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# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – November 2013

## Oklahoma unemployment rate down for month in November

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** dropped to 5.4 percent in November. The **U.S. unemployment rate** also improved over the month, falling by three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent. The state's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** increased during the November-to-November period.

| NOVEMBER 2013 | Unemp. rate* | Labor force* | Employment* | Unemployment* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Oklahoma** | **5.4%** | **1,816,080** | **1,717,780** | **98,310** |
| United States | 7.0% | 155,294,000 | 144,386,000 | 10,907,000 |

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Nov '13** | **5.4%** | **1,816,080** | **1,717,780** | **98,310** |
| Oct '13 | 5.5% | 1,812,660 | 1,712,260 | 100,400 |
| Sep '13 | 5.4% | 1,811,140 | 1,713,580 | 97,560 |
| Aug '13 | 5.3% | 1,807,920 | 1,711,970 | 95,950 |
| Jul '13 | 5.3% | 1,811,350 | 1,715,690 | 95,670 |
| Jun '13 | 5.2% | 1,816,420 | 1,721,310 | 95,110 |
| Nov '12 | 5.1% | 1,813,130 | 1,720,130 | 93,000 |

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In November, statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** expanded by 5,510 persons, while seasonally adjusted **unemployment** shed 2,090. Over the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** was up by 5,310 persons (+5.7 percent).

| | Monthly change* | | Annual change* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NOVEMBER 2013 | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| **Labor force** | 3,420 | 0.2% | 2,950 | 0.2% |
| **Employment** | 5,510 | 0.3% | -2,360 | -0.1% |
| **Unemployment** | -2,090 | -2.1% | 5,310 | 5.7% |

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# Statewide employment gains ground over month

In November, Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added 6,000 jobs (+0.4 percent). U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** grew by 203,000 jobs (+0.1 percent) over the month. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 16,100 jobs (+1.0 percent) between November 2012 and November 2013.

- November was the third straight month that Oklahoma has posted an increase in seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT**.
- All supersectors reported job gains in November, led by **Government** (+1,500 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+1,300 jobs).
- **Professional & Business Services** (+5,600 jobs) and **Leisure & Hospitality** (+5,400 jobs) provided the largest over-the-year gains for the month.
- **Mining & Logging** (-3,400 jobs) was the only supersector to record an annual job loss for November.

| | NUMBER OF JOBS* | | | CHANGE* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov '13 | Oct '13 | Nov '12 | Oct '13 to Nov '13 | | Nov '12 to Nov '13 | |
| **TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** | **1,631,400** | **1,625,400** | **1,615,300** | **6,000** | **0.4%** | **16,100** | **1.0%** |
| **Mining & Logging** | **53,900** | **53,800** | **57,300** | **100** | **0.2%** | **-3,400** | **-5.9%** |
| **Construction** | **69,600** | **68,800** | **68,800** | **800** | **1.2%** | **800** | **1.2%** |
| ***Manufacturing*** ** | ***137,000*** | ***136,700*** | ***135,700*** | ***300*** | ***0.2%*** | ***1,300*** | ***1.0%*** |
| Non-durable Goods Manufacturing | 40,300 | 40,200 | 40,100 | 100 | 0.2% | 200 | 0.5% |
| **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** | **294,000** | **293,400** | **291,300** | **600** | **0.2%** | **2,700** | **0.9%** |
| Wholesale Trade | 61,000 | 61,300 | 61,900 | -300 | -0.5% | -900 | -1.5% |
| Retail Trade | 180,100 | 179,500 | 173,700 | 600 | 0.3% | 6,400 | 3.7% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 52,900 | 52,600 | 55,700 | 300 | 0.6% | -2,800 | -5.0% |
| ***Information*** ** | ***22,400*** | ***22,300*** | ***22,200*** | ***100*** | ***0.5%*** | ***200*** | ***0.9%*** |
| **Financial Activities** | **80,400** | **80,200** | **80,000** | **200** | **0.2%** | **400** | **0.5%** |
| Real Estate and Rental & Leasing | 21,500 | 21,500 | 21,500 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| **Professional & Business Services** | **183,700** | **183,200** | **178,100** | **500** | **0.3%** | **5,600** | **3.1%** |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 67,000 | 68,300 | 66,000 | -1,300 | -1.9% | 1,000 | 1.5% |
| Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs. | 99,800 | 98,500 | 95,800 | 1,300 | 1.3% | 4,000 | 4.2% |
| **Educational & Health Services** | **226,000** | **225,700** | **224,100** | **300** | **0.1%** | **1,900** | **0.8%** |
| Educational Services | 19,600 | 19,700 | 19,300 | -100 | -0.5% | 300 | 1.6% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 206,400 | 206,000 | 204,800 | 400 | 0.2% | 1,600 | 0.8% |
| **Leisure & Hospitality** | **156,300** | **155,000** | **150,900** | **1,300** | **0.8%** | **5,400** | **3.6%** |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 15,800 | 15,200 | 14,500 | 600 | 3.9% | 1,300 | 9.0% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 140,500 | 139,800 | 136,400 | 700 | 0.5% | 4,100 | 3.0% |
| **Other Services** | **57,400** | **57,100** | **57,200** | **300** | **0.5%** | **200** | **0.3%** |
| **Government** | **350,700** | **349,200** | **349,700** | **1,500** | **0.4%** | **1,000** | **0.3%** |
| Federal Government | 48,300 | 47,700 | 48,700 | 600 | 1.3% | -400 | -0.8% |
| State Government | 85,700 | 85,900 | 87,000 | -200 | -0.2% | -1,300 | -1.5% |
| Local Government | 216,700 | 215,600 | 214,000 | 1,100 | 0.5% | 2,700 | 1.3% |
| | | | | **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. Non-seasonally adjusted Manufacturing and Information employment is provided for comparison purposes.