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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2016

Oklahoma unemployment rate rises in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.5 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was also up by 0.2 percentage point compared to April 2015.

April 2016	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.5%	1,871,397	1,786,319	85,078
United States	5.0%	158,924,000	151,004,000	7,920,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
April '16	4.5%	1,871,397	1,786,319	85,078
Mar '16	4.4%	1,870,152	1,788,383	81,769
Feb '16	4.2%	1,862,135	1,784,329	77,806
Jan '16	4.1%	1,853,975	1,778,448	75,527
Dec '15	4.1%	1,847,602	1,771,229	76,373
Nov '15	4.1%	1,846,833	1,770,218	76,615
April '15	4.3%	1,838,997	1,759,239	79,758

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** declined by 2,064 persons (-0.1 percent), and **unemployment** rose at the same time by 3,309 persons (+4.0 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** grew by 5,320 persons (+6.7 percent).

April 2016	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	1,245	0.1%	32,400	1.8%
Employment	-2,064	-0.1%	27,080	1.5%
Unemployment	3,309	4.0%	5,320	6.7%

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Oklahoma employment down in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** contracted by 2,400 jobs (-0.1 percent) in April 2016. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 160,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 2,100 jobs (-0.1 percent).

- In April, three of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Services** and **Leisure and Hospitality** each posted 1,500 job gain.
- **Mining and Logging** (-2,200 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,700 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Mining & Logging** (-11,700 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-10,600 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+10,700 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	APR 2016	MAR 2016	APR 2015	MAR. 16 TO APR. 16		APR. 15 TO APR. 16	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,663,600	1,666,000	1,665,700	-2,400	-0.1%	-2,100	-0.1%
Total Private	1,311,300	1,313,800	1,315,000	-2,500	-0.2%	-3,700	-0.3%
Goods Producing	254,100	257,100	272,300	-3,000	-1.2%	-18,200	-6.7%
Service-Providing	1,409,500	1,408,900	1,393,400	600	0.0%	16,100	1.2%
Private Service Providing	1,057,200	1,056,700	1,042,700	500	0.0%	14,500	1.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	125,900	128,200	133,500	-2,300	-1.8%	-7,600	-5.7%
Mining and Logging	44,600	46,800	56,300	-2,200	-4.7%	-11,700	-20.8%
Construction	81,300	81,400	77,200	-100	-0.1%	4,100	5.3%
Manufacturing	128,200	128,900	138,800	-700	-0.5%	-10,600	-7.6%
Non-Durable Goods	39,600	40,000	40,400	-400	-1.0%	-800	-2.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	306,100	307,800	306,100	-1,700	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	58,100	58,700	60,700	-600	-1.0%	-2,600	-4.3%
Retail Trade	184,400	186,400	182,700	-2,000	-1.1%	1,700	0.9%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	63,600	62,700	62,700	900	1.4%	900	1.4%
Information**	21,300	21,300	20,900	0	0.0%	400	1.9%
Financial Activities	79,900	80,000	79,500	-100	-0.1%	400	0.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,600	20,600	20,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	184,200	182,700	185,600	1,500	0.8%	-1,400	-0.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	69,700	68,800	68,900	900	1.3%	800	1.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	96,700	95,200	97,700	1,500	1.6%	-1,000	-1.0%
Education and Health Services	233,800	234,200	230,000	-400	-0.2%	3,800	1.7%
Educational Services	20,700	20,800	19,800	-100	-0.5%	900	4.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	213,100	213,400	210,200	-300	-0.1%	2,900	1.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	169,300	167,800	158,600	1,500	0.9%	10,700	6.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,600	16,300	15,700	300	1.8%	900	5.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	152,700	151,500	142,900	1,200	0.8%	9,800	6.9%
Other Services	62,600	62,900	62,000	-300	-0.5%	600	1.0%
Government	352,300	352,200	350,700	100	0.0%	1,600	0.5%
Federal Government	47,200	47,500	46,900	-300	-0.6%	300	0.6%
State Government	85,300	85,300	85,500	0	0.0%	-200	-0.2%
Local Government	219,800	219,400	218,300	400	0.2%	1,500	0.7%
				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.