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Employment in Douglas County: March 2019 Leisure and Hospitality Employment Stirring at Winter's End

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted March unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.9 percent compared with a revised 5.9 percent in February. This month's rate is higher than the March 2018 rate (5.4%). Oregon's seasonally adjusted March 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 (+40 jobs). Industries reporting over-the-month gains included leisure and hospitality (+60, especially food services and drinking places, +40). Industries reporting over-the-month losses included professional and business services (-40) and private education and health services (-20).

Douglas County added 290 jobs over the year ending in March for a 0.8 percent annual growth rate. Trade, transportation, and utilities (+100) added the most jobs, primarily in retail trade (+50). Other industries with job growth included other services (+80) and leisure and hospitality (+40). Over-the-year losses were reported in construction, and wood product manufacturing (-60, each). Government employment increased over the year (+130).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 21st, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14th.

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.

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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,059	46,359	45,982	-300	77
Unemployed	2,800	2,883	2,784	-83	16
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.2%	6.1%	-0.1	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.9%	5.4%	0.0	0.5
Employed	43,259	43,476	43,198	-217	61
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,740	37,700	37,450	40	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,150	38,200	37,860	-50	290
Total private	30,020	30,000	29,860	20	160
Mining, logging, and construction	2,630	2,620	2,690	10	-60
Mining and logging	1,050	1,040	1,050	10	0
Construction	1,580	1,580	1,640	0	-60
Manufacturing	4,810	4,820	4,830	-10	-20
Durable goods	4,390	4,400	4,420	-10	-30
Wood product manufacturing	3,120	3,130	3,180	-10	-60
Nondurable goods	420	420	410	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,800	6,790	6,700	10	100
Wholesale trade	630	620	610	10	20
Retail trade	4,590	4,580	4,540	10	50
Food and beverage stores	1,010	1,020	1,010	-10	0
General merchandise stores	1,070	1,080	1,060	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,580	1,590	1,550	-10	30
Information	250	250	280	0	-30
Financial activities	1,320	1,320	1,290	0	30
Professional and business services	3,770	3,810	3,740	-40	30
Education and health services	5,710	5,730	5,720	-20	-10
Leisure and hospitality	3,350	3,290	3,310	60	40
Food services and drinking places	2,660	2,620	2,620	40	40
Other services	1,380	1,370	1,300	10	80
Government	7,720	7,700	7,590	20	130
Federal government	1,490	1,470	1,370	20	120
State government	680	680	650	0	30
Local government	5,550	5,550	5,570	0	-20
Indian tribal	1,060	1,060	1,090	0	-30
Local education	3,030	3,040	3,030	-10	0
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,460	1,450	1,450	10	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.