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## Employment in Central Oregon: September 2021

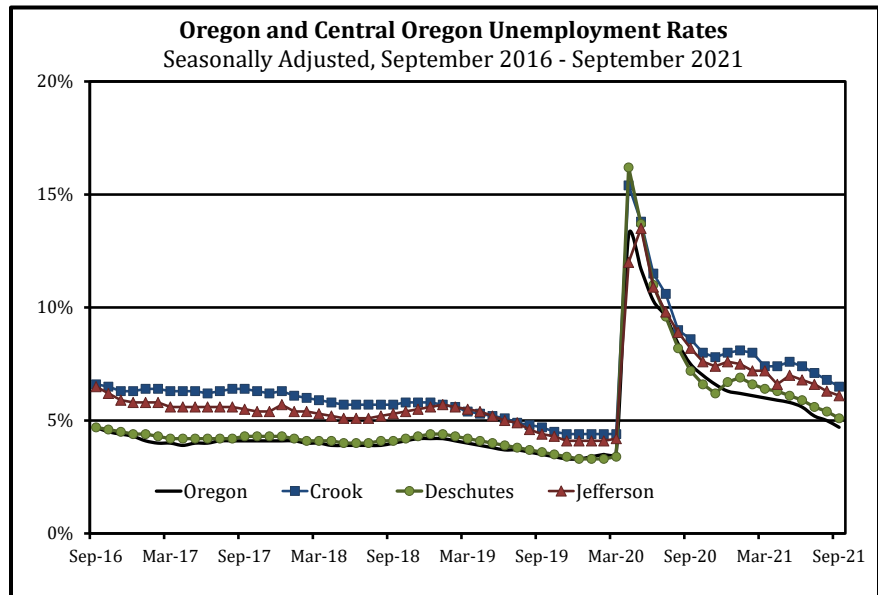
Unemployment rates dropped significantly across Central Oregon in September and monthly hiring exceeded seasonal expectations.

**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5% in September, another significant decline from 6.8% in August. The unemployment rate remains around 2 percentage points higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.4%.

Crook County lost 20 jobs in September. The region typically sees little change to the employment situation in September. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment in September was roughly 1.5% (+100 jobs) above the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

The monthly job losses in September were concentrated in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and federal government.

Seasonal losses are typical in these sectors at the end of summer. Inversely, the monthly gains in local government and private education are typical from back-to-school hiring.



**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.1% in September, down from 5.4% in August. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 3.3%.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County added 800 jobs in September, stronger gains than typical for this time of year. According to these estimates total nonfarm employment remains down by 3,240 jobs from the pre-COVID peak (-3.6%). Revisions to recent Bend-Redmond MSA data will be released next month.

A handful of industries posted significant job gains over the past year, including financial activities (+480); education and health services (+400); manufacturing (+380); other services (+370); and construction (+160). The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that both retail trade (-210) and leisure and hospitality (-110) lost jobs from last September.

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in September, down from 6.3% in August. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.1%.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 50 jobs in September, slower growth than typical this time of year. As of September employment levels remain down only 1.9% (-130 jobs) from the pre-COVID peak in February 2020.

Construction remains the fastest growing major industry sector over the past year, adding 30 jobs (+21.4%). The retail sector (+60 jobs) and manufacturing (+50 jobs) also posted strong gains from this time last year. There were also significant employment gains in local government over the past year with local education and Indian tribal both hiring.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, Nov. 16.



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2021	August 2021	September 2020	--Change From--	
				August 2021	September 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	11,024	11,076	10,627	-52	397
Unemployed	569	613	804	-44	-235
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.5%	7.6%	-0.3	-2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	6.8%	8.6%	-0.3	-2.1
Employed	10,455	10,463	9,823	-8	632
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,970	6,990	6,670	-20	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,750	6,780	6,460	-30	290
Total private	5,630	5,700	5,320	-70	310
Mining, logging, and construction	990	990	800	0	190
Mining and logging	60	60	50	0	10
Construction	930	930	750	0	180
Manufacturing	670	680	630	-10	40
Wood product manufacturing	360	370	340	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,100	1,100	1,090	0	10
Wholesale trade	300	300	290	0	10
Retail trade	580	580	580	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	220	220	220	0	0
Information	300	300	280	0	20
Financial activities	220	230	210	-10	10
Professional and business services	590	620	540	-30	50
Education and health services	750	740	770	10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	730	750	730	-20	0
Other services	280	290	270	-10	10
Government	1,340	1,290	1,350	50	-10
Federal government	330	350	350	-20	-20
State government	140	150	140	-10	0
Local government	870	790	860	80	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

	September 2021	August 2021	September 2020	--Change From--	
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<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	101,263	101,101	99,183	162	2,080
Unemployed	4,019	4,424	6,610	-405	-2,591
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.4%	6.7%	-0.4	-2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.4%	7.2%	-0.3	-2.1
Employed	97,244	96,677	92,573	567	4,671
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	87,490	86,690	84,520	800	2,970
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>86,110</i>	<i>85,850</i>	<i>84,050</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>2,060</i>
Total private	77,470	78,250	75,540	-780	1,930
Mining, logging, and construction	7,790	7,980	7,630	-190	160
Manufacturing	5,710	5,750	5,330	-40	380
Durable goods	3,420	3,420	3,170	0	250
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,200	16,460	16,100	-260	100
Wholesale trade	2,400	2,390	2,260	10	140
Retail trade	11,430	11,710	11,640	-280	-210
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,370	2,360	2,200	10	170
Information	1,720	1,700	1,710	20	10
Financial activities	5,510	5,530	5,030	-20	480
Professional and business services	10,470	10,290	10,330	180	140
Education and health services	14,830	14,830	14,430	0	400
Leisure and hospitality	12,050	12,470	12,160	-420	-110
Accommodation and food services	10,370	10,590	10,310	-220	60
Other services	3,190	3,240	2,820	-50	370
Government	10,020	8,440	8,980	1,580	1,040
Federal government	1,040	1,040	1,180	0	-140
State government	1,050	990	910	60	140
Local government	7,930	6,410	6,890	1,520	1,040
Local education	4,690	3,190	3,740	1,500	950

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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: 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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	September 2021	August 2021	September 2020	August 2021	September 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,711	10,756	10,453	-45	258
Unemployed	510	579	746	-69	-236
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.4%	7.1%	-0.6	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	6.3%	8.2%	-0.2	-2.1
Employed	10,201	10,177	9,707	24	494
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,730	6,680	6,480	50	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,620	6,650	6,370	-30	250
Total private	4,340	4,450	4,180	-110	160
Mining, logging, and construction	190	200	150	-10	40
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	170	180	140	-10	30
Manufacturing	1,190	1,220	1,140	-30	50
Wood product manufacturing	860	890	790	-30	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	960	980	900	-20	60
Wholesale trade	180	180	180	0	0
Retail trade	670	690	610	-20	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	110	0	0
Information	40	40	30	0	10
Financial activities	160	160	150	0	10
Professional and business services	210	230	240	-20	-30
Education and health services	700	680	720	20	-20
Leisure and hospitality	650	680	650	-30	0
Other services	240	260	200	-20	40
Government	2,390	2,230	2,300	160	90
Federal government	120	120	150	0	-30
State government	300	310	300	-10	0
Local government	1,970	1,800	1,850	170	120
Indian tribal	1,010	1,030	900	-20	110

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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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