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## Employment in Central Oregon: March 2019

The employment situation was little changed in March. Hiring was fairly consistent with seasonal patterns and unemployment levels were little changed.

**Crook County:** The unemployment rate rose slightly in March to 6.5 percent from 6.3 percent in February. The rate is up slightly from this time last year when it was 6.0 percent.

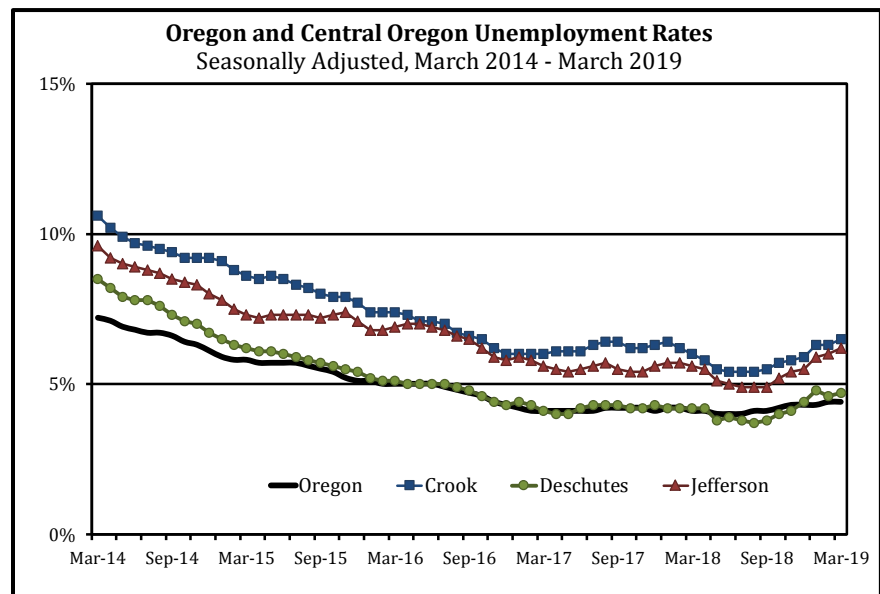
Crook County added 80 jobs in March, stronger gains than typically expected this time of year.

Over the past year, Crook County added 140 jobs (+2.5%). The majority of the jobs added were in private industries, with gains concentrated in health services; information; and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. No private industry sector posted significant job losses over the past year.

**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in March, essentially unchanged from 4.6 percent in February. The rate was 4.2 percent last March.

Deschutes County added 260 jobs in March, stronger hiring than typically expected this time of year.

The county added 2,440 jobs in the past year (+3%). Every private industry sector added jobs over the past year. The fastest rate of job growth was in accommodation and food services (+8.8%) and manufacturing (+6.1%). Local government education posted a loss of 500 jobs over the past year. This is likely a poor estimate that will be revised in the next month or two.



**Jefferson County:** The unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in March, up from 6.0 percent in February. The rate was 5.6 percent this time last year.

Jefferson County added 10 jobs in March, slower hiring than typically expected this time of year.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 280 jobs (+4.4%) over the past year. Manufacturing (+110 jobs) posted the largest gains over the past year. There was also strong growth in professional and business services and leisure and hospitality, each adding 50 jobs. There were no significant jobs losses over the past year.

**Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.



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## Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,441	9,378	9,282	63	159
Unemployed	704	656	650	48	54
Unemployment rate	7.5%	7.0%	7.0%	0.5	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	6.3%	6.0%	0.2	0.5
Employed	8,737	8,722	8,632	15	105
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,800	5,720	5,660	80	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,970	5,930	5,830	40	140
Total private	4,600	4,520	4,500	80	100
Mining, logging, and construction	370	350	370	20	0
Mining and logging	70	70	60	0	10
Construction	300	280	310	20	-10
Manufacturing	670	660	660	10	10
Wood product manufacturing	380	390	390	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,140	1,130	1,100	10	40
Wholesale trade	370	370	360	0	10
Retail trade	570	560	560	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	200	180	0	20
Information	200	200	180	0	20
Financial activities	200	200	190	0	10
Professional and business services	360	360	350	0	10
Education and health services	770	760	740	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	660	630	670	30	-10
Other services	230	230	240	0	-10
Government	1,200	1,200	1,160	0	40
Federal government	240	230	230	10	10
State government	120	120	120	0	0
Local government	840	850	810	-10	30

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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	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	96,386	96,751	94,101	-365	2,285
Unemployed	5,063	5,108	4,538	-45	525
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.3%	4.8%	0.0	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%	0.1	0.5
Employed	91,323	91,643	89,563	-320	1,760
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	85,070	84,810	82,630	260	2,440
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	86,730	86,630	84,070	100	2,660
Total private	75,580	75,270	72,790	310	2,790
Mining, logging, and construction	7,130	7,010	6,780	120	350
Manufacturing	5,870	5,920	5,530	-50	340
Durable goods	3,590	3,590	3,520	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,090	15,920	15,590	170	500
Wholesale trade	2,000	2,000	1,940	0	60
Retail trade	11,920	11,760	11,500	160	420
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,170	2,160	2,150	10	20
Information	1,910	1,910	1,880	0	30
Financial activities	4,680	4,690	4,480	-10	200
Professional and business services	10,230	10,350	9,920	-120	310
Education and health services	13,850	13,850	13,520	0	330
Leisure and hospitality	12,790	12,600	12,210	190	580
Accommodation and food services	10,740	10,560	9,870	180	870
Other services	3,030	3,020	2,880	10	150
Government	9,490	9,540	9,840	-50	-350
Federal government	880	870	860	10	20
State government	870	880	850	-10	20
Local government	7,740	7,790	8,130	-50	-390
Local education	4,330	4,380	4,830	-50	-500

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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,439	10,398	10,036	41	403
Unemployed	750	757	631	-7	119
Unemployment rate	7.2%	7.3%	6.3%	-0.1	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.0%	5.6%	0.2	0.6
Employed	9,689	9,641	9,405	48	284
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,660	6,650	6,380	10	280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,820	6,860	6,530	-40	290
Total private	4,200	4,170	4,000	30	200
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	120	0	10
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	110	110	110	0	0
Manufacturing	1,280	1,280	1,170	0	110
Wood product manufacturing	900	890	810	10	90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	830	820	860	10	-30
Wholesale trade	180	180	190	0	-10
Retail trade	540	540	560	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	100	110	10	0
Information	40	40	30	0	10
Financial activities	130	130	110	0	20
Professional and business services	310	300	260	10	50
Education and health services	680	680	690	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	620	610	570	10	50
Other services	180	180	190	0	-10
Government	2,460	2,480	2,380	-20	80
Federal government	120	120	130	0	-10
State government	290	290	290	0	0
Local government	2,050	2,070	1,960	-20	90
Indian tribal	970	980	940	-10	30

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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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