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Employment in Douglas County: April 2019 Leisure and Hospitality Employment Grows with Spring

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.6 percent compared with a revised 5.6 percent in March. This month's rate is higher than the April 2018 rate of 5.3 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was 4.3 percent; the national rate was 3.6 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment increased by 290 jobs in April. Industries reporting over-the-month gains included leisure and hospitality (+120), professional and business services (+50), and retail trade (+40).

Douglas County added 330 jobs over the year ending in April for a 0.9 percent annual growth rate. Financial activities added the most jobs (+70). There were additional relatively large gains in construction (+60), manufacturing (+60), and leisure and hospitality (+60). Relatively large over-the-year losses were reported in retail trade (-50) and mining and logging (-30).

Government employment increased 50 over the year from gains in federal government (+120) and state government (+30) that were countered by a loss of 100 in local government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18th.



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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,043	46,173	46,008	-130	35
Unemployed	2,487	2,813	2,477	-326	10
Unemployment rate	5.4%	6.1%	5.4%	-0.7	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.6%	5.3%	0.0	0.3
Employed	43,556	43,360	43,531	196	25
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,100	37,810	37,770	290	330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,200	38,220	37,860	-20	340
Total private	30,410	30,100	30,130	310	280
Mining, logging, and construction	2,720	2,700	2,690	20	30
Mining and logging	1,000	1,010	1,030	-10	-30
Construction	1,720	1,690	1,660	30	60
Manufacturing	4,880	4,860	4,820	20	60
Durable goods	4,480	4,460	4,420	20	60
Wood product manufacturing	3,160	3,150	3,170	10	-10
Nondurable goods	400	400	400	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,720	6,680	6,760	40	-40
Wholesale trade	630	630	630	0	0
Retail trade	4,540	4,500	4,590	40	-50
Food and beverage stores	1,020	1,000	1,030	20	-10
General merchandise stores	1,070	1,070	1,070	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,550	1,550	1,540	0	10
Information	260	270	260	-10	0
Financial activities	1,400	1,380	1,330	20	70
Professional and business services	3,840	3,790	3,800	50	40
Education and health services	5,760	5,730	5,720	30	40
Leisure and hospitality	3,480	3,360	3,420	120	60
Food services and drinking places	2,760	2,690	2,680	70	80
Other services	1,350	1,330	1,330	20	20
Government	7,690	7,710	7,640	-20	50
Federal government	1,500	1,490	1,380	10	120
State government	680	680	650	0	30
Local government	5,510	5,540	5,610	-30	-100
Indian tribal	1,030	1,050	1,080	-20	-50
Local education	3,030	3,030	3,050	0	-20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,450	1,460	1,480	-10	-30

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.

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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