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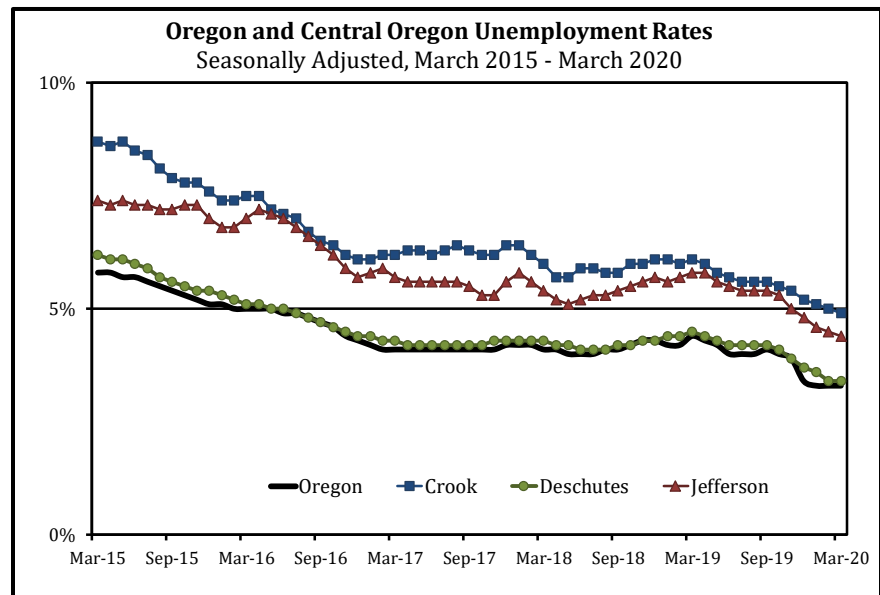
Employment in Central Oregon: March 2020

The survey reference week for the employment and unemployment estimates is the week that includes the 12th of the month. The reference week for March was one week before the initial workplace and gathering restriction to slow the spread of COVID-19. As a result, these preliminary March estimates show little impact from the virus on the local economy.

Crook County: The unemployment rate was little changed at 4.9 percent in March. The rate dropped significantly from March 2019 when it was 6.1 percent.

Crook County's total nonfarm employment was unchanged in March. Typically a gain of 60 jobs would be expected this time of year.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 160 jobs (+2.8%) from March 2019. The county overcame job losses in manufacturing with strong growth in local government; leisure and hospitality; information; and transportation.



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The unemployment rate was 3.4 percent in March. Levels of unemployment dropped significantly from March 2019 when the rate was 4.5 percent.

Deschutes County added 550 jobs in March, stronger gains than typically expected this time of year.

Total nonfarm employment in March was up by 2,380 jobs from March 2019 (+2.8%). The largest gains over the past year were in industries that we know have been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 restrictions, including health care, leisure and hospitality, and construction. Job losses over the past year were largely isolated to professional and business services and information.

Jefferson County: The unemployment rate was little changed in March at 4.4 percent. The rate was 5.8 percent in March 2019.

Jefferson County lost 70 jobs in March. Typically the county would begin posting seasonal hiring this time of year.

Employment in March 2020 was largely unchanged from last year (-20 jobs). There were small gains in construction and retail trade over the past year. Job losses were posted in professional and business services, financial activities, and transportation and warehousing.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19th.

Record Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims across Oregon

During the week of April 5 to April 11, the Oregon Employment Department received 53,800 initial claims for unemployment benefits. That's in addition to a revised total of 243,000 initial claims filed during the prior three weeks.

Over the past four weeks around 10,125 initial claims for unemployment benefits have been processed for Deschutes County residents. Deschutes County has been particularly hard hit by COVID-19 layoffs due to a higher concentration of leisure and hospitality and health care jobs. Around 900 initial claims were processed for residents of Crook County and 730 for Jefferson County residents.

