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Employment in Douglas County: April 2018

Douglas County's Gains in Construction, and Leisure and Hospitality

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate remained the same as the revised 5.4 percent in March. This month's rate is barely above the April 2017 rate (5.2%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was 4.1 percent; the national rate was 3.9 percent.

The county's total payroll employment increased over the month by 320 jobs. Industries reporting over-the-month employment gains included leisure and hospitality (+110); construction (+70); and durable goods manufacturing and financial activities (+30, each). The gains in leisure and hospitality, and construction mirrored statewide gains. There were no reported substantive over-the-month private sector losses.

Douglas County added 440 jobs over the year ending in April for a 1.2 percent annual growth rate. Industries with employment growth included construction (+200); manufacturing (+110); food services and drinking places (+70); and wholesale trade (+60). Financial activities, and professional and business services lost 30 jobs, each, over the year. Government employment decreased over the year, reflecting a legislatively mandated reclassification of home care workers from state government to private education and health services, which reported a corresponding uptick.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 19th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 12th.

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.

Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

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Workforce and Economic Research
2017 Benchmark

DOUGLAS COUNTY LABOR FORCE SUMMARY*
(by place of residence)

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	46,233	46,563	46,134	-330	99
Unemployment	2,417	2,699	2,165	-282	252
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.8%	4.7%	-0.6	0.5
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.4%	5.4%	5.2%	0.0	0.2
Total Employment	43,816	43,864	43,969	-48	-153

DOUGLAS COUNTY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
(by place of work)

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	37,820	37,500	37,380	320	440
TOTAL PRIVATE	30,210	29,910	29,190	300	1,020
Mining and Logging	1,050	1,050	1,040	0	10
Construction	1,700	1,630	1,500	70	200
Manufacturing	4,870	4,850	4,750	20	120
Durable Goods	4,450	4,420	4,340	30	110
Wood Product Manufacturing	3,190	3,180	3,150	10	40
Nondurable Goods	420	430	410	-10	10
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,680	6,660	6,620	20	60
Wholesale Trade	660	650	600	10	60
Retail Trade	4,490	4,490	4,490	0	0
Food and Beverage Stores	1,010	990	990	20	20
General Merchandise Stores	1,040	1,050	1,110	-10	-70
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	1,530	1,520	1,530	10	0
Information	270	270	280	0	-10
Financial Activities	1,360	1,330	1,390	30	-30
Professional and Business Services	3,810	3,800	3,840	10	-30
Education and Health Services	5,730	5,700	5,110	30	620
Leisure and Hospitality	3,440	3,330	3,410	110	30
Food Services and Drinking Places	2,750	2,680	2,680	70	70
Other Services	1,300	1,290	1,250	10	50
Government	7,610	7,590	8,190	20	-580
Federal Government	1,380	1,370	1,400	10	-20
State Government	650	640	1,170	10	-520
Local Government	5,580	5,580	5,620	0	-40
Local Government Tribal	1,060	1,080	1,060	-20	0
Local Education	3,020	3,020	3,070	0	-50
Local Government, excluding Education and Tribal	1,500	1,480	1,490	20	10
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes nonfarm 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.