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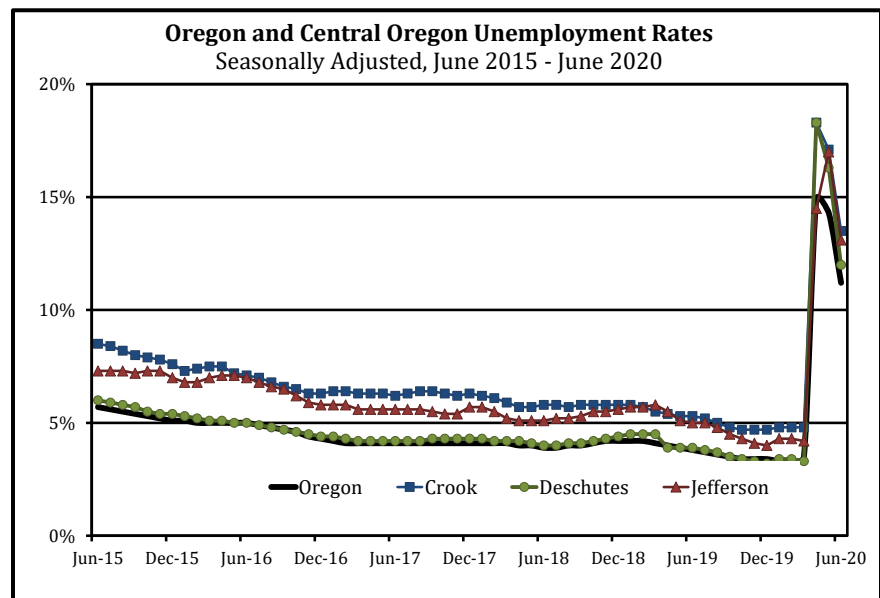
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## Employment in Central Oregon: June 2020

Phase 2 of COVID-19 reopening led to a notable increase in employment across Central Oregon and a significant drop in the unemployment rate. Despite the improvement, the employment situation remains far below levels from before the crisis. The region has recovered roughly 30 percent of all jobs lost in March and April.

**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 13.5 percent in June, down from 17.1 percent in May. The unemployment rate remains up significantly from this time last year when it was 5.3 percent.

Crook County posted its first meaningful job gains in June since the COVID crisis began. Total nonfarm employment rose by 260 jobs for Crook County businesses. Monthly job gains exceeded seasonal expectations by roughly 130 jobs. Most of the improvement in June was due to a strong rebound in leisure and hospitality, which added 90 jobs.



Employment levels remain down 12 percent from this time last year (-760 jobs). Despite improvement in June, Crook County businesses have only recovered around 14 percent of all the jobs that have been lost in the crisis. Employment in most major industry sectors remains down significantly from last June. Construction employment is down nearly 40 percent, leisure and hospitality down around 29 percent, retail trade down over 15 percent, and manufacturing down by around 11 percent.

**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 12 percent in June, down from 16.3 percent in May. The monthly drop in June was the largest monthly drop in the series history. The rate remains significantly higher than this time last year when it was 3.9 percent.

Deschutes County added 3,510 jobs in June, a 4.6 percent growth from May. Monthly job gains were far larger than typically expected based on seasonal patterns with roughly 70 percent of the monthly jobs attributed to a recovering economy.

Total nonfarm employment remains down significantly from this time last year (-9,530 jobs), however the employment situation is improving from the peak of the COVID crisis. As of June, Deschutes County added back around 30 percent of all jobs lost since March. Despite moving into phase 2 of reopening, many of the hard hit industries continue to see their employment situation down significantly from this time last year. Employment in accommodation and food services remains down by over 35 percent compared to this time last year. Local education is down 17 percent, professional and business services is down 12 percent, and manufacturing is down by over 9 percent. The only major industry sector to see growth over the past year was construction, which was up by around 160 jobs from last June.

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 13.1 percent in June, down from 17 percent in May. The rate remains up significantly from this time last year when it was 5 percent.

Jefferson County added 250 jobs in June and roughly half of those jobs can be attributed to economic recovery. The largest monthly gains were in manufacturing (+90 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (+60 jobs).