The Employment Department rapidly redeployed its staff, opened additional phone lines, and hired new staff in an attempt to address this unprecedented surge in claims. We are present to help Oregonians who have experienced tremendous disruptions, while also doing our part to follow health and safety guidelines for our communities.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,497	9,502	9,452	-5	45
Unemployed	535	541	701	-6	-166
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.7%	7.4%	-0.1	-1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.0%	6.1%	-0.1	-1.2
Employed	8,962	8,961	8,751	1	211
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,930	5,930	5,770	0	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,100	6,160	5,930	-60	170
Total private	4,700	4,710	4,600	-10	100
Mining, logging, and construction	390	380	370	10	20
Mining and logging	50	60	60	-10	-10
Construction	340	320	310	20	30
Manufacturing	680	690	710	-10	-30
Wood product manufacturing	380	390	420	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,080	1,090	1,070	-10	10
Wholesale trade	320	330	330	-10	-10
Retail trade	550	550	550	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	190	0	20
Information	240	240	210	0	30
Financial activities	220	220	210	0	10
Professional and business services	400	390	380	10	20
Education and health services	760	760	740	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	720	730	670	-10	50
Other services	210	210	240	0	-30
Government	1,230	1,220	1,170	10	60
Federal government	230	220	230	10	0
State government	130	130	120	0	10
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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	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	95,952	95,628	94,850	324	1,102
Unemployed	3,783	3,897	4,972	-114	-1,189
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.1%	5.2%	-0.2	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.4%	4.5%	0.0	-1.1
Employed	92,169	91,731	89,878	438	2,291
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	86,370	85,820	83,990	550	2,380
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>87,870</i>	<i>87,640</i>	<i>85,600</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>2,270</i>
Total private	76,280	75,770	74,030	510	2,250
Mining, logging, and construction	7,380	6,960	6,420	420	960
Manufacturing	5,560	5,650	5,510	-90	50
Durable goods	3,440	3,450	3,430	-10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,070	16,070	15,820	0	250
Wholesale trade	2,340	2,330	2,230	10	110
Retail trade	11,460	11,480	11,470	-20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,270	2,260	2,120	10	150
Information	1,650	1,650	1,820	0	-170
Financial activities	4,910	4,880	4,690	30	220
Professional and business services	9,600	9,490	10,070	110	-470
Education and health services	14,720	14,720	14,040	0	680
Leisure and hospitality	13,260	13,210	12,690	50	570
Accommodation and food services	10,980	10,900	10,300	80	680
Other services	3,130	3,140	2,970	-10	160
Government	10,090	10,050	9,960	40	130
Federal government	890	850	890	40	0
State government	920	910	900	10	20
Local government	8,280	8,290	8,170	-10	110
Local education	4,700	4,720	4,860	-20	-160

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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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	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,900	9,971	10,064	-71	-164
Unemployed	526	573	734	-47	-208
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.7%	7.3%	-0.4	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.5%	5.8%	-0.1	-1.4
Employed	9,374	9,398	9,330	-24	44
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,430	6,500	6,450	-70	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,570	6,670	6,590	-100	-20
Total private	4,030	4,080	4,080	-50	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	100	0	30
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	110	110	90	0	20
Manufacturing	1,270	1,300	1,270	-30	0
Wood product manufacturing	880	900	880	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	810	830	820	-20	-10
Wholesale trade	170	190	180	-20	-10
Retail trade	560	560	540	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	80	80	100	0	-20
Information	40	40	30	0	10
Financial activities	120	120	140	0	-20
Professional and business services	190	190	230	0	-40
Education and health services	680	680	680	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	610	610	620	0	-10
Other services	180	180	190	0	-10
Government	2,400	2,420	2,370	-20	30
Federal government	130	120	120	10	10
State government	300	310	310	-10	-10
Local government	1,970	1,990	1,940	-20	30
Indian tribal	910	910	890	0	20

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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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