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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – March 2016

Oklahoma's jobless rate up in March

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.4 percent in March, while the U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 5.0 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was also up by 0.2 percentage point compared to March 2015.

March 2016	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.4%	1,869,890	1,788,145	81,745
United States	5.0%	159,286,000	151,320,000	7,966,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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Mar '16	4.4%	1,869,890	1,788,145	81,745
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
Oct '15	4.2%	1,845,974	1,768,887	77,087
Mar '15	4.2%	1,835,337	1,757,428	77,909

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In March, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** rose by 3,816 persons (+0.2 percent), and **unemployment** rose at the same time by 3,939 persons (+5.1 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** grew by 3,836 persons (+4.9 percent).

March 2016	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	7,755	0.4%	34,553	1.9%
Employment	3,816	0.2%	30,717	1.7%
Unemployment	3,939	5.1%	3,836	4.9%

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Oklahoma sheds jobs in March

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** contracted by 5,800 jobs (-0.4 percent) in March 2016. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 215,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 6,100 jobs (-0.4 percent).

- In March, three of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Other Services** (+700 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Professional and Business Services** (-2,400 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Manufacturing** (-1,700 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Manufacturing** (-11,500 jobs) and **Mining & Logging** (-11,300 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+9,200 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	MAR 2016	FEB 2016	MAR 2015	FEB. 16 TO MAR. 16		MAR. 15 TO MAR. 16	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,664,000	1,669,800	1,670,100	-5,800	-0.4%	-6,100	-0.4%
Total Private	1,311,800	1,317,200	1,320,200	-5,400	-0.4%	-8,400	-0.6%
Goods Producing	257,300	259,500	276,200	-2,200	-0.9%	-18,900	-6.8%
Service-Providing	1,406,700	1,410,300	1,393,900	-3,600	-0.3%	12,800	0.9%
Private Service Providing	1,054,500	1,057,700	1,044,000	-3,200	-0.3%	10,500	1.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	128,500	129,000	135,900	-500	-0.4%	-7,400	-5.5%
Mining and Logging	47,300	47,900	58,600	-600	-1.3%	-11,300	-19.3%
Construction	81,200	81,100	77,300	100	0.1%	3,900	5.1%
Manufacturing	128,800	130,500	140,300	-1,700	-1.3%	-11,500	-8.2%
Non-Durable Goods	40,100	40,400	40,600	-300	-0.7%	-500	-1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	307,000	307,700	306,100	-700	-0.2%	900	0.3%
Wholesale Trade	58,700	59,000	61,000	-300	-0.5%	-2,300	-3.8%
Retail Trade	186,200	185,600	182,400	600	0.3%	3,800	2.1%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	62,100	63,100	62,700	-1,000	-1.6%	-600	-1.0%
Information**	21,300	21,300	21,000	0	0.0%	300	1.4%
Financial Activities	79,900	80,800	79,700	-900	-1.1%	200	0.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,600	20,800	20,800	-200	-1.0%	-200	-1.0%
Professional and Business Services	181,500	183,900	186,300	-2,400	-1.3%	-4,800	-2.6%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68,900	69,000	68,900	-100	-0.1%	0	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	93,700	95,800	98,400	-2,100	-2.2%	-4,700	-4.8%
Education and Health Services	234,200	234,600	229,700	-400	-0.2%	4,500	2.0%
Educational Services	20,700	20,200	19,600	500	2.5%	1,100	5.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	213,500	214,400	210,100	-900	-0.4%	3,400	1.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	168,000	167,500	158,800	500	0.3%	9,200	5.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	16,300	16,300	15,300	0	0.0%	1,000	6.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	151,700	151,200	143,500	500	0.3%	8,200	5.7%
Other Services	62,600	61,900	62,400	700	1.1%	200	0.3%
Government	352,200	352,600	349,900	-400	-0.1%	2,300	0.7%
Federal Government	47,500	47,200	46,700	300	0.6%	800	1.7%
State Government	85,300	85,300	85,600	0	0.0%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	219,400	220,100	217,600	-700	-0.3%	1,800	0.8%
				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.