Jefferson County posted the first improvement to the employment situation since the onset of the COVID crisis, however employment remains down over 16 percent from this time last year. The county recovered around 13 percent of all jobs lost during the crisis in June. Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-36%); construction (-23%); professional and business services (-22%); and manufacturing (-18%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	--Change From--	
				May 2020	June 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,885	9,775	9,751	110	134
Unemployed	1,305	1,631	494	-326	811
Unemployment rate	13.2%	16.7%	5.1%	-3.5	8.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	13.5%	17.1%	5.3%	-3.6	8.2
Employed	8,580	8,144	9,257	436	-677
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,550	5,290	6,310	260	-760
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,370	5,240	6,100	130	-730
Total private	4,180	4,030	4,930	150	-750
Mining, logging, and construction	280	270	450	10	-170
Mining and logging	50	40	70	10	-20
Construction	230	230	380	0	-150
Manufacturing	620	610	700	10	-80
Wood product manufacturing	350	340	410	10	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	960	950	1,130	10	-170
Wholesale trade	280	280	330	0	-50
Retail trade	490	480	580	10	-90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	220	0	-30
Information	250	240	230	10	20
Financial activities	200	200	210	0	-10
Professional and business services	400	390	430	10	-30
Education and health services	690	690	710	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	590	500	830	90	-240
Other services	190	180	240	10	-50
Government	1,370	1,260	1,380	110	-10
Federal government	340	300	330	40	10
State government	150	120	150	30	0
Local government	880	840	900	40	-20

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



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### Bend-Redmond MSA (Deschutes County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	98,235	97,322	97,100	913	1,135
Unemployed	11,667	15,440	3,783	-3,773	7,884
Unemployment rate	11.9%	15.9%	3.9%	-4.0	8.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>16.3%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>-4.3</i>	<i>8.1</i>
Employed	86,568	81,882	93,317	4,686	-6,749
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	79,100	75,590	88,630	3,510	-9,530
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>77,540</i>	<i>75,030</i>	<i>86,700</i>	<i>2,510</i>	<i>-9,160</i>
Total private	70,580	66,870	78,690	3,710	-8,110
Mining, logging, and construction	7,470	7,470	7,310	0	160
Manufacturing	5,150	5,050	5,670	100	-520
Durable goods	3,220	3,200	3,400	20	-180
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,670	15,460	16,380	210	-710
Wholesale trade	2,250	2,270	2,280	-20	-30
Retail trade	11,230	11,020	11,900	210	-670
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,190	2,170	2,200	20	-10
Information	1,540	1,540	1,840	0	-300
Financial activities	4,690	4,590	5,020	100	-330
Professional and business services	9,410	9,300	10,690	110	-1,280
Education and health services	13,700	13,450	14,260	250	-560
Leisure and hospitality	10,050	7,320	14,470	2,730	-4,420
Accommodation and food services	7,720	6,560	11,980	1,160	-4,260
Other services	2,900	2,690	3,050	210	-150
Government	8,520	8,720	9,940	-200	-1,420
Federal government	1,050	990	1,060	60	-10
State government	870	920	900	-50	-30
Local government	6,600	6,810	7,980	-210	-1,380
Local education	3,820	3,930	4,600	-110	-780

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,136	10,015	10,410	121	-274
Unemployed	1,220	1,581	470	-361	750
Unemployment rate	12.0%	15.8%	4.5%	-3.8	7.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	13.1%	17.0%	5.0%	-3.9	8.1
Employed	8,916	8,434	9,940	482	-1,024
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,710	5,460	6,810	250	-1,100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,500	5,330	6,560	170	-1,060
Total private	3,450	3,240	4,280	210	-830
Mining, logging, and construction	100	90	140	10	-40
Mining and logging	0	0	10	0	-10
Construction	100	90	130	10	-30
Manufacturing	1,050	960	1,280	90	-230
Wood product manufacturing	740	640	880	100	-140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	770	760	880	10	-110
Wholesale trade	160	160	180	0	-20
Retail trade	540	530	600	10	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	70	70	100	0	-30
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	110	100	130	10	-20
Professional and business services	170	160	220	10	-50
Education and health services	590	590	660	0	-70
Leisure and hospitality	460	400	720	60	-260
Other services	170	150	220	20	-50
Government	2,260	2,220	2,530	40	-270
Federal government	130	130	120	0	10
State government	300	300	310	0	-10
Local government	1,830	1,790	2,100	40	-270
Indian tribal	820	800	1,050	20	-230

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The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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