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# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT - July 2013

## State unemployment rate ticks up in July

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** ticked up by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent in July 2013. Over the same period, the **U.S. unemployment rate** dropped to 7.4 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was unchanged when compared with July 2012.

| JULY 2013 | Unemp. rate* | Labor force* | Employment* | Unemployment* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oklahoma** | **5.2%** | **1,810,960** | **1,715,560** | **95,400** |
| United States | 7.4% | 155,798,000 | 144,285,000 | 11,514,000 |

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Jul '13** | **5.3%** | **1,810,960** | **1,715,560** | **95,400** |
| Jun '13 | 5.2% | 1,816,420 | 1,721,310 | 95,110 |
| May '13 | 5.1% | 1,818,040 | 1,726,140 | 91,900 |
| Apr '13 | 4.9% | 1,812,950 | 1,724,070 | 88,870 |
| Mar '13 | 5.0% | 1,814,740 | 1,723,940 | 90,790 |
| Feb '13 | 5.0% | 1,817,380 | 1,726,140 | 91,240 |
| Jul '12 | 5.3% | 1,801,020 | 1,705,150 | 95,870 |

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In July, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** decreased by 5,750 persons as seasonally adjusted **unemployment** rose slightly. For the July-to-July period, seasonally adjusted **employment** expanded by 10,400 persons.

| | Monthly change* | | Annual change* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| JULY 2013 | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| **Labor force** | -5,460 | -0.3% | 9,940 | 0.6% |
| **Employment** | -5,750 | -0.3% | 10,400 | 0.6% |
| **Unemployment** | 290 | 0.3% | -470 | -0.5% |

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# Oklahoma job numbers dip in July

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** contracted by 2,300 jobs (-0.1 percent) in July 2013. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** for the same month increased by 162,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 9,700 jobs (+0.6 percent) compared to July 2012.

- **Professional & Business Services** (+1,700 jobs) added the most jobs of any supersector in July.
- **Construction** (-2,100 jobs) experienced the biggest over-the-month decline.
- **Leisure & Hospitality** again provided the month's largest over-the-year job growth (+6,800 jobs).
- **Mining & Logging** (-5,400 jobs) and **Other Services** (-3,300 jobs) accounted for most of July's year-to-year job losses.

| | NUMBER OF JOBS* | | | CHANGE* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jul '13 | Jun '13 | Jul '12 | Jun '13 to Jul '13 | | Jul '12 to Jul '13 | |
| **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** | **1,616,400** | **1,618,700** | **1,606,700** | **-2,300** | **-0.1%** | **9,700** | **0.6%** |
| **Mining & Logging** | **53,100** | **54,000** | **58,500** | **-900** | **-1.7%** | **-5,400** | **-9.2%** |
| **Construction** | **70,800** | **72,900** | **68,800** | **-2,100** | **-2.9%** | **2,000** | **2.9%** |
| ***Manufacturing*** ** | ***135,900*** | ***136,000*** | ***135,200*** | ***-100*** | ***-0.1%*** | ***700*** | ***0.5%*** |
| Non-durable Goods Manufacturing | 40,000 | 40,400 | 40,900 | -400 | -1.0% | -900 | -2.2% |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **293,400** | **292,200** | **289,700** | **1,200** | **0.4%** | **3,700** | **1.3%** |
| Wholesale Trade | 62,100 | 63,000 | 60,500 | -900 | -1.4% | 1,600 | 2.6% |
| Retail Trade | 178,000 | 176,600 | 172,800 | 1,400 | 0.8% | 5,200 | 3.0% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 53,300 | 52,600 | 56,400 | 700 | 1.3% | -3,100 | -5.5% |
| ***Information*** ** | ***22,300*** | ***22,300*** | ***22,800*** | ***0*** | ***0.0%*** | ***-500*** | ***-2.2%*** |
| **Financial Activities** | **80,000** | **79,700** | **79,900** | **300** | **0.4%** | **100** | **0.1%** |
| Real Estate and Rental & Leasing | 21,200 | 21,100 | 21,600 | 100 | 0.5% | -400 | -1.9% |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **181,100** | **179,400** | **177,000** | **1,700** | **0.9%** | **4,100** | **2.3%** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 67,600 | 67,400 | 65,700 | 200 | 0.3% | 1,900 | 2.9% |
| Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs. | 97,200 | 96,400 | 95,300 | 800 | 0.8% | 1,900 | 2.0% |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **223,200** | **224,400** | **223,600** | **-1,200** | **-0.5%** | **-400** | **-0.2%** |
| Educational Services | 19,600 | 19,700 | 19,200 | -100 | -0.5% | 400 | 2.1% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 203,600 | 204,700 | 204,400 | -1,100 | -0.5% | -800 | -0.4% |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **152,700** | **153,700** | **145,900** | **-1,000** | **-0.7%** | **6,800** | **4.7%** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 15,500 | 15,600 | 14,200 | -100 | -0.6% | 1,300 | 9.2% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 137,200 | 138,100 | 131,700 | -900 | -0.7% | 5,500 | 4.2% |
| **Other Services** | **56,100** | **56,700** | **59,400** | **-600** | **-1.1%** | **-3,300** | **-5.6%** |
| **Government** | **347,800** | **347,400** | **345,900** | **400** | **0.1%** | **1,900** | **0.5%** |
| Federal Government | 48,300 | 48,100 | 48,200 | 200 | 0.4% | 100 | 0.2% |
| State Government | 85,300 | 85,500 | 85,300 | -200 | -0.2% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Local Government | 214,200 | 213,800 | 212,400 | 400 | 0.2% | 1,800 | 0.8% |
| | | | | **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.