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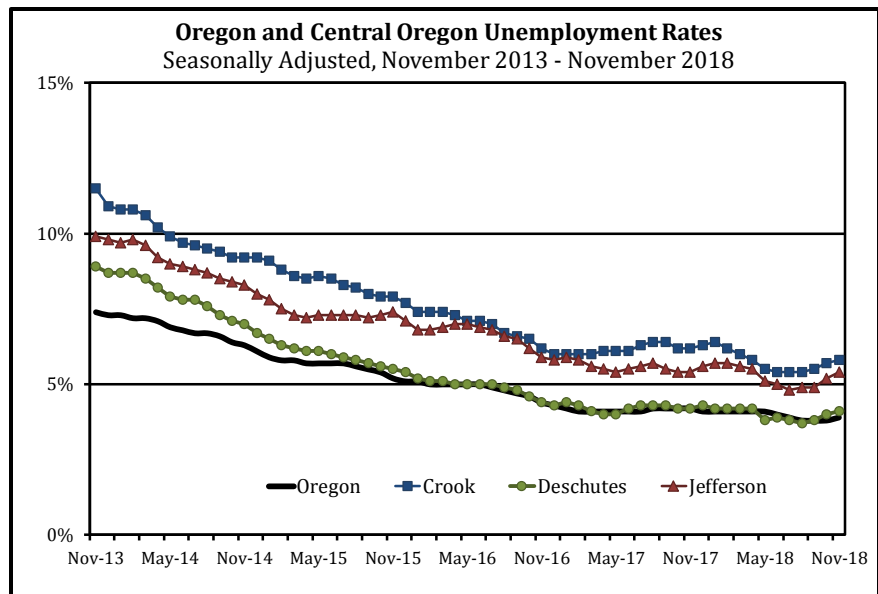
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## Employment in Central Oregon: November 2018

Unemployment levels continue to slowly trend upward as hiring slows, particularly in Deschutes County, where over-the-year job growth was tied for its slowest pace in the past six years.

**Crook County:** The unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in November from 5.7 percent in October. Although the change is not statistically significant it is the third consecutive month with an increase to the unemployment rate. The rate remains little changed from this time last year when it was 6.2 percent.

Crook County shed 120 jobs in November, fairly typical changes for this time of year.



Total nonfarm employment is up around 80 jobs from this time last year (+1.4%). Employment growth was largely due to gains in manufacturing, leisure and hospitality, and local government education.

**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in November, a slight increase from 4.0 percent in October. The rate is essentially unchanged from this time last year when it was 4.2 percent.

Deschutes County lost 400 jobs in November, fewer losses than typically expected this time of year. Seasonal losses were concentrated in accommodation and food services and construction.

Employment levels remain up by more than 3,000 jobs from this time last year. The rate of job growth over the past year (3.6%) is tied for the slowest going back nearly six years. Despite the slowing rate of job growth, no major industry sector lost jobs in the past year. Modest growth continues in construction, manufacturing, professional and business services, and education and health services.

**Jefferson County:** The unemployment rate rose to 5.4 percent in November, an increase from 5.2 percent in October. The rate is unchanged from this time last year.

Jefferson County lost 80 jobs in November, slightly larger losses than typical for this time of year.

The county continues to grow at a fast pace, adding 310 jobs in the past year (+4.9%). The largest job gains in the past year were in professional and business services (+90 jobs) and manufacturing (+60 jobs).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,350	9,454	9,551	-104	-201
Unemployed	526	531	566	-5	-40
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%	0.0	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.7%	6.2%	0.1	-0.4
Employed	8,824	8,923	8,985	-99	-161
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,770	5,890	5,690	-120	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,760	5,750	5,680	10	80
Total private	4,540	4,560	4,420	-20	120
Mining, logging, and construction	410	430	400	-20	10
Mining and logging	70	70	60	0	10
Construction	340	360	340	-20	0
Manufacturing	660	660	610	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	390	390	390	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	980	970	1,160	10	-180
Wholesale trade	220	210	340	10	-120
Retail trade	570	570	570	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	250	0	-60
Information	190	190	170	0	20
Financial activities	210	210	190	0	20
Professional and business services	360	350	340	10	20
Education and health services	750	750	620	0	130
Leisure and hospitality	730	750	680	-20	50
Other services	250	250	250	0	0
Government	1,230	1,330	1,270	-100	-40
Federal government	240	310	240	-70	0
State government	120	130	220	-10	-100
Local government	870	890	810	-20	60

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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	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	95,970	96,359	94,778	-389	1,192
Unemployed	3,910	3,786	3,906	124	4
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.9%	4.1%	0.2	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	4.2%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	92,060	92,573	90,872	-513	1,188
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	86,360	86,760	83,340	-400	3,020
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>86,140</i>	<i>86,080</i>	<i>82,750</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>3,390</i>
Total private	75,800	76,310	73,050	-510	2,750
Mining, logging, and construction	7,210	7,560	7,000	-350	210
Manufacturing	5,750	5,780	5,550	-30	200
Durable goods	3,510	3,510	3,520	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,570	16,220	15,790	350	780
Wholesale trade	2,070	2,070	1,960	0	110
Retail trade	12,180	11,890	11,750	290	430
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,320	2,260	2,080	60	240
Information	1,870	1,880	1,810	-10	60
Financial activities	5,000	5,030	4,830	-30	170
Professional and business services	10,490	10,480	10,000	10	490
Education and health services	13,820	13,820	13,030	0	790
Leisure and hospitality	12,110	12,490	12,160	-380	-50
Accommodation and food services	10,690	11,120	10,050	-430	640
Other services	2,980	3,050	2,880	-70	100
Government	10,560	10,450	10,290	110	270
Federal government	910	990	880	-80	30
State government	880	870	1,160	10	-280
Local government	8,770	8,590	8,250	180	520
Local education	5,360	5,150	5,000	210	360

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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,162	10,269	10,005	-107	157
Unemployed	554	501	526	53	28
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.9%	5.3%	0.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.2%	5.4%	0.2	0.0
Employed	9,608	9,768	9,479	-160	129
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,640	6,720	6,330	-80	310
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,640	6,660	6,330	-20	310
Total private	4,160	4,250	3,890	-90	270
Mining, logging, and construction	140	150	130	-10	10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	120	130	110	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,230	1,210	1,170	20	60
Wood product manufacturing	860	840	800	20	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	910	920	890	-10	20
Wholesale trade	210	210	190	0	20
Retail trade	590	590	590	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	120	110	-10	0
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	120	130	120	-10	0
Professional and business services	280	290	190	-10	90
Education and health services	670	670	590	0	80
Leisure and hospitality	610	650	590	-40	20
Other services	170	200	180	-30	-10
Government	2,480	2,470	2,440	10	40
Federal government	120	120	130	0	-10
State government	290	290	370	0	-80
Local government	2,070	2,060	1,940	10	130
Indian tribal	1,020	1,020	970	0	50

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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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