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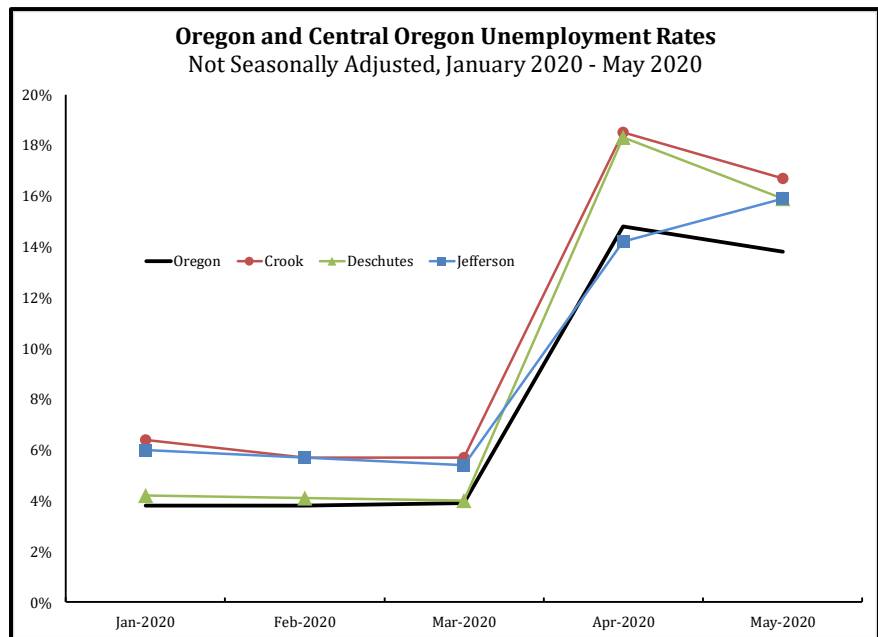
## Employment in Central Oregon: May 2020

The movement into Phase 1 of COVID-19 reopening in Central Oregon moved the needle for the regional labor market. The unemployment rate improved slightly in May as many workers on temporary layoff began getting called back to work.

**Crook County:** The *non-seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate fell to 16.7 percent in May, down from 18.5 percent in April. The number of employed workers rose by 251 in May from April. The unemployment rate remains up significantly from this time last year when it was 4.8 percent.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 100 jobs for Crook County businesses. Although the county added jobs, the number of jobs added was fewer than we would expect this time of year during normal economic conditions.

Compared with this time last year total nonfarm employment remains down by 790 jobs (-12.9%). Nearly every major industry sector posted job losses over the past year with the exception being information (+20 jobs). The largest losses continue to be seen in leisure and hospitality (-260); construction (-140); retail trade (-100); and manufacturing (-90).



**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The *non-seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate dropped to 15.9 percent in May, down from 18.3 percent in April. An additional 3,068 workers were employed in May compared with April. The rate remains significantly higher than this time last year when it was 3.4 percent.

Deschutes County added 1,680 jobs in May on a seasonally adjusted basis. Roughly 11 percent of the jobs that were lost in April were added back in May.

Total nonfarm employment remains down by 13.9 percent from this time last year (-12,120 jobs). The largest losses continue to be seen in leisure and hospitality, down 6,160 from last year (-45.6%). Other hard hit sectors include professional and business services (-1,470 jobs); local government (-1,460 jobs); health services (-810 jobs); and retail trade (-750 jobs). After a dip in April, construction rebounded with employment levels roughly the same as this time last year.

**Jefferson County:** The *non-seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate was 15.9 percent in May, up from 14.2 percent in April. Jefferson County was the only county in the state to post a significant unemployment rate increase in May. The rate remains up significantly from this time last year when it was 4.2 percent.

The unemployment rate rose due to continued job losses from Jefferson County businesses in May. Total nonfarm employment dropped by 130 jobs in May. These monthly losses were concentrated in manufacturing, which dropped 180 jobs from April.

Over the past year employment remains down by 1,270 (-18.8%). Jefferson is among the hardest hit counties from COVID-19 layoffs. Manufacturing posted the largest job losses over the past year (-310), followed by leisure and hospitality (-300).

