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Employment in Central Oregon: December 2018

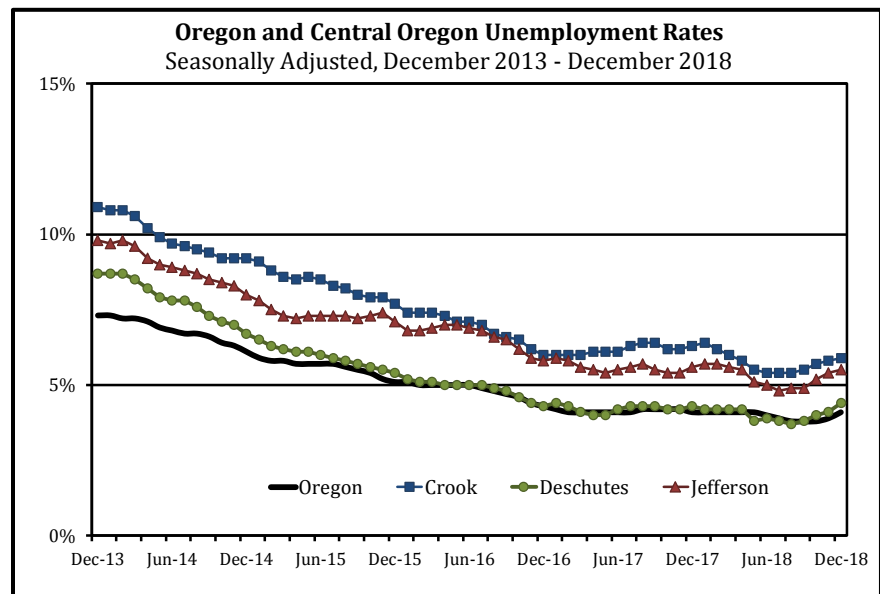
Central Oregon finished the year on a positive note with over-the-year job growth surging in all three counties. This surge was largely due to significantly fewer seasonal layoffs than typically expected this time of year. A sign of a strong holiday season across the region.

Note: The ongoing partial shutdown of the Federal Government is currently affecting the employment situation of Central Oregon. However, we will not see any effect in these December figures as the shutdown began after the reference week we use for the employment and unemployment estimates.

Crook County: The unemployment rate was little changed in December at 5.9 percent from 5.8 percent in November. The rate remains down slightly from this time last year when it was 6.3 percent.

Crook County lost 60 jobs in December, fewer losses than typically expected this time of year.

The county ended the year strong with rates of job growth accelerating in the fourth quarter of 2018. Total nonfarm employment is up 150 jobs from this time last year (+2.7%). Employment gains were due to moderate to strong growth in the past year from a handful of industries, including leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; health care; manufacturing, and local government.



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in December, a statistically significant increase from 4.1 percent in November. The rate is essentially unchanged from this time last year when it was 4.3 percent.

Deschutes County lost 180 jobs in December, significantly fewer losses than typically expected this time of year.

The rate of over-the-year job growth ticked up to 4 percent in December (+3,330 jobs) after the county lost significantly fewer seasonal jobs in December than typically expected. This points to a busy holiday season for local employers with stronger than expected employment levels for transportation, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality. In the past year Deschutes County also saw strong job growth in manufacturing, health care, professional and business services, and construction.

Jefferson County: The unemployment rate rose to 5.5 percent in December, little changed from 5.4 percent in November. The rate was 5.6 percent this time last year.

Jefferson County lost 70 jobs in December, fewer losses than typical for this time of year.

The pace of job growth continues to accelerate with employment levels up 5.8 percent from this time last year (+360 jobs). Job growth was concentrated in local government; professional and business services; manufacturing; and leisure and hospitality.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5th.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,297	9,361	9,458	-64	-161
Unemployed	587	532	624	55	-37
Unemployment rate	6.3%	5.7%	6.6%	0.6	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.8%	6.3%	0.1	-0.4
Employed	8,710	8,829	8,834	-119	-124
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,710	5,770	5,560	-60	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,790	5,760	5,640	30	150
Total private	4,490	4,540	4,290	-50	200
Mining, logging, and construction	380	410	380	-30	0
Mining and logging	70	70	60	0	10
Construction	310	340	320	-30	-10
Manufacturing	670	660	630	10	40
Wood product manufacturing	390	390	400	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	970	980	1,080	-10	-110
Wholesale trade	210	220	310	-10	-100
Retail trade	570	570	550	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	220	0	-30
Information	190	190	180	0	10
Financial activities	210	210	180	0	30
Professional and business services	350	360	310	-10	40
Education and health services	750	750	610	0	140
Leisure and hospitality	720	730	670	-10	50
Other services	250	250	250	0	0
Government	1,220	1,230	1,270	-10	-50
Federal government	230	240	230	-10	0
State government	120	120	220	0	-100
Local government	870	870	820	0	50

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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	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	95,899	96,189	93,692	-290	2,207
Unemployed	4,309	3,934	4,008	375	301
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.1%	4.3%	0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.1%	4.3%	0.3	0.1
Employed	91,590	92,255	89,684	-665	1,906
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	86,370	86,550	83,040	-180	3,330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	86,900	86,370	83,790	530	3,110
Total private	75,920	75,980	72,880	-60	3,040
Mining, logging, and construction	7,120	7,310	6,870	-190	250
Manufacturing	5,860	5,860	5,520	0	340
Durable goods	3,530	3,510	3,500	20	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,610	16,560	15,880	50	730
Wholesale trade	2,060	2,070	1,940	-10	120
Retail trade	12,020	12,170	11,710	-150	310
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,530	2,320	2,230	210	300
Information	1,890	1,870	1,810	20	80
Financial activities	4,990	4,960	4,820	30	170
Professional and business services	10,200	10,420	9,840	-220	360
Education and health services	13,940	13,850	13,070	90	870
Leisure and hospitality	12,320	12,160	12,190	160	130
Accommodation and food services	10,830	10,840	9,960	-10	870
Other services	2,990	2,990	2,880	0	110
Government	10,450	10,570	10,160	-120	290
Federal government	940	910	870	30	70
State government	870	870	1,140	0	-270
Local government	8,640	8,790	8,150	-150	490
Local education	5,130	5,220	4,910	-90	220

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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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	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,073	10,189	9,966	-116	107
Unemployed	604	553	600	51	4
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.4%	6.0%	0.6	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	9,469	9,636	9,366	-167	103
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,590	6,660	6,230	-70	360
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,700	6,660	6,330	40	370
Total private	4,140	4,170	3,820	-30	320
Mining, logging, and construction	130	140	130	-10	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	110	120	110	-10	0
Manufacturing	1,260	1,230	1,190	30	70
Wood product manufacturing	880	860	830	20	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	890	910	850	-20	40
Wholesale trade	210	210	190	0	20
Retail trade	570	590	560	-20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	100	0	10
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	120	120	130	0	-10
Professional and business services	280	280	170	0	110
Education and health services	660	670	590	-10	70
Leisure and hospitality	600	620	560	-20	40
Other services	170	170	170	0	0
Government	2,450	2,490	2,410	-40	40
Federal government	120	120	130	0	-10
State government	280	290	370	-10	-90
Local government	2,050	2,080	1,910	-30	140
Indian tribal	1,000	1,020	910	-20	90

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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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