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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – December 2015

### Oklahoma's jobless rate down slightly in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** decreased 0.1 percentage point to 4.1 percent in December, while the U.S. unemployment rate remained at 5.0 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up 0.2 percentage point compared to December 2014.

December 2015	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.1%	1,855,928	1,779,101	76,827
United States	5.0%	157,833,000	149,929,000	7,904,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Dec '15	4.1%	1,855,928	1,779,101	76,827
Nov '15	4.2%	1,846,657	1,768,556	78,101
Oct '15	4.3%	1,839,660	1,761,419	78,241
Sept '15	4.4%	1,837,396	1,756,414	80,982
Aug '15	4.6%	1,842,978	1,759,061	83,917
July '15	4.5%	1,853,564	1,769,665	83,899
Dec '14	3.9%	1,782,238	1,712,315	69,923

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

In December, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** rose by 9,271 persons (+0.5 percent), as **unemployment** fell by 1,274 persons (-1.6 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** grew by 6,904 persons (+9.9 percent).

December 2015	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	9,271	0.5%	73,690	4.1%
Employment	10,545	0.6%	66,786	3.9%
Unemployment	-1,274	-1.6%	6,904	9.9%

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# Oklahoma employment down in December

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** decreased by 5,100 jobs (-0.3 percent) in December 2015. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 292,000 jobs (+0.2 percent). Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 8,900 jobs (-0.5 percent).

- In December, only two of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Construction** (+1,300 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Education and Health Services** (-1,800 jobs) reported the largest job loss over-the-month as **Professional and Business Services** saw 1,200 job losses in December.
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Mining & Logging** (-12,200 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-8,900 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+6,300 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	DEC 2015	NOV 2015	DEC 2014	NOV. 15 TO DEC. 15		DEC. 14 TO DEC. 15	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,659,400</b>	<b>1,664,500</b>	<b>1,668,300</b>	<b>-5,100</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-8,900</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Total Private	1,310,700	1,315,500	1,320,300	-4,800	-0.4%	-9,600	-0.7%
Goods Producing	263,900	262,300	279,700	1,600	0.6%	-15,800	-5.6%
Service-Providing	1,395,500	1,402,200	1,388,600	-6,700	-0.5%	6,900	0.5%
Private Service Providing	1,046,800	1,053,200	1,040,600	-6,400	-0.6%	6,200	0.6%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>50,900</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>63,100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>-12,200</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>82,800</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>77,500</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Manufacturing**</b>	<b>130,200</b>	<b>130,400</b>	<b>139,100</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-8,900</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>
Non-Durable Goods	40,900	40,600	39,700	300	0.7%	1,200	3.0%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>306,000</b>	<b>306,800</b>	<b>303,900</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Wholesale Trade	62,300	62,800	64,200	-500	-0.8%	-1,900	-3.0%
Retail Trade	185,600	186,000	180,600	-400	-0.2%	5,000	2.8%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	58,100	58,000	59,100	100	0.2%	-1,000	-1.7%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>81,200</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>79,700</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,900	20,900	20,800	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>188,000</b>	<b>189,200</b>	<b>191,100</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-3,100</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	69,600	69,200	68,400	400	0.6%	1,200	1.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	98,500	100,000	103,300	-1,500	-1.5%	-4,800	-4.6%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>230,600</b>	<b>232,400</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>-1,800</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Educational Services	21,200	21,100	20,300	100	0.5%	900	4.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	209,400	211,300	209,700	-1,900	-0.9%	-300	-0.1%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>161,300</b>	<b>162,400</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,100	14,100	13,600	0	0.0%	500	3.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	147,200	148,300	141,400	-1,100	-0.7%	5,800	4.1%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>58,100</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>59,400</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>348,700</b>	<b>349,000</b>	<b>348,000</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Federal Government	46,700	46,600	46,700	100	0.2%	0	0.0%
State Government	85,400	85,800	85,700	-400	-0.5%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	216,600	216,600	215,600	0	0.0%	1,000	0.5%
				<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 Manufacturing and Information supersectors, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that they do not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time.