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Employment in Central Oregon: October 2020

Recovery from the COVID-19 shock continued in October with strong monthly employment gains on a seasonally adjusted basis across Central Oregon. In addition to the new monthly figures, the employment situation from earlier in the spring saw significant revisions using payroll records through June, providing a clearer picture of the initial COVID-19 shock and early recovery. These revisions revealed that job losses were not nearly as significant as initially estimated for both Crook and Jefferson counties; however, the losses in Deschutes County (Bend MSA) were larger than those early estimates.

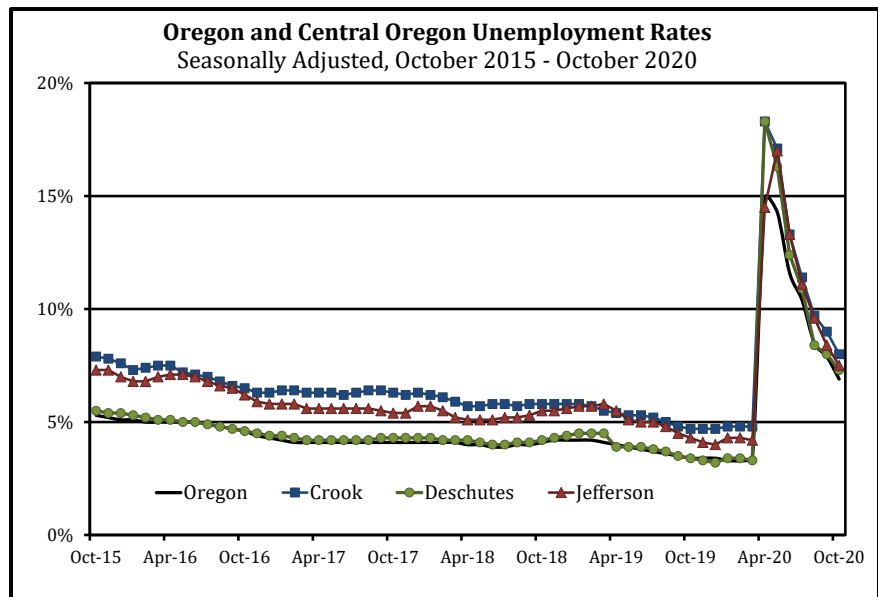
Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.0 percent in October, down from the revised rate of 9.0 percent in September. The unemployment rate is much improved since May, but still higher than before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; it was 4.8 percent in March 2020.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 30 jobs in October on a seasonally adjusted basis, continuing the recovery from the initial COVID-19 shock in April.

Recent revisions using payroll tax records through June 2020 revealed that the COVID-19 job losses were not nearly as severe as initially estimated. The county lost 540 jobs in April, rather than the initial estimate of roughly 800 jobs. Crook County has recovered

350 of those 540 jobs lost during the COVID-19 crisis through October. Crook County's job losses over the past year remain in leisure and hospitality (-130 jobs), as well as manufacturing (-110 jobs). Construction, information, and professional and business services all added jobs over the past year.

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.3 percent in October, down from a revised rate of 8.0 percent in September. The rate remains significantly higher than before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 3.3 percent in March 2020.



Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment rose by 1,330, a significant monthly gain of more than 1.6 percent.

Revisions to the employment situation revealed that Deschutes County's initial employment shock due to COVID-19 was slightly worse than originally estimated. The county lost around 15,700 jobs in the first few months of the crisis. The county has recovered around 9,250 of those jobs lost, but total nonfarm employment remains down 7.2 percent from before the crisis. The largest employment losses over the past year remain in leisure and hospitality, down around 2,500 jobs from last October. Employment in the manufacturing sector also remains down significantly from this time last year (-850 jobs) with those losses nearly split between the durable and non-durable forms of manufacturing.

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5 percent in October, down from 8.44 percent in September. The rate was 4.2 percent in March 2020 before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jefferson County added 50 jobs in October on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a revised gain of 50 jobs in September.

