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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – December 2013

State unemployment rate unchanged in December

The seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** for Oklahoma held steady at 5.4 percent in December. The **U.S. unemployment rate** improved over the month, falling by three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.7 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up compared to December 2012.

DECEMBER 2013	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.4%	1,821,560	1,723,740	97,810
United States	6.7%	154,937,000	144,586,000	10,351,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Dec '13	5.4%	1,821,560	1,723,740	97,810
Nov '13	5.4%	1,816,440	1,717,890	98,550
Oct '13	5.5%	1,812,660	1,712,260	100,400
Sep '13	5.4%	1,811,140	1,713,580	97,560
Aug '13	5.3%	1,807,920	1,711,970	95,950
Jul '13	5.3%	1,811,350	1,715,690	95,670
Dec '12	5.1%	1,816,630	1,723,540	93,090

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Statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** added 5,850 persons in December, while seasonally adjusted **unemployment** dropped by 740 persons. Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** increased by 4,720 persons (+5.1 percent).

DECEMBER 2013	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	5,120	0.3%	4,930	0.3%
Employment	5,850	0.3%	200	0.0%
Unemployment	-740	-0.7%	4,720	5.1%

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Statewide employment adds more jobs over month

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 3,400 jobs (+0.2 percent) in December. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 74,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the month. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 18,800 jobs (+1.2 percent) from December 2012 to December 2013.

- Oklahoma posted job gains for the fourth straight month due mostly to large increases in **Mining & Logging; Trade, Transportation & Utilities; Professional & Business Services; and Government.**
- Large over-the-month job losses were reported in **Construction** (-1,400 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (-1,000 jobs).
- **Professional & Business Services** (+8,500 jobs), **Leisure & Hospitality** (+4,000 jobs), and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (+3,800 jobs) provided the largest annual gains for December.
- **Mining & Logging, Construction, and Other Services** logged job losses over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Dec '13	Nov '13	Dec '12	Nov '13 to Dec '13		Dec '12 to Dec '13	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,636,800	1,633,400	1,618,000	3,400	0.2%	18,800	1.2%
Mining & Logging	55,100	53,900	57,500	1,200	2.2%	-2,400	-4.2%
Construction	68,100	69,500	68,900	-1,400	-2.0%	-800	-1.2%
Manufacturing**	137,500	137,000	135,300	500	0.4%	2,200	1.6%
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	40,200	40,300	39,900	-100	-0.2%	300	0.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	295,200	294,100	291,400	1,100	0.4%	3,800	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	62,100	61,100	61,600	1,000	1.6%	500	0.8%
Retail Trade	179,500	180,200	174,400	-700	-0.4%	5,100	2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	53,600	52,800	55,400	800	1.5%	-1,800	-3.2%
Information**	22,300	22,400	22,100	-100	-0.5%	200	0.9%
Financial Activities	80,300	80,400	80,200	-100	-0.1%	100	0.1%
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	21,300	21,500	21,600	-200	-0.9%	-300	-1.4%
Professional & Business Services	186,300	184,400	177,800	1,900	1.0%	8,500	4.8%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	66,700	67,300	65,800	-600	-0.9%	900	1.4%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	102,200	100,200	95,300	2,000	2.0%	6,900	7.2%
Educational & Health Services	226,700	226,300	224,900	400	0.2%	1,800	0.8%
Educational Services	19,700	19,900	19,300	-200	-1.0%	400	2.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	207,000	206,400	205,600	600	0.3%	1,400	0.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	156,400	157,400	152,400	-1,000	-0.6%	4,000	2.6%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15,400	15,600	14,600	-200	-1.3%	800	5.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	141,000	141,800	137,800	-800	-0.6%	3,200	2.3%
Other Services	57,200	57,400	57,500	-200	-0.3%	-300	-0.5%
Government	351,700	350,600	350,000	1,100	0.3%	1,700	0.5%
Federal Government	48,000	48,200	48,500	-200	-0.4%	-500	-1.0%
State Government	86,500	85,700	86,900	800	0.9%	-400	-0.5%
Local Government	217,200	216,700	214,600	500	0.2%	2,600	1.2%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

** 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. Non-seasonally adjusted Manufacturing and Information employment is provided for comparison purposes.