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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – January 2017

Oklahoma unemployment rate down slightly in January

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** edged down 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent in January, while the U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 4.8 percent in January. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was the same compared to January 2016.

January 2017	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.7%	1,827,519	1,742,195	85,324
United States	4.8%	159,716,000	152,081,000	7,635,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Jan '17	4.7%	1,827,519	1,742,195	85,324
Dec '16	4.8%	1,823,830	1,735,518	88,312
Nov '16	4.9%	1,823,846	1,734,685	89,161
Oct '16	4.9%	1,823,784	1,733,784	90,000
Sept '16	5.0%	1,823,655	1,732,820	90,835
Aug '16	5.0%	1,823,438	1,731,928	91,510
Jan '16	4.7%	1,836,022	1,750,323	85,699

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In January, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** grew by 6,677 persons (0.4 percent), and **unemployment** fell at the same time by 2,988 persons (-3.4 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 375 persons (-0.4 percent).

January 2017	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	3,689	0.2%	-8,503	-0.5%
Employment	6,677	0.4%	-8,128	-0.5%
Unemployment	-2,988	-3.4%	-375	-0.4%

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Oklahoma employment up in January

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 1,500 jobs (0.1 percent) in January 2017. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 227,000 jobs (0.2 percent) in January. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 10,000 jobs (-0.6 percent).

- In January, six of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Construction** (+3,900 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-3,400 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,800 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Mining and Logging** (-5,000 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-4,500 jobs).
- **Construction** (+2,700 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	JAN	DEC	JAN	DEC. 16 TO		JAN. 16 TO	
	2017	2016	2016	JAN. 17	JAN. 17	JAN. 17	JAN. 17
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,651,700	1,650,200	1,661,700	1,500	0.1%	-10,000	-0.6%
Total Private	1,297,300	1,296,700	1,308,000	600	0.0%	-10,700	-0.8%
Goods Producing	250,100	245,500	256,900	4,600	1.9%	-6,800	-2.6%
Service-Providing	1,401,600	1,404,700	1,404,800	-3,100	-0.2%	-3,200	-0.2%
Private Service Providing	1,047,200	1,051,200	1,051,100	-4,000	-0.4%	-3,900	-0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	122,600	118,000	124,900	4,600	3.9%	-2,300	-1.8%
Mining and Logging	42,200	41,500	47,200	700	1.7%	-5,000	-10.6%
Construction	80,400	76,500	77,700	3,900	5.1%	2,700	3.5%
Manufacturing	127,500	127,500	132,000	0	0.0%	-4,500	-3.4%
Non-Durable Goods	41,300	41,500	40,800	-200	-0.5%	500	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	305,800	307,600	307,400	-1,800	-0.6%	-1,600	-0.5%
Wholesale Trade	57,800	58,500	58,700	-700	-1.2%	-900	-1.5%
Retail Trade	185,600	184,900	183,700	700	0.4%	1,900	1.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	62,400	64,200	65,000	-1,800	-2.8%	-2,600	-4.0%
Information**	21,200	21,400	21,200	-200	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	80,300	79,500	79,100	800	1.0%	1,200	1.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,600	20,400	20,600	200	1.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	180,200	179,800	181,900	400	0.2%	-1,700	-0.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68,500	69,000	68,800	-500	-0.7%	-300	-0.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	93,800	93,400	94,900	400	0.4%	-1,100	-1.2%
Education and Health Services	234,900	234,600	233,800	300	0.1%	1,100	0.5%
Educational Services	19,300	19,600	20,300	-300	-1.5%	-1,000	-4.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	215,600	215,000	213,500	600	0.3%	2,100	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	162,800	166,200	164,500	-3,400	-2.0%	-1,700	-1.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,000	17,100	16,800	-100	-0.6%	200	1.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	145,800	149,100	147,700	-3,300	-2.2%	-1,900	-1.3%
Other Services	62,000	62,100	63,200	-100	-0.2%	-1,200	-1.9%
Government	354,400	353,500	353,700	900	0.3%	700	0.2%
Federal Government	48,700	48,400	47,400	300	0.6%	1,300	2.7%
State Government	85,400	85,300	85,400	100	0.1%	0	0.0%
Local Government	220,300	219,800	220,900	500	0.2%	-600	-0.3%
				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.