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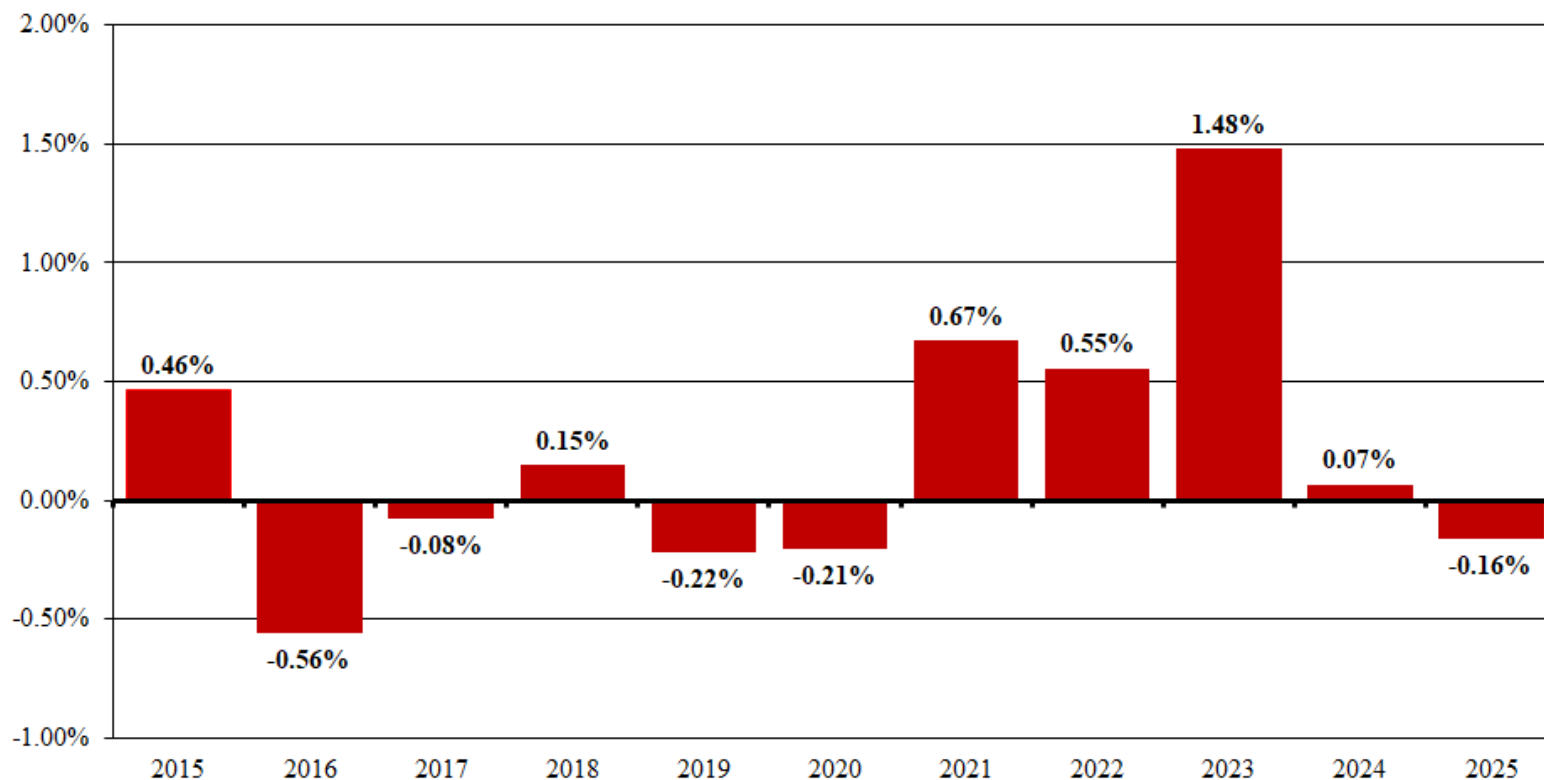
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Each year, the Current Employment Statistics Program (CES) survey of nonfarm establishments undergoes a benchmarking process, which is a revision of previously published monthly employment, hours, and earnings estimates. The benchmarking process replaces sample-based estimates with universe counts of employment provided primarily from Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax reports. For more information on the benchmarking process and for a summary of national benchmark revisions, see “CES State and Area Benchmark Article” at: [CES State and Area Benchmark Article : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

