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Employment in Douglas County: January 2019 County Winter Trend Continues with Slowing Employment

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate increased to 5.8 percent from a revised 5.4 percent in December. This month's rate is above the January 2018 rate (5.3%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate was 4.3 percent; the national rate was 4.0 percent.

The county's total payroll employment decreased over the month by 710 jobs, primarily reflecting seasonal shifts in retail trade (-140); leisure and hospitality (-90); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-80). Other industries reporting over-the-month losses included private education and health services (-110). No substantive gains were reported. The federal government shutdown did not impact Douglas County's January federal government jobs tally.

Douglas County added 240 jobs over the year ending in January for a 0.6 percent annual growth rate. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+160) added the most jobs, primarily in retail trade (+90) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+80). Other industries with job growth included other services (+70) and leisure and hospitality (+40). Over-the-year losses were reported in wood product manufacturing (-60), and construction and information (-40, each). Government employment increased over the year (+80).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 26th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19th.

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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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	December 2018	January 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,376	46,320	46,245	56	131
Unemployed	3,074	2,609	2,861	465	213
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.6%	6.2%	1.0	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.4%	5.3%	0.4	0.5
Employed	43,302	43,711	43,384	-409	-82
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,660	38,370	37,420	-710	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,130	38,310	37,900	-180	230
Total private	30,050	30,710	29,890	-660	160
Mining, logging, and construction	2,590	2,690	2,650	-100	-60
Mining and logging	1,020	1,030	1,040	-10	-20
Construction	1,570	1,660	1,610	-90	-40
Manufacturing	4,810	4,820	4,830	-10	-20
Durable goods	4,410	4,410	4,430	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	3,140	3,150	3,200	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	400	410	400	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,910	7,140	6,750	-230	160
Wholesale trade	620	630	630	-10	-10
Retail trade	4,640	4,780	4,550	-140	90
Food and beverage stores	1,030	1,030	1,010	0	20
General merchandise stores	1,110	1,170	1,090	-60	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,650	1,730	1,570	-80	80
Information	250	260	290	-10	-40
Financial activities	1,300	1,310	1,300	-10	0
Professional and business services	3,870	3,980	3,850	-110	20
Education and health services	5,690	5,780	5,700	-90	-10
Leisure and hospitality	3,280	3,370	3,240	-90	40
Food services and drinking places	2,610	2,680	2,610	-70	0
Other services	1,350	1,360	1,280	-10	70
Government	7,610	7,660	7,530	-50	80
Federal government	1,420	1,430	1,380	-10	40
State government	680	690	650	-10	30
Local government	5,510	5,540	5,500	-30	10
Indian tribal	1,060	1,070	1,090	-10	-30
Local education	3,020	2,970	2,990	50	30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,430	1,500	1,420	-70	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.