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OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – September 2014

State unemployment rate unchanged in September

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** held steady at 4.7 percent in September. The **U.S. unemployment rate** dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent for the month. Over the year, the seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** for the state improved by 0.9 percentage points.

| SEPTEMBER 2014 | Unemp. rate* | Labor force* | Employment* | Unemployment* |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Oklahoma | 4.7% | 1,781,270 | 1,697,930 | 83,340 |
| United States | 5.9% | 155,862,000 | 146,600,000 | 9,262,000 |

* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

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|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sep '14 | 4.7% | 1,781,270 | 1,697,930 | 83,340 |
| Aug '14 | 4.7% | 1,777,590 | 1,694,330 | 83,260 |
| Jul '14 | 4.6% | 1,783,350 | 1,701,070 | 82,280 |
| Jun '14 | 4.5% | 1,793,690 | 1,712,330 | 81,360 |
| May '14 | 4.6% | 1,807,070 | 1,724,170 | 82,910 |
| Apr '14 | 4.6% | 1,816,770 | 1,732,410 | 84,370 |
| Sep '13 | 5.6% | 1,819,680 | 1,718,450 | 101,220 |

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Statewide seasonally adjusted **employment** and **unemployment** both expanded over the month. For the year, seasonally adjusted **unemployment** declined by 17,890 persons (-17.7 percent).

| SEPTEMBER 2014 | Monthly change* | | Annual change* | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Labor force | 3,680 | +0.2% | -38,410 | -2.1% |
| Employment | 3,600 | +0.2% | -20,530 | -1.2% |
| Unemployment | 70 | +0.1% | -17,890 | -17.7% |

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Oklahoma employment continues to grow

Oklahoma added 3,800 jobs (+0.2 percent) to its seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** in September. The U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** gained 248,000 jobs (+0.2 percent) over the month. State **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** expanded by 34,400 jobs (+2.1 percent) during the September-to-September period.

- Six of Oklahoma's nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors experienced job growth over the month, as **Leisure & Hospitality** (+4,000 jobs) posted the largest monthly gain.
- **Trade, Transportation & Utilities** (-1,700 jobs) claimed the largest over-the-month job loss. **Professional & Business Services** and **Government** also dropped jobs in September.
- All nine reported seasonally adjusted supersectors added jobs over the year. **Leisure & Hospitality** (+9,300 jobs) contributed the largest annual job gain.

| | NUMBER OF JOBS* | | | CHANGE* | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Sep '14 | Aug '14 | Sep '13 | Aug '14 to Sep '14 | | Sep '13 to Sep '14 | |
| TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT | 1,671,000 | 1,667,200 | 1,636,600 | 3,800 | 0.2% | 34,400 | 2.1% |
| Mining & Logging | 60,800 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 800 | 1.3% | 800 | 1.3% |
| Construction | 77,500 | 77,000 | 75,700 | 500 | 0.7% | 1,800 | 2.4% |
| Manufacturing** | 142,900 | 142,200 | 136,000 | 700 | 0.5% | 6,900 | 5.1% |
| Non-durable Goods Manufacturing | 41,800 | 41,700 | 40,500 | 100 | 0.2% | 1,300 | 3.2% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 300,900 | 302,600 | 296,700 | -1,700 | -0.6% | 4,200 | 1.4% |
| Wholesale Trade | 63,900 | 64,000 | 62,400 | -100 | -0.2% | 1,500 | 2.4% |
| Retail Trade | 179,400 | 180,900 | 175,900 | -1,500 | -0.8% | 3,500 | 2.0% |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 57,600 | 57,700 | 58,400 | -100 | -0.2% | -800 | -1.4% |
| Information** | 20,900 | 21,100 | 21,600 | -200 | -1.0% | -700 | -3.2% |
| Financial Activities | 83,800 | 83,500 | 80,900 | 300 | 0.4% | 2,900 | 3.6% |
| Real Estate and Rental & Leasing | 22,600 | 22,600 | 22,200 | 0 | 0.0% | 400 | 1.8% |
| Professional & Business Services | 180,500 | 181,100 | 180,400 | -600 | -0.3% | 100 | 0.1% |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 63,700 | 64,300 | 67,500 | -600 | -0.9% | -3,800 | -5.6% |
| Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Svcs. | 99,800 | 100,000 | 95,900 | -200 | -0.2% | 3,900 | 4.1% |
| Educational & Health Services | 234,100 | 233,600 | 227,100 | 500 | 0.2% | 7,000 | 3.1% |
| Educational Services | 18,700 | 18,700 | 19,000 | 0 | 0.0% | -300 | -1.6% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 215,400 | 214,900 | 208,100 | 500 | 0.2% | 7,300 | 3.5% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 162,100 | 158,100 | 152,800 | 4,000 | 2.5% | 9,300 | 6.1% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 16,200 | 15,400 | 14,700 | 800 | 5.2% | 1,500 | 10.2% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 145,900 | 142,700 | 138,100 | 3,200 | 2.2% | 7,800 | 5.7% |
| Other Services | 59,000 | 58,900 | 58,200 | 100 | 0.2% | 800 | 1.4% |
| Government | 348,500 | 349,100 | 347,200 | -600 | -0.2% | 1,300 | 0.4% |
| Federal Government | 47,200 | 46,900 | 46,700 | 300 | 0.6% | 500 | 1.1% |
| State Government | 85,600 | 85,400 | 86,100 | 200 | 0.2% | -500 | -0.6% |
| Local Government | 215,700 | 216,800 | 214,400 | -1,100 | -0.5% | 1,300 | 0.6% |
| | | | | 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.