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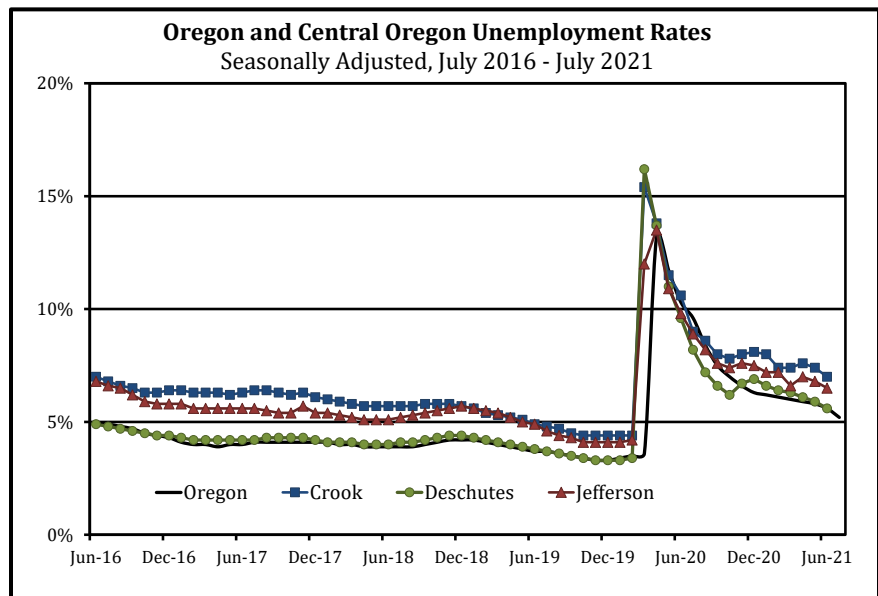
## Employment in Central Oregon: July 2021

Unemployment levels dropped significantly across the region in July. Monthly hiring was consistent with normal seasonal patterns; however, recent revisions using payroll tax records revealed that the recovery through the first quarter of 2021 was stronger than initially estimated.

**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.0% in July, down significantly from 7.4% in June. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.4%.

Crook County shed 50 jobs in July, typical job losses for this time of year. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment in July was roughly 1.5% (+100 jobs) above the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

Monthly job losses were concentrated in local government education as schools closed for the summer. These losses are normal for this time of year. There were strong monthly gains in leisure and hospitality and construction, both exceeding normal seasonal expectations (+30 jobs).



**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.6% in July from 5.9% in June. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 3.3%.

Deschutes County lost 530 jobs in July, typical losses for this time of year. Recent revisions revealed that employment gains in the first quarter of 2021 were stronger than initially estimated with employment levels through March revised up by nearly 1,000 jobs. The county is closer to a full

employment recovery with total nonfarm employment in July down 4% (-3,640 jobs) from the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

Job losses in July were driven by local education declines as schools largely closed for summer break. Most other major industry sectors continued to hire in July, including leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and construction.

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5% in July, down from 6.8% in June. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.1%.

Total nonfarm employment fell by 100 jobs in July, fewer losses than typical for this time of year. Recent revisions revealed that the recovery has been slower than initially estimated. As of July employment levels remain down around 3.5% (-240 jobs) from the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

Monthly job losses were concentrated in local government education as schools closed for summer break. There was modest hiring in leisure and hospitality, adding 30 jobs from June.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, Sep. 14.



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## Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	11,100	11,034	10,146	66	954
Unemployed	665	698	1,035	-33	-370
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.3%	10.2%	-0.3	-4.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.0%	7.4%	10.6%	-0.4	-3.6
Employed	10,435	10,336	9,111	99	1,324
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,930	6,980	6,420	-50	510
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,750	6,750	6,260	0	490
Total private	5,660	5,580	5,210	80	450
Mining, logging, and construction	980	950	820	30	160
Mining and logging	60	60	50	0	10
Construction	920	890	770	30	150
Manufacturing	680	680	590	0	90
Wood product manufacturing	370	370	320	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,090	1,090	1,110	0	-20
Wholesale trade	300	300	300	0	0
Retail trade	580	580	600	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	210	0	0
Information	300	290	280	10	20
Financial activities	220	220	210	0	10
Professional and business services	620	600	550	20	70
Education and health services	740	760	720	-20	20
Leisure and hospitality	750	720	700	30	50
Other services	280	270	230	10	50
Government	1,270	1,400	1,210	-130	60
Federal government	350	340	350	10	0
State government	150	150	140	0	10
Local government	770	910	720	-140	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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	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	101,700	101,182	96,393	518	5,307
Unemployed	4,754	5,223	9,336	-469	-4,582
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.2%	9.7%	-0.5	-5.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.9%	9.6%	-0.3	-4.0
Employed	96,946	95,959	87,057	987	9,889
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	86,610	87,130	83,540	-520	3,070
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	85,710	85,710	81,970	0	3,740
Total private	78,330	77,260	75,860	1,070	2,470
Mining, logging, and construction	7,930	7,700	7,710	230	220
Manufacturing	5,600	5,540	5,480	60	120
Durable goods	3,410	3,380	3,320	30	90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,690	16,930	16,020	-240	670
Wholesale trade	2,370	2,370	2,260	0	110
Retail trade	11,980	12,170	11,600	-190	380
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,340	2,390	2,160	-50	180
Information	1,690	1,670	1,660	20	30
Financial activities	5,630	5,450	5,020	180	610
Professional and business services	10,510	10,180	10,440	330	70
Education and health services	14,780	14,900	14,460	-120	320
Leisure and hospitality	12,270	11,670	12,220	600	50
Accommodation and food services	10,440	10,010	10,240	430	200
Other services	3,230	3,220	2,850	10	380
Government	8,280	9,870	7,680	-1,590	600
Federal government	1,080	1,050	1,060	30	20
State government	1,000	990	910	10	90
Local government	6,200	7,830	5,710	-1,630	490
Local education	2,950	4,600	2,750	-1,650	200

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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,855	10,874	10,015	-19	840
Unemployed	609	633	944	-24	-335
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.8%	9.4%	-0.2	-3.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	6.8%	9.8%	-0.3	-3.3
Employed	10,246	10,241	9,071	5	1,175
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,650	6,750	6,270	-100	380
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,510	6,490	6,130	20	380
Total private	4,460	4,370	4,200	90	260
Mining, logging, and construction	200	190	160	10	40
Mining and logging	20	10	10	10	10
Construction	180	180	150	0	30
Manufacturing	1,240	1,230	1,110	10	130
Wood product manufacturing	900	890	760	10	140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	970	960	890	10	80
Wholesale trade	180	180	180	0	0
Retail trade	680	670	600	10	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	110	0	0
Information	40	30	30	10	10
Financial activities	160	150	150	10	10
Professional and business services	230	220	250	10	-20
Education and health services	690	690	710	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	680	650	680	30	0
Other services	250	250	220	0	30
Government	2,190	2,380	2,070	-190	120
Federal government	120	120	130	0	-10
State government	300	300	310	0	-10
Local government	1,770	1,960	1,630	-190	140
Indian tribal	1,000	960	850	40	150

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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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