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## OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – August 2016

### Oklahoma unemployment rate edges up in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** edged up 0.1 percentage point to 5.1 percent in August, while the U.S. unemployment rate held at 4.9 percent in August. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up by 0.8 percentage point compared to August 2015.

August 2016	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	5.1%	1,821,239	1,729,039	92,200
United States	4.9%	158,880,000	151,097,000	7,783,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Aug '16	5.1%	1,821,239	1,729,039	92,200
July '16	5.0%	1,834,543	1,743,047	91,496
June '16	4.8%	1,850,770	1,761,046	89,724
May '16	4.7%	1,864,194	1,776,399	87,795
April '16	4.5%	1,871,604	1,786,474	85,130
Mar '16	4.4%	1,870,152	1,788,383	81,769
Aug '15	4.3%	1,844,305	1,765,509	78,796

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In August, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** declined by 14,008 persons (-0.8 percent), and **unemployment** rose at the same time by 704 persons (+0.8 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** grew by 13,404 persons (+17.0 percent).

August 2016	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-13,304	-0.7%	-23,066	-1.3%
Employment	-14,008	-0.8%	-36,470	-2.1%
Unemployment	704	0.8%	13,404	17.0%

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# Oklahoma employment down in August

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 400 jobs (0.0 percent) in August 2016. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 151,000 in August. Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** lost 7,500 jobs (-0.5 percent).

- In August, seven of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Professional and Business Services** (+800 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (-1,400 jobs) reported the largest over-the-month job loss followed by **Construction** (-1,100 jobs).
- Industries showing large declines in jobs over the year were **Manufacturing** (-10,600 jobs) and **Mining & Logging** (-9,100 jobs).
- **Leisure and Hospitality** (+6,400 jobs) claimed the largest job gain over the year.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	AUG 2016	JUL 2016	AUG 2015	JUL. 16 TO AUG. 16		AUG. 15 TO AUG. 16	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,659,300</b>	<b>1,659,700</b>	<b>1,666,800</b>	<b>-400</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-7,500</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
Total Private	1,305,600	1,306,200	1,314,800	-600	-0.1%	-9,200	-0.7%
Goods Producing	251,100	252,000	265,600	-900	-0.4%	-14,500	-5.5%
Service-Providing	1,408,200	1,407,700	1,401,200	500	0.0%	7,000	0.5%
Private Service Providing	1,054,500	1,054,200	1,049,200	300	0.0%	5,300	0.5%
Mining, Logging and Construction	126,000	126,900	129,900	-900	-0.7%	-3,900	-3.0%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>43,200</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>52,300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>-9,100</b>	<b>-17.4%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>82,800</b>	<b>83,900</b>	<b>77,600</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>125,100</b>	<b>125,100</b>	<b>135,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-10,600</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>
Non-Durable Goods	40,200	39,900	40,300	300	0.8%	-100	-0.3%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>304,700</b>	<b>304,600</b>	<b>307,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-2,700</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Wholesale Trade	58,100	57,800	59,900	300	0.5%	-1,800	-3.0%
Retail Trade	184,400	184,300	183,900	100	0.1%	500	0.3%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	62,200	62,500	63,600	-300	-0.5%	-1,400	-2.2%
<b>Information**</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>80,900</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>79,800</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,700	20,300	20,600	400	2.0%	100	0.5%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>180,800</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>185,200</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-4,400</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68,500	68,100	69,500	400	0.6%	-1,000	-1.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	95,300	94,700	97,100	600	0.6%	-1,800	-1.9%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>236,200</b>	<b>235,800</b>	<b>231,600</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Educational Services	21,200	21,300	19,800	-100	-0.5%	1,400	7.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	215,000	214,500	211,800	500	0.2%	3,200	1.5%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>168,300</b>	<b>169,700</b>	<b>161,900</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	17,200	17,700	16,100	-500	-2.8%	1,100	6.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	151,100	152,000	145,800	-900	-0.6%	5,300	3.6%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>62,300</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>353,700</b>	<b>353,500</b>	<b>352,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Federal Government	47,800	47,600	47,000	200	0.4%	800	1.7%
State Government	85,200	85,300	85,500	-100	-0.1%	-300	-0.4%
Local Government	220,700	220,600	219,500	100	0.1%	1,200	0.6%
				<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 Information supersector, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has determined that it does not need to be adjusted for seasonal factors at this time.