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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – January 2015

### Oklahoma unemployment rate opens year at 3.9 percent

In January 2015, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was unchanged at 3.9 percent. The **U.S. unemployment rate** rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.7 percent for the month. Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** declined by 1.1 percentage points.

JANUARY 2015	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	3.9%	1,794,690	1,725,270	69,420
United States	5.7%	157,180,000	148,201,000	8,979,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Jan '15	3.9%	1,794,690	1,725,270	69,420
Dec '14	3.9%	1,782,240	1,712,320	69,920
Nov '14	4.0%	1,781,520	1,710,380	71,140
Oct '14	4.1%	1,780,680	1,707,960	72,710
Sep '14	4.2%	1,779,660	1,705,170	74,490
Aug '14	4.3%	1,778,480	1,702,100	76,390
Jan '14	5.0%	1,792,580	1,703,510	89,070

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Statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** expanded by 12,960 persons in January, as **unemployment** contracted. Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** dropped by 19,650 persons (-22.1 percent).

JANUARY 2015	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	+12,450	+0.7%	+2,110	+0.1%
Employment	+12,960	+0.8%	+21,760	+1.3%
Unemployment	-510	-0.7%	-19,650	-22.1%

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# Statewide employment adds jobs in January

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 2,100 jobs (+0.1 percent) in January. Seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the United States expanded by 239,000 jobs (+0.2 percent) for the month. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 25,700 jobs (+1.6 percent).

- Five of Oklahoma's nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors gained jobs in January, led by a 2,800-job addition in **Professional & Business Services**.
- **Mining & Logging** (-500 jobs) and **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,300 jobs) reported job losses for the month.
- **Educational & Health Services** and **Government** held steady in January.
- All nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors saw over-the-year increases in January. **Professional & Business Services** (+10,900 jobs) provided the largest year-to-year job gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	Jan '15	Dec '14	Jan '14	Dec '14 to Jan '15		Jan '14 to Jan '15	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,670,400</b>	<b>1,668,300</b>	<b>1,644,700</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>25,700</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	<b>62,600</b>	<b>63,100</b>	<b>59,800</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>77,700</b>	<b>77,500</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Manufacturing**</b>	<b>139,100</b>	<b>139,100</b>	<b>136,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Non-durable Goods Manufacturing	40,700	39,700	40,900	1,000	2.5%	-200	-0.5%
<b>Trade, Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>302,600</b>	<b>303,900</b>	<b>299,700</b>	<b>-1,300</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Wholesale Trade	64,200	64,200	62,800	0	0.0%	1,400	2.2%
Retail Trade	179,800	180,600	177,400	-800	-0.4%	2,400	1.4%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	58,600	59,100	59,500	-500	-0.9%	-900	-1.5%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>79,800</b>	<b>79,700</b>	<b>79,300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	20,700	20,800	20,600	-100	-0.5%	100	0.5%
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>193,900</b>	<b>191,100</b>	<b>183,000</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>10,900</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	68,300	68,400	67,000	-100	-0.2%	1,300	1.9%
Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs.	106,400	103,300	98,200	3,100	3.0%	8,200	8.4%
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>227,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Educational Services	20,500	20,300	19,700	200	1.0%	800	4.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	209,500	209,700	207,800	-200	-0.1%	1,700	0.8%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	<b>155,200</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>154,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,600	13,600	14,700	0	0.0%	-1,100	-7.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	141,600	141,400	140,000	200	0.1%	1,600	1.1%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>60,100</b>	<b>59,400</b>	<b>59,200</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>348,000</b>	<b>348,000</b>	<b>347,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Federal Government	46,300	46,700	46,000	-400	-0.9%	300	0.7%
State Government	85,700	85,700	86,000	0	0.0%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	216,000	215,600	215,500	400	0.2%	500	0.2%
				<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. Non-seasonally adjusted Manufacturing and Information employment is provided for comparison purposes.