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Employment in Douglas County: November 2018 Leisure and Hospitality Settling In for a Quiet Winter

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.2 percent from a revised 5.1 percent in October. This month's rate is below the November 2017 rate (5.3%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate was 3.9 percent; the national rate was 3.7 percent.

The county's total payroll employment decreased over the month by 80 jobs, reflecting seasonal shifts in leisure and hospitality, and construction. Industries reporting over-the-month employment gains included retail trade (+50); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). Seasonal gains in local government education continue to be reported (+30). Industries reporting over-the-month losses included leisure and hospitality (-50); construction (-50); and manufacturing (-30).

Douglas County added 420 jobs over the year ending in November for a 1.1 percent annual growth rate. Construction continued to lead the growth (+140). Other industries with job growth included leisure and hospitality (+120); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+110); and retail trade (+60). Over-the-year losses were reported in financial activities (-70); wood product manufacturing (-30); and information (-30). 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 December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, January 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 15th.

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--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,393	46,565	46,870	-172	-477
Unemployed	2,409	2,423	2,449	-14	-40
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	0.0	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	43,984	44,142	44,421	-158	-437
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,390	38,470	37,970	-80	420
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,210	38,230	37,790	-20	420
Total private	30,700	30,740	29,790	-40	910
Mining, logging, and construction	2,820	2,880	2,690	-60	130
Mining and logging	1,030	1,040	1,040	-10	-10
Construction	1,790	1,840	1,650	-50	140
Manufacturing	4,860	4,890	4,860	-30	0
Durable goods	4,470	4,480	4,440	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	3,190	3,190	3,220	0	-30
Nondurable goods	390	410	420	-20	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,080	6,990	6,920	90	160
Wholesale trade	630	640	640	-10	-10
Retail trade	4,780	4,730	4,720	50	60
Food and beverage stores	1,020	1,030	1,060	-10	-40
General merchandise stores	1,200	1,150	1,160	50	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,670	1,620	1,560	50	110
Information	250	250	280	0	-30
Financial activities	1,260	1,280	1,330	-20	-70
Professional and business services	3,900	3,890	3,920	10	-20
Education and health services	5,780	5,760	5,200	20	580
Leisure and hospitality	3,440	3,490	3,320	-50	120
Food services and drinking places	2,700	2,720	2,640	-20	60
Other services	1,310	1,310	1,270	0	40
Government	7,690	7,730	8,180	-40	-490
Federal government	1,430	1,500	1,420	-70	10
State government	680	690	1,180	-10	-500
Local government	5,580	5,540	5,580	40	0
Indian tribal	1,070	1,070	1,090	0	-20
Local education	3,030	3,000	3,010	30	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,480	1,470	1,480	10	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.

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.