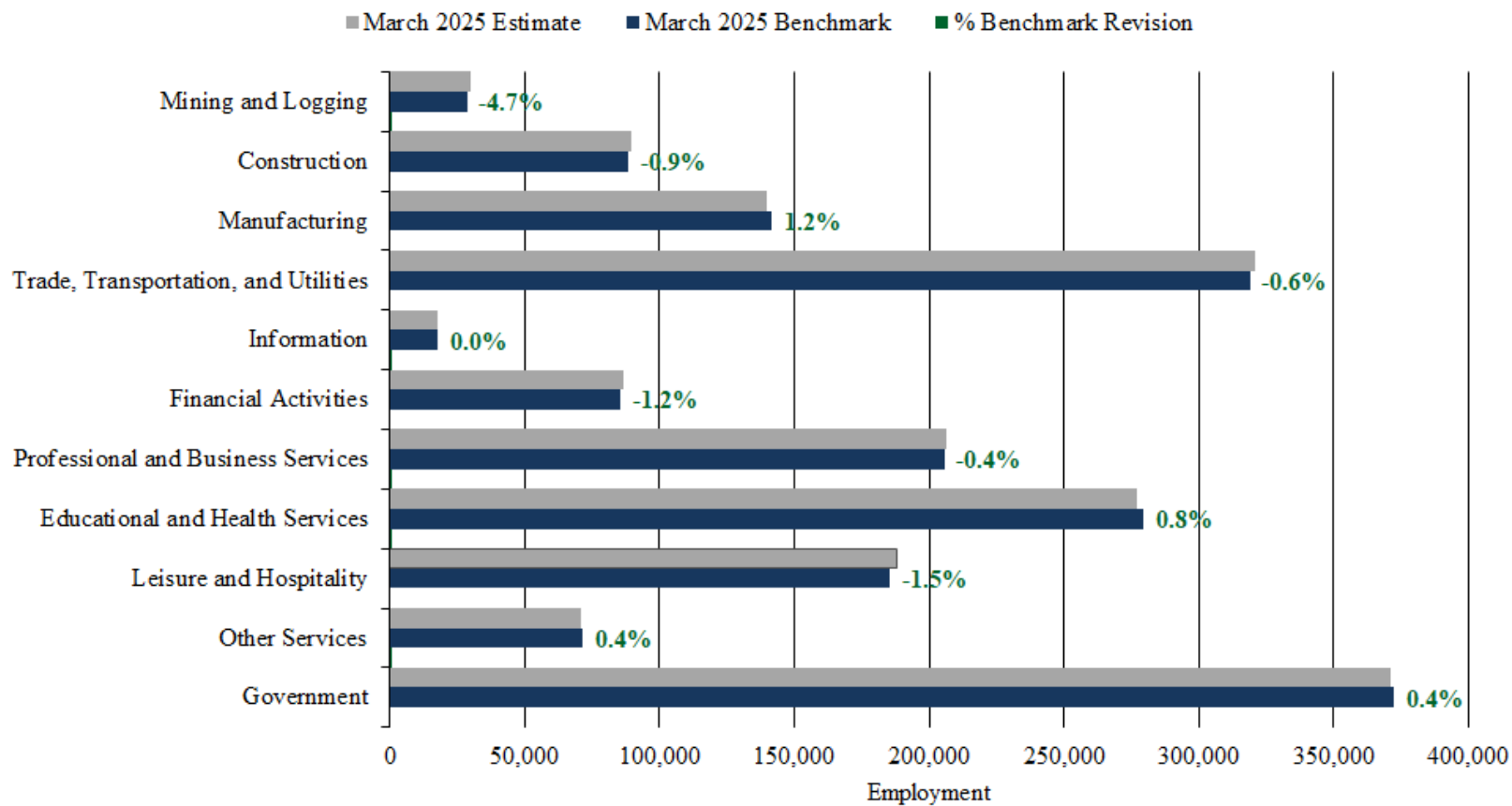
*With the release of the payroll employment estimates for January 2026 in April 2026, nonfarm payroll employment, hours, and earnings data for states and areas were revised to reflect the incorporation of the 2025 benchmarks and the recalculation of seasonal adjustment factors. The revisions affect all not seasonally adjusted data from April 2024 to December 2025, all seasonally adjusted data from January 2021 to December 2025, and select series subject to historical revisions before April 2024.*

