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Employment in Douglas County: February 2019 County Unemployment Rate is 5.9 Percent

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate increased to 5.9 percent from a revised 5.8 percent in January. This month's rate is above the February 2018 rate (5.3%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted February unemployment rate was 4.4 percent; the national rate was 3.8 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment changed very little over the month (+20 jobs). Employment changes reflected returning federal workers (+50) as well as local government education's seasonal shifts (+60). Industries reporting over-the-month losses included retail trade (-80) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-70). Also reporting losses were professional and business services (-50) and wood product manufacturing (-20).

Douglas County added 260 jobs over the year ending in February for a 0.7 percent annual growth rate. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+110) added the most jobs, primarily in retail trade (+70) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40). Other industries with job growth included other services (+80), professional and business services (+40), and leisure and hospitality (+40). Over-the-year losses were reported in wood product manufacturing (-50), and construction and information (-40, each). Government employment increased over the year (+80), primarily in federal and state governments.

Next Press Releases

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

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--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,379	46,370	46,121	9	258
Unemployed	2,867	3,071	2,752	-204	115
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.6%	6.0%	-0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.8%	5.3%	0.1	0.6
Employed	43,512	43,299	43,369	213	143
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,680	37,660	37,420	20	260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,180	38,130	37,920	50	260
Total private	29,970	30,080	29,790	-110	180
Mining, logging, and construction	2,620	2,590	2,680	30	-60
Mining and logging	1,040	1,020	1,060	20	-20
Construction	1,580	1,570	1,620	10	-40
Manufacturing	4,810	4,820	4,820	-10	-10
Durable goods	4,390	4,410	4,410	-20	-20
Wood product manufacturing	3,130	3,150	3,180	-20	-50
Nondurable goods	420	410	410	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,770	6,920	6,660	-150	110
Wholesale trade	620	620	620	0	0
Retail trade	4,570	4,650	4,500	-80	70
Food and beverage stores	1,010	1,020	1,010	-10	0
General merchandise stores	1,060	1,110	1,050	-50	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,580	1,650	1,540	-70	40
Information	250	260	290	-10	-40
Financial activities	1,320	1,300	1,300	20	20
Professional and business services	3,820	3,870	3,780	-50	40
Education and health services	5,730	5,700	5,730	30	0
Leisure and hospitality	3,280	3,270	3,240	10	40
Food services and drinking places	2,610	2,610	2,600	0	10
Other services	1,370	1,350	1,290	20	80
Government	7,710	7,580	7,630	130	80
Federal government	1,470	1,420	1,380	50	90
State government	680	680	640	0	40
Local government	5,560	5,480	5,610	80	-50
Indian tribal	1,060	1,060	1,090	0	-30
Local education	3,050	2,990	3,050	60	0
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,450	1,430	1,470	20	-20

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.