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## **Employment in Douglas County: October 2018** **Fall Shifts in Employment Apparent in Douglas County**

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.1 percent from a revised 5.0 percent in September. This month's rate is below the October 2017 rate (5.3%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate was 3.8 percent; the national rate was 3.7 percent.

The county's total payroll employment decreased over the month by 30 jobs, reflecting seasonal shifts in leisure and hospitality, and construction. Seasonal gains in local government education continue to be reported (+200). Industries reporting over-the-month employment gains included trade, transportation, and utilities (+30). Industries reporting over-the-month losses included leisure and hospitality (-140); construction (-30); and manufacturing (-30). Additional small losses were spread across other sectors.

Douglas County added 490 jobs over the year ending in October for a 1.3 percent annual growth rate. Construction continued to lead the growth (+170) and accounted for 35 percent of the county's over-the-year employment growth. Other industries with job growth included trade, transportation, and utilities (+150); and leisure and hospitality (+80). Over the year losses were reported in financial activities (-80) and nondurable goods manufacturing (-50). 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 November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	46,417	46,825	46,858	-408	-441
Unemployed	2,382	2,231	2,412	151	-30
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.8%	5.1%	0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.0%	5.3%	0.1	-0.2
Employed	44,035	44,594	44,446	-559	-411
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,400	38,430	37,910	-30	490
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,160	38,110	37,680	50	480
Total private	30,760	30,980	29,710	-220	1,050
Mining, logging, and construction	2,880	2,910	2,680	-30	200
Mining and logging	1,040	1,040	1,010	0	30
Construction	1,840	1,870	1,670	-30	170
Manufacturing	4,890	4,920	4,860	-30	30
Durable goods	4,480	4,490	4,400	-10	80
Wood product manufacturing	3,190	3,210	3,180	-20	10
Nondurable goods	410	430	460	-20	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,000	6,970	6,850	30	150
Wholesale trade	640	640	630	0	10
Retail trade	4,740	4,720	4,690	20	50
Food and beverage stores	1,030	1,040	1,060	-10	-30
General merchandise stores	1,150	1,120	1,120	30	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,620	1,610	1,530	10	90
Information	250	250	280	0	-30
Financial activities	1,280	1,300	1,360	-20	-80
Professional and business services	3,910	3,930	3,880	-20	30
Education and health services	5,760	5,780	5,140	-20	620
Leisure and hospitality	3,480	3,620	3,400	-140	80
Food services and drinking places	2,710	2,780	2,690	-70	20
Other services	1,310	1,300	1,260	10	50
Government	7,640	7,450	8,200	190	-560
Federal government	1,500	1,540	1,490	-40	10
State government	700	700	1,180	0	-480
Local government	5,440	5,210	5,530	230	-90
Indian tribal	1,070	1,050	1,090	20	-20
Local education	2,900	2,690	2,960	210	-60
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,470	1,470	1,480	0	-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.