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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2017

### Oklahoma unemployment rate unchanged in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was unchanged at 4.3 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 4.4 percent in April. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was down by 0.6 percentage point compared to April 2016.

April 2017	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.3%	1,835,667	1,757,355	78,312
United States	4.4%	160,213,000	153,156,000	7,056,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
April '17	4.3%	1,835,667	1,757,355	78,312
Mar'17	4.3%	1,836,595	1,756,875	79,720
Feb '17	4.5%	1,831,799	1,749,824	81,975
Jan '17	4.7%	1,827,615	1,742,286	85,329
Dec '16	4.8%	1,823,830	1,735,518	88,312
Nov '16	4.9%	1,823,846	1,734,685	89,161
April '16	4.9%	1,828,980	1,738,864	90,116

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** grew by 480 persons (0.0 percent), and **unemployment** fell at the same time by 1,408 persons (-1.8 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** fell by 11,804 persons (-13.1 percent).

April 2017	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-928	-0.1%	6,687	0.4%
Employment	480	0.0%	18,491	1.1%
Unemployment	-1,408	-1.8%	-11,804	-13.1%

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# Oklahoma employment down in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 3,300 jobs (-0.2 percent) in April 2017. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 211,000 jobs (0.1 percent) in April. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 2,500 jobs (-0.2 percent).

- In April, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Services** (+1,400 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Construction** (-1,700 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Education and Health Services** (-1,500 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-7,900 jobs) and **Other Services** (-900 jobs).
- **Education and Health Services** (+2,000 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	APR	MAR	APR	MAR. 17 TO	APR. 16 TO		
	2017	2017	2016	APR. 17	APR. 17		
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,652,100</b>	<b>1,655,400</b>	<b>1,654,600</b>	<b>-3,300</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-2,500</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Total Private	1,297,900	1,300,800	1,300,600	-2,900	-0.2%	-2,700	-0.2%
Goods Producing	254,100	255,100	252,100	-1,000	-0.4%	2,000	0.8%
Service-Providing	1,398,000	1,400,300	1,402,500	-2,300	-0.2%	-4,500	-0.3%
Private Service Providing	1,043,800	1,045,700	1,048,500	-1,900	-0.2%	-4,700	-0.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	124,300	125,700	122,400	-1,400	-1.1%	1,900	1.6%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>46,900</b>	<b>46,600</b>	<b>45,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>77,400</b>	<b>79,100</b>	<b>77,200</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>129,800</b>	<b>129,400</b>	<b>129,700</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Non-Durable Goods	40,700	40,800	40,900	-100	-0.3%	-200	-0.5%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>299,700</b>	<b>301,000</b>	<b>307,600</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-7,900</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
Wholesale Trade	57,600	57,300	58,500	300	0.5%	-900	-1.5%
Retail Trade	179,600	180,200	184,900	-600	-0.3%	-5,300	-2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	62,500	63,500	64,200	-1,000	-1.6%	-1,700	-2.7%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>80,400</b>	<b>80,600</b>	<b>78,700</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,000	21,000	20,400	0	0.0%	600	2.9%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>181,100</b>	<b>179,700</b>	<b>180,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68,300	67,600	68,500	700	1.0%	-200	-0.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	94,500	93,700	94,000	800	0.9%	500	0.5%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>235,300</b>	<b>236,800</b>	<b>233,300</b>	<b>-1,500</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Educational Services	19,800	19,800	19,600	0	0.0%	200	1.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	215,500	217,000	213,700	-1,500	-0.7%	1,800	0.8%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>164,500</b>	<b>165,200</b>	<b>164,500</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,600	17,400	16,900	200	1.2%	700	4.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	146,900	147,800	147,600	-900	-0.6%	-700	-0.5%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>61,800</b>	<b>61,400</b>	<b>62,700</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>354,200</b>	<b>354,600</b>	<b>354,000</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Federal Government	48,400	48,800	47,900	-400	-0.8%	500	1.0%
State Government	85,300	85,300	85,400	0	0.0%	-100	-0.1%
Local Government	220,500	220,500	220,700	0	0.0%	-200	-0.1%
				<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Pct.</b>

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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.