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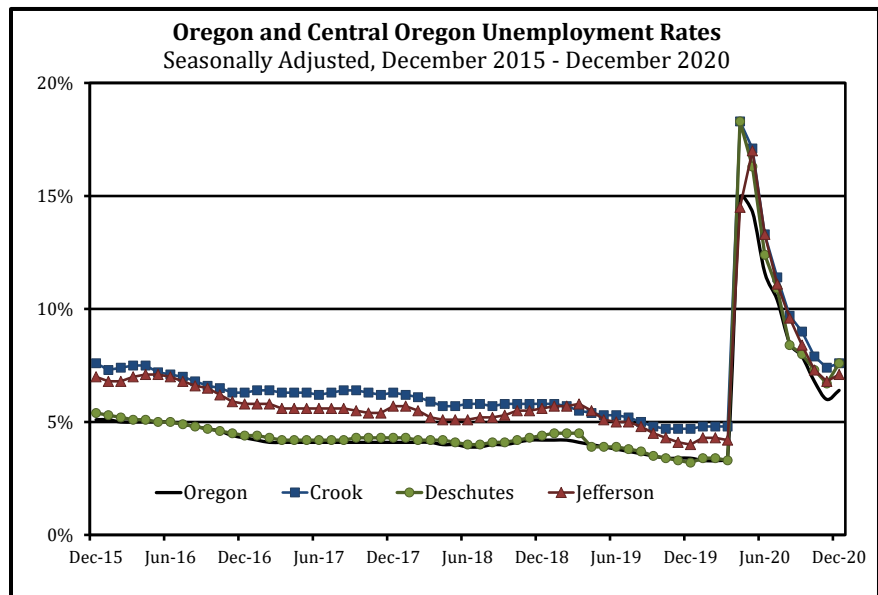
Employment in Central Oregon: December 2020

Central Oregon posted monthly job losses in December for the first time since April following a surge in COVID-19 cases this fall and increased public health measures to slow the spread of the disease.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 7.6% in December, up from 7.4% in November. The unemployment rate remains significantly higher than in December 2019 when it was 4.7%.

Crook County posted employment declines in December following 7 months of continuous gains from the COVID-19 shock. The county lost 70 jobs in December on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Despite job losses in December, the employment recovery in Crook County remains one of the strongest in the state with employment levels down only 1.9% from last December (-120 jobs). The job losses are largely concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-160 jobs) and manufacturing (-100).



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 7.6% in December, up significantly from 6.7% in November. The rate remains up from December 2019 when it was 3.2%.

Deschutes County lost 840 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in December, the first monthly job losses since April. These monthly losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality.

Compared to this time last year, employment in Deschutes County remained down 7.2% (-6,360 jobs). Despite the losses in December, there has been considerable improvement to the employment situation

since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. The county recovered 8,330 of the 15,340 jobs lost in April, or roughly 54% of jobs lost have been added back. We continue to see losses concentrated in leisure and hospitality with employment levels down nearly 30% from December 2019. There have also been notable losses in manufacturing (-16.9%) and local government education (-14.3%).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.1% in December, an increase from 6.8% in November. The rate was 4% in December 2019.

Jefferson County posted a small gain of 20 jobs in December on a seasonally adjusted basis, one of the few counties to see employment gains in December. Although the county did not lose jobs in December, the pace of recovery continues to slow.

Employment levels are only down around 3.1% from this time last year (-200 jobs), as the county has already regained nearly 75% of the jobs lost since the initial COVID-19 shock. The leisure and hospitality sector remains down by 100 jobs from this time last year; however, the drop of roughly 16% isn't nearly as severe as in other communities.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,290	10,289	9,457	1	833
Unemployed	826	699	468	127	358
Unemployment rate	8.0%	6.8%	4.9%	1.2	3.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.6%	7.4%	4.7%	0.2	2.9
Employed	9,464	9,590	8,989	-126	475
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,210	6,350	6,330	-140	-120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,320	6,390	6,440	-70	-120
Total private	4,980	5,090	5,080	-110	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	790	840	670	-50	120
Mining and logging	50	50	50	0	0
Construction	740	790	620	-50	120
Manufacturing	570	570	670	0	-100
Wood product manufacturing	310	300	380	10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,080	1,090	1,100	-10	-20
Wholesale trade	310	310	330	0	-20
Retail trade	570	570	570	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	210	200	-10	0
Information	300	290	250	10	50
Financial activities	200	200	210	0	-10
Professional and business services	480	490	410	-10	70
Education and health services	740	730	770	10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	590	640	750	-50	-160
Other services	230	240	250	-10	-20
Government	1,230	1,260	1,250	-30	-20
Federal government	230	260	230	-30	0
State government	120	130	150	-10	-30
Local government	880	870	870	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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	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	96,841	96,286	95,386	555	1,455
Unemployed	6,563	5,270	3,053	1,293	3,510
Unemployment rate	6.8%	5.5%	3.2%	1.3	3.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.6%	6.7%	3.2%	0.9	4.4
Employed	90,278	91,016	92,333	-738	-2,055
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	81,500	82,780	87,860	-1,280	-6,360
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>81,560</i>	<i>82,400</i>	<i>88,190</i>	<i>-840</i>	<i>-6,630</i>
Total private	72,550	73,700	78,010	-1,150	-5,460
Mining, logging, and construction	7,090	7,230	7,200	-140	-110
Manufacturing	4,780	4,890	5,750	-110	-970
Durable goods	3,200	3,190	3,480	10	-280
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,590	16,220	16,520	370	70
Wholesale trade	2,200	2,210	2,300	-10	-100
Retail trade	11,900	11,740	11,910	160	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,490	2,270	2,310	220	180
Information	1,620	1,610	1,840	10	-220
Financial activities	4,870	4,810	5,000	60	-130
Professional and business services	10,920	10,910	10,310	10	610
Education and health services	14,150	14,190	14,670	-40	-520
Leisure and hospitality	9,470	10,780	13,450	-1,310	-3,980
Accommodation and food services	8,330	9,990	10,810	-1,660	-2,480
Other services	3,060	3,060	3,270	0	-210
Government	8,950	9,080	9,850	-130	-900
Federal government	870	940	880	-70	-10
State government	880	890	900	-10	-20
Local government	7,200	7,250	8,070	-50	-870
Local education	4,010	3,990	4,680	20	-670

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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 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,263	10,170	9,802	93	461
Unemployed	769	637	412	132	357
Unemployment rate	7.5%	6.3%	4.2%	1.2	3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.1%	6.8%	4.0%	0.3	3.1
Employed	9,494	9,533	9,390	-39	104
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,270	6,350	6,470	-80	-200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,420	6,400	6,630	20	-210
Total private	3,920	3,990	4,090	-70	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	130	140	110	-10	20
Mining and logging	10	10	0	0	10
Construction	120	130	110	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,250	1,220	1,280	30	-30
Wood product manufacturing	890	870	890	20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	880	900	840	-20	40
Wholesale trade	190	200	180	-10	10
Retail trade	590	600	570	-10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	90	0	10
Information	20	20	40	0	-20
Financial activities	120	120	130	0	-10
Professional and business services	180	190	200	-10	-20
Education and health services	640	630	680	10	-40
Leisure and hospitality	530	590	630	-60	-100
Other services	170	180	180	-10	-10
Government	2,350	2,360	2,380	-10	-30
Federal government	130	130	120	0	10
State government	290	300	290	-10	0
Local government	1,930	1,930	1,970	0	-40
Indian tribal	870	880	910	-10	-40

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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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