80,700	80,900	79,500	-200	-0.2%	1,200	1.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,100	21,200	20,400	-100	-0.5%	700	3.4%
Professional and Business Services	180,400	180,800	179,800	-400	-0.2%	600	0.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	67,500	68,600	69,000	-1,100	-1.6%	-1,500	-2.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	94,300	94,400	93,400	-100	-0.1%	900	1.0%
Education and Health Services	240,100	238,600	234,600	1,500	0.6%	5,500	2.3%
Educational Services	20,600	20,400	19,600	200	1.0%	1,000	5.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	219,500	218,200	215,000	1,300	0.6%	4,500	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	168,800	170,300	166,200	-1,500	-0.9%	2,600	1.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	18,100	18,300	17,100	-200	-1.1%	1,000	5.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	150,700	152,000	149,100	-1,300	-0.9%	1,600	1.1%
Other Services	60,100	60,700	62,100	-600	-1.0%	-2,000	-3.2%
Government	353,900	354,300	353,500	-400	-0.1%	400	0.1%
Federal Government	48,100	48,200	48,400	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.6%
State Government	85,000	85,200	85,300	-200	-0.2%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	220,800	220,900	219,800	-100	0.0%	1,000	0.5%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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** Non-seasonally adjusted. Due to employment stability in the Information supersector, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that it does not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time.