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## Oklahoma

### Employment Update



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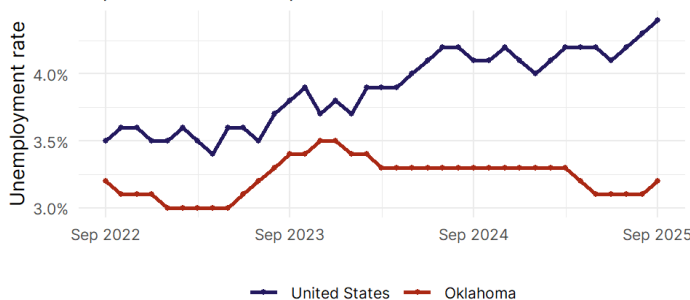
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In September, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 10, rose in 21, and remained unchanged in 20.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 2 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.4 percent.
- In September, **payroll jobs rose in 30 states and fell in 20.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.6 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Alaska, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.**

### Oklahoma Employment Snapshot

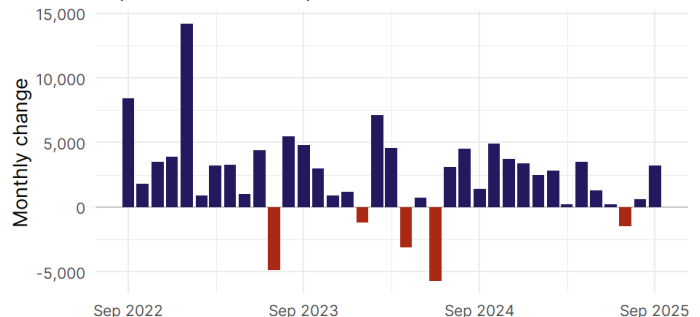
- In September, **Oklahoma added 3,200 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 3.2 percent.** In the prior month, Oklahoma added 600 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Oklahoma added 24,800 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 3.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 119,000 in September, or 0.1 percent.** Oklahoma **is tied for 10th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In September, **Oklahoma's private sector added 3,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 23,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Oklahoma added 900 net private payroll jobs.
- In September, employment in Oklahoma **rose by 3,567**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 24,536.
- **Oklahoma's labor force participation rate rose to 62.9 percent** in September from 62.8 percent and **is tied for 25th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.2 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Oklahoma  
September 2022 to September 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Oklahoma  
September 2022 to September 2025



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