### Next Press Releases

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



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,799	9,710	9,536	89	263
Unemployed	1,636	1,798	455	-162	1,181
Unemployment rate	16.7%	18.5%	4.8%	-1.8	11.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	8,163	7,912	9,081	251	-918
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,300	5,200	6,090	100	-790
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,250	5,300	6,040	-50	-790
Total private	4,030	3,950	4,810	80	-780
Mining, logging, and construction	260	260	430	0	-170
Mining and logging	40	40	70	0	-30
Construction	220	220	360	0	-140
Manufacturing	620	630	710	-10	-90
Wood product manufacturing	340	350	420	-10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	950	960	1,120	-10	-170
Wholesale trade	280	290	330	-10	-50
Retail trade	480	480	580	0	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	210	0	-20
Information	240	240	220	0	20
Financial activities	200	200	220	0	-20
Professional and business services	390	390	400	0	-10
Education and health services	690	670	720	20	-30
Leisure and hospitality	500	430	760	70	-260
Other services	180	170	230	10	-50
Government	1,270	1,250	1,280	20	-10
Federal government	300	270	300	30	0
State government	130	130	130	0	0
Local government	840	850	850	-10	-10

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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	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	97,176	96,249	95,754	927	1,422
Unemployed	15,444	17,585	3,299	-2,141	12,145
Unemployment rate	15.9%	18.3%	3.4%	-2.4	12.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	81,732	78,664	92,455	3,068	-10,723
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	75,180	72,490	87,300	2,690	-12,120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>74,630</i>	<i>72,950</i>	<i>86,400</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>-11,770</i>
Total private	66,500	63,680	77,100	2,820	-10,600
Mining, logging, and construction	7,230	6,990	7,190	240	40
Manufacturing	5,050	5,030	5,610	20	-560
Durable goods	3,180	3,340	3,440	-160	-260
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,470	14,770	16,150	700	-680
Wholesale trade	2,330	2,240	2,290	90	40
Retail trade	10,960	10,380	11,710	580	-750
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,180	2,150	2,150	30	30
Information	1,500	1,550	1,810	-50	-310
Financial activities	4,600	4,580	4,880	20	-280
Professional and business services	9,170	8,680	10,640	490	-1,470
Education and health services	13,490	13,160	14,300	330	-810
Leisure and hospitality	7,340	6,370	13,500	970	-6,160
Accommodation and food services	6,570	5,280	11,230	1,290	-4,660
Other services	2,650	2,550	3,020	100	-370
Government	8,680	8,810	10,200	-130	-1,520
Federal government	960	920	1,010	40	-50
State government	880	930	890	-50	-10
Local government	6,840	6,960	8,300	-120	-1,460
Local education	3,930	4,130	4,910	-200	-980

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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,043	9,843	10,269	200	-226
Unemployed	1,594	1,402	431	192	1,163
Unemployment rate	15.9%	14.2%	4.2%	1.7	11.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	8,449	8,441	9,838	8	-1,389
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,470	5,600	6,740	-130	-1,270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,340	5,590	6,580	-250	-1,240
Total private	3,240	3,340	4,250	-100	-1,010
Mining, logging, and construction	90	90	130	0	-40
Mining and logging	0	0	10	0	-10
Construction	90	90	120	0	-30
Manufacturing	960	1,140	1,270	-180	-310
Wood product manufacturing	640	820	880	-180	-240
Trade, transportation, and utilities	770	750	860	20	-90
Wholesale trade	160	160	180	0	-20
Retail trade	530	510	570	20	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	80	80	110	0	-30
Information	30	30	40	0	-10
Financial activities	100	100	150	0	-50
Professional and business services	160	150	220	10	-60
Education and health services	600	590	670	10	-70
Leisure and hospitality	390	360	690	30	-300
Other services	140	130	220	10	-80
Government	2,230	2,260	2,490	-30	-260
Federal government	130	120	120	10	10
State government	300	300	310	0	-10
Local government	1,800	1,840	2,060	-40	-260
Indian tribal	810	800	1,000	10	-190

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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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