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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2016

Oklahoma unemployment rate edges up in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** edged up 0.1 percentage point to 5.2 percent in September, while the U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 5.0 percent in September. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up by 1.0 percentage point compared to September 2015.

	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
September 2016				
Oklahoma	5.2%	1,815,411	1,720,140	95,271
United States	5.0%	159,907,000	151,968,000	7,939,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Sept '16	5.2%	1,815,411	1,720,140	95,271
Aug '16	5.1%	1,821,459	1,729,204	92,255
July '16	5.0%	1,834,543	1,743,047	91,496
June '16	4.8%	1,850,770	1,761,046	89,724
May '16	4.7%	1,864,194	1,776,399	87,795
April '16	4.5%	1,871,604	1,786,474	85,130
Sept '15	4.2%	1,845,077	1,767,297	77,780

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In September, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** declined by 9,064 persons (-0.5 percent), and **unemployment** rose at the same time by 3,016 persons (+3.3 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** grew by 17,491 persons (+22.5 percent).

September 2016	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-6,048	-0.3%	-29,666	-1.6%
Employment	-9,064	-0.5%	-47,157	-2.7%
Unemployment	3,016	3.3%	17,491	22.5%

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Oklahoma employment down in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 6,000 jobs (-0.4 percent) in September 2016. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 156,000 (0.1 percent) in September. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 11,300 jobs (-0.7 percent).

- In September, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Education and Health Services** (+600 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services** (-1,800 jobs) and **Government** (-1,800 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,700 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Manufacturing** (-9,800 jobs) and **Mining & Logging** (-7,200 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+5,500 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	SEP	AUG	SEP	AUG. 16 TO	SEP. 15 TO		
	2016	2016	2015	SEP. 16	SEP. 16		
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,654,200	1,660,200	1,665,500	-6,000	-0.4%	-11,300	-0.7%
Total Private	1,302,300	1,306,500	1,313,300	-4,200	-0.3%	-11,000	-0.8%
Goods Producing	252,500	251,800	264,100	700	0.3%	-11,600	-4.4%
Service-Providing	1,401,700	1,408,400	1,401,400	-6,700	-0.5%	300	0.0%
Private Service Providing	1,049,800	1,054,700	1,049,200	-4,900	-0.5%	600	0.1%
Mining, Logging and Construction	127,200	126,700	129,000	500	0.4%	-1,800	-1.4%
Mining and Logging	44,300	43,900	51,500	400	0.9%	-7,200	-14.0%
Construction	82,900	82,800	77,500	100	0.1%	5,400	7.0%
Manufacturing	125,300	125,100	135,100	200	0.2%	-9,800	-7.3%
Non-Durable Goods	40,500	40,200	40,300	300	0.8%	200	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	304,200	304,900	307,300	-700	-0.2%	-3,100	-1.0%
Wholesale Trade	57,500	58,000	59,600	-500	-0.9%	-2,100	-3.5%
Retail Trade	183,600	184,600	184,000	-1,000	-0.5%	-400	-0.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	63,100	62,300	63,700	800	1.3%	-600	-0.9%
Information**	21,100	21,600	20,700	-500	-2.3%	400	1.9%
Financial Activities	80,800	81,000	80,000	-200	-0.3%	800	1.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,700	20,800	20,700	-100	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	179,000	180,800	184,800	-1,800	-1.0%	-5,800	-3.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	67,300	68,300	69,600	-1,000	-1.5%	-2,300	-3.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	95,100	95,300	96,600	-200	-0.2%	-1,500	-1.6%
Education and Health Services	235,800	235,200	232,200	600	0.3%	3,600	1.6%
Educational Services	21,300	21,000	19,900	300	1.4%	1,400	7.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	214,500	214,200	212,300	300	0.1%	2,200	1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	167,300	169,000	161,800	-1,700	-1.0%	5,500	3.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,100	17,000	16,000	-900	-5.3%	100	0.6%
Accommodation and Food Services	151,200	152,000	145,800	-800	-0.5%	5,400	3.7%
Other Services	61,600	62,200	62,400	-600	-1.0%	-800	-1.3%
Government	351,900	353,700	352,200	-1,800	-0.5%	-300	-0.1%
Federal Government	47,900	47,800	47,000	100	0.2%	900	1.9%
State Government	85,200	85,200	85,500	0	0.0%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	218,800	220,700	219,700	-1,900	-0.9%	-900	-0.4%
				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.