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Employment Update



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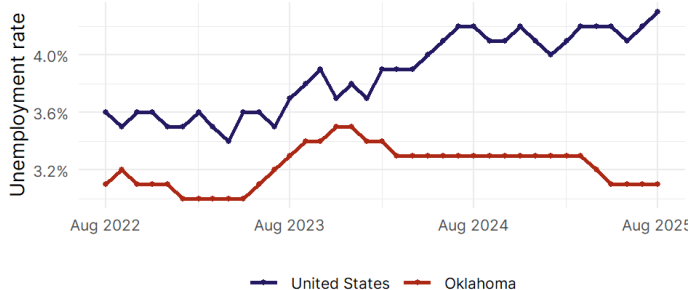
United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Oklahoma Employment Snapshot

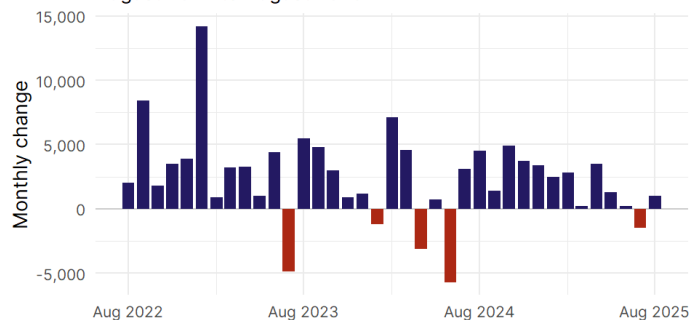
- In August, **Oklahoma added 1,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.1 percent.** In the prior month, Oklahoma lost 1,500 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Oklahoma added 23,400 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points from 3.3 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Oklahoma **is tied for 13th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Oklahoma's private sector lost 800 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 18,300 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Oklahoma lost 2,200 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Oklahoma **rose by 3,498**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 22,125.
- **Oklahoma's labor force participation rate rose to 62.8 percent** in August from 62.7 percent and **is tied for 26th** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.1 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Oklahoma
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls in Oklahoma
August 2022 to August 2025



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