Revisions to Jefferson County's employment situation were significant. Initial COVID-19 losses were roughly 30 percent lower than the original estimate with total nonfarm employment only decreasing by around 780 jobs. As of October the county has recovered 480 of those jobs, roughly 60 percent of total jobs lost. Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-70 jobs); Indian tribal government (-60 jobs); education and health services (-60 jobs); and manufacturing (-50 jobs).

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



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,450	10,058	9,593	392	857
Unemployed	754	775	383	-21	371
Unemployment rate	7.2%	7.7%	4.0%	-0.5	3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.0%	9.0%	4.7%	-1.0	3.3
Employed	9,696	9,283	9,210	413	486
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,470	6,560	6,490	-90	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,370	6,340	6,380	30	-10
Total private	5,150	5,190	5,130	-40	20
Mining, logging, and construction	860	870	650	-10	210
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	810	820	590	-10	220
Manufacturing	570	570	680	0	-110
Wood product manufacturing	300	300	400	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,090	1,070	1,120	20	-30
Wholesale trade	310	300	330	10	-20
Retail trade	570	560	570	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	220	0	-10
Information	290	280	250	10	40
Financial activities	210	210	210	0	0
Professional and business services	490	520	430	-30	60
Education and health services	740	720	760	20	-20
Leisure and hospitality	660	710	790	-50	-130
Other services	240	240	240	0	0
Government	1,320	1,370	1,360	-50	-40
Federal government	310	350	300	-40	10
State government	130	140	160	-10	-30
Local government	880	880	900	0	-20

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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	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	97,543	92,302	96,369	5,241	1,174
Unemployed	5,948	6,330	2,818	-382	3,130
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.9%	2.9%	-0.8	3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.3%	8.0%	3.4%	-0.7	3.9
Employed	91,595	85,972	93,551	5,623	-1,956
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	83,400	82,510	88,220	890	-4,820
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	82,480	81,150	88,100	1,330	-5,620
Total private	74,170	73,610	78,340	560	-4,170
Mining, logging, and construction	7,340	7,250	7,470	90	-130
Manufacturing	4,950	5,140	5,800	-190	-850
Durable goods	3,180	3,180	3,540	0	-360
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,090	15,820	16,200	270	-110
Wholesale trade	2,200	2,190	2,300	10	-100
Retail trade	11,670	11,460	11,710	210	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,220	2,170	2,190	50	30
Information	1,610	1,610	1,820	0	-210
Financial activities	4,840	4,890	5,070	-50	-230
Professional and business services	11,060	10,760	10,880	300	180
Education and health services	14,370	13,960	14,490	410	-120
Leisure and hospitality	10,860	11,140	13,390	-280	-2,530
Accommodation and food services	10,150	10,150	11,290	0	-1,140
Other services	3,050	3,040	3,220	10	-170
Government	9,230	8,900	9,880	330	-650
Federal government	1,060	1,170	990	-110	70
State government	920	910	900	10	20
Local government	7,250	6,820	7,990	430	-740
Local education	3,950	3,630	4,610	320	-660

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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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	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,443	9,946	10,034	497	409
Unemployed	711	715	359	-4	352
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.2%	3.6%	-0.4	3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.5%	8.4%	4.3%	-0.9	3.2
Employed	9,732	9,231	9,675	501	57
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,400	6,420	6,630	-20	-230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,370	6,320	6,600	50	-230
Total private	4,020	4,050	4,230	-30	-210
Mining, logging, and construction	150	150	150	0	0
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	140	140	140	0	0
Manufacturing	1,200	1,180	1,250	20	-50
Wood product manufacturing	860	840	860	20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	890	880	870	10	20
Wholesale trade	190	180	190	10	0
Retail trade	600	590	580	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	110	100	-10	0
Information	20	20	40	0	-20
Financial activities	130	130	140	0	-10
Professional and business services	190	200	200	-10	-10
Education and health services	630	630	690	0	-60
Leisure and hospitality	620	650	690	-30	-70
Other services	190	210	200	-20	-10
Government	2,380	2,370	2,400	10	-20
Federal government	140	150	120	-10	20
State government	300	310	300	-10	0
Local government	1,940	1,910	1,980	30	-40
Indian tribal	890	890	950	0	-60

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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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