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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2015

Oklahoma's jobless rate decreased in September.

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** decreased to 4.4 percent in September. The U.S. unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in September. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was up 0.2 percentage points compared to September 2014.

September 2015	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma	4.4%	1,837,236	1,756,316	80,920
United States	5.1%	156,715,000	148,800,000	7,915,000

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA	Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Sept '15	4.4%	1,837,236	1,756,316	80,920
Aug '15	4.6%	1,842,978	1,759,061	83,917
July '15	4.5%	1,853,564	1,769,665	83,899
June '15	4.5%	1,862,461	1,779,424	83,037
May '15	4.3%	1,863,285	1,783,101	80,184
April '15	4.1%	1,851,003	1,775,355	75,648
Sept '14	4.2%	1,779,657	1,705,165	74,492

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In September, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** dropped by 2,745 persons, as **unemployment** fell by 2,997 persons. Seasonally adjusted **employment** grew by 51,151 persons over the year.

September 2015	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	-5,742	-0.3%	57,579	3.2%
Employment	-2,745	-0.2%	51,151	3.0%
Unemployment	-2,997	-3.6%	6,428	8.6%

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Oklahoma employment declines over the month

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** declined by 400 jobs in September 2015. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 142,000 jobs (+0.1 percent). Over the year, state **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 3,000 jobs (+0.2 percent).

- In September, four of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs as **Education and Health Services** (+3,300) posted the largest monthly gain followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (+1,900).
- **Mining and Logging** (-1,600) reported the largest job loss over-the-month as **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,400), **Professional and Business Services** (-1,200), and **Government** (-1,400) also saw large number of job losses in September.
- Industries showing larger declines in jobs over the year were **Mining & Logging** (-11,000 jobs) and **Manufacturing** (-8,100 jobs).
- **Construction** (+5,300 jobs) claimed the largest over-the-year job gain.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE*			
	SEP	AUG	SEP	AUG. 15 TO		SEP. 14 TO	
	2015	2015	2014	SEP. 15		SEP. 15	
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,661,100	1,661,500	1,658,100	-400	0.0%	3,000	0.2%
Total Private	1,312,800	1,311,800	1,309,700	1,000	0.1%	3,100	0.2%
Goods Producing	264,200	266,300	278,000	-2,100	-0.8%	-13,800	-5.0%
Service-Providing	1,396,900	1,395,200	1,380,100	1,700	0.1%	16,800	1.2%
Private Service Providing	1,048,600	1,045,500	1,031,700	3,100	0.3%	16,900	1.6%
Mining and Logging	51,800	53,400	62,800	-1,600	-3.0%	-11,000	-17.5%
Construction	80,600	81,000	75,300	-400	-0.5%	5,300	7.0%
Manufacturing**	131,800	131,900	139,900	-100	-0.1%	-8,100	-5.8%
Non-Durable Goods	40,100	39,800	40,500	300	0.8%	-400	-1.0%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	304,600	306,000	302,000	-1,400	-0.5%	2,600	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	64,800	65,200	63,900	-400	-0.6%	900	1.4%
Retail Trade	182,000	182,500	178,900	-500	-0.3%	3,100	1.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	57,800	58,300	59,200	-500	-0.9%	-1,400	-2.4%
Information**	21,700	21,800	21,600	-100	-0.5%	100	0.5%
Financial Activities	80,300	79,900	79,900	400	0.5%	400	0.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20,500	20,400	20,800	100	0.5%	-300	-1.4%
Professional and Business Services	189,000	190,200	185,400	-1,200	-0.6%	3,600	1.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	70,200	69,300	67,300	900	1.3%	2,900	4.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	99,500	101,800	100,000	-2,300	-2.3%	-500	-0.5%
Education and Health Services	232,900	229,600	227,900	3,300	1.4%	5,000	2.2%
Educational Services	21,100	20,600	19,800	500	2.4%	1,300	6.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	211,800	209,000	208,100	2,800	1.3%	3,700	1.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	160,300	158,400	156,000	1,900	1.2%	4,300	2.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,000	14,600	14,800	-600	-4.1%	-800	-5.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	146,300	143,800	141,200	2,500	1.7%	5,100	3.6%
Other Services	59,800	59,600	58,900	200	0.3%	900	1.5%
Government	348,300	349,700	348,400	-1,400	-0.4%	-100	0.0%
Federal Government	46,600	46,600	46,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	85,400	85,900	85,800	-500	-0.6%	-400	-0.5%
Local Government	216,300	217,200	216,000	-900	-0.4%	300	0.1%
				Jobs	Pct.	Jobs	Pct.

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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.