**Chart 1. Oklahoma Statewide Total Nonfarm Employment  
Percent Benchmark Revision by Year, 2015-2025**



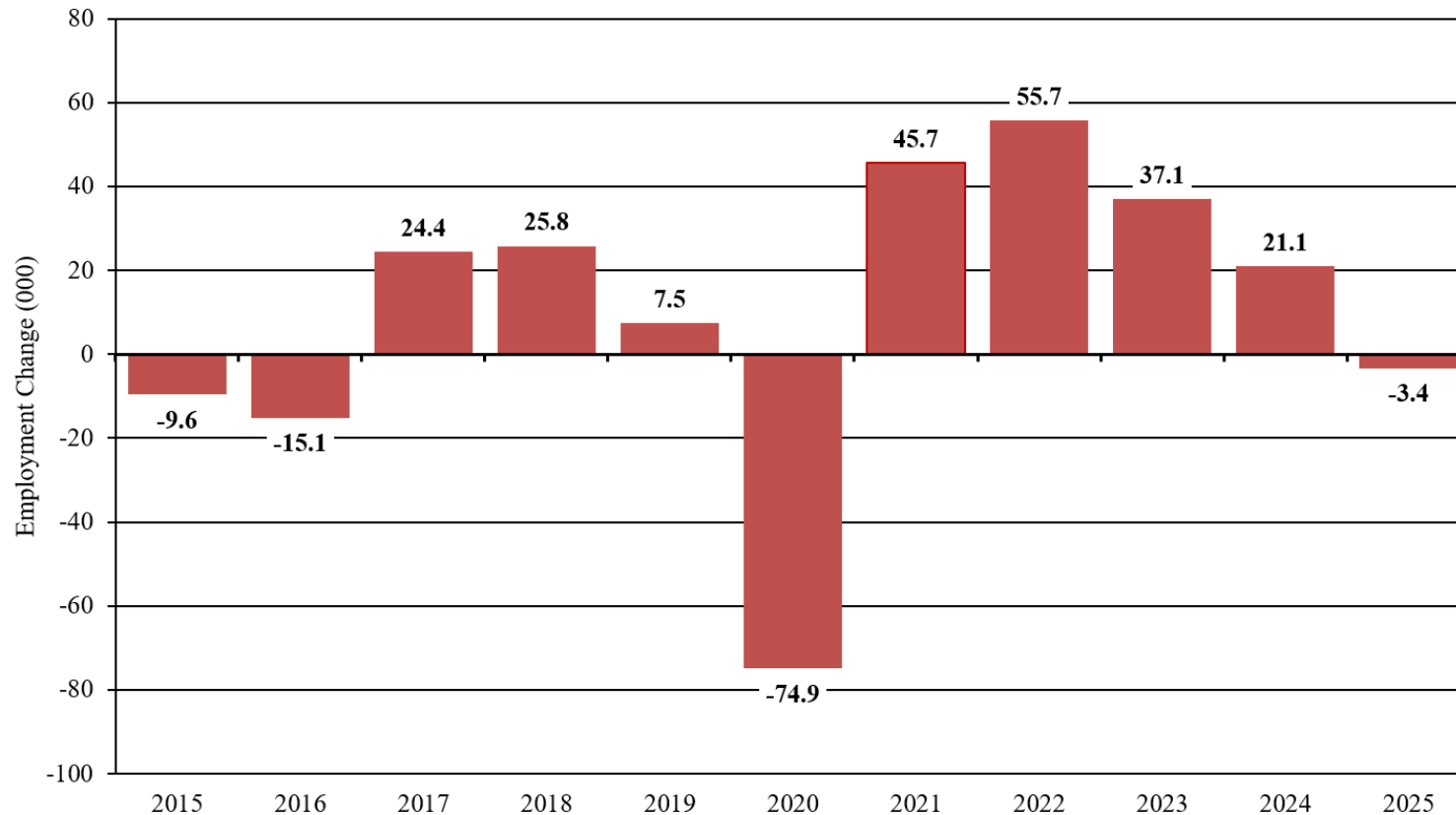
- The 2025 benchmark revision for Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment decreased by 2,900 (-0.16 percent) to 1,794,900 from the published March 2025 estimate of 1,797,800.
- In a 10-year period from 2015 to 2025, the magnitude of revisions have ranged from -0.56 percent in 2016 to 1.48 percent in 2023.

**Chart 2. Oklahoma Employment and Benchmark Revisions  
by Supersector, March 2025**



- Six supersectors had downward revisions, while four had upward revisions, and one was unchanged.
- The largest revisions were found in Leisure and Hospitality (-2,900) and Educational and Health Services (+2,300).
- The Information supersector revision was unchanged from the March 2025 estimate.

**Chart 3. Annual Change in Oklahoma Nonfarm Payroll Employment,  
2015-2025 (December)**



- Total nonfarm employment levels dipped in 2020 as 74,900 jobs were lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-pandemic, employment rebounded with large job gains in 2021 (45,700) and 2022 (55,700).
- In 2025, Oklahoma's total nonfarm employment lost 3,400 jobs over the year, bringing the employment level down to 1,787,000 in December 2025.

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