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Employment in Douglas County: September 2019 **Douglas County's September Unemployment Rate Edged up to 5.4 Percent**

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted September unemployment rate edged up to 5.4 percent compared with a revised 5.3 percent in August. This month's rate is slightly higher than the September 2018 rate of 5.3 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted September unemployment rate was 4.1 percent; the national rate was 3.5 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment increased by 350 jobs in September. There was a seasonal gain in local government education (+490). There were additional relatively large gains in private education and health services (+90) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30). There was a seasonal loss in leisure and hospitality (-140).

Douglas County added 370 jobs over the year ending in September for a 1.0 percent annual growth rate. In the private sector, education and health services (+90), retail trade (+90), and construction (+80) added the most jobs. Relatively large over-the-year losses were reported in professional and business services (-110) and mining and logging (-90).

Government employment gained 130 over the year largely from gains in local education (+80), federal government (+40), and state government (+40). Those gains were countered by losses in noneducation local government (-20) and Indian tribal (-10).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 19th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, November 13th.



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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	September 2019	August 2019	September 2018	August 2019	September 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,734	47,070	46,689	-336	45
Unemployed	2,323	2,723	2,198	-400	125
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.8%	4.7%	-0.8	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.3%	5.3%	0.1	0.1
Employed	44,411	44,347	44,491	64	-80
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,880	38,530	38,510	350	370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,580	38,380	38,210	200	370
Total private	31,260	31,280	31,020	-20	240
Mining, logging, and construction	2,850	2,860	2,860	-10	-10
Mining and logging	970	960	1,060	10	-90
Construction	1,880	1,900	1,800	-20	80
Manufacturing	4,950	4,960	4,910	-10	40
Durable goods	4,490	4,510	4,460	-20	30
Wood product manufacturing	3,180	3,190	3,180	-10	0
Nondurable goods	460	450	450	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,050	7,010	7,010	40	40
Wholesale trade	650	650	640	0	10
Retail trade	4,820	4,810	4,730	10	90
Food and beverage stores	1,080	1,080	1,050	0	30
General merchandise stores	1,120	1,120	1,090	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,580	1,550	1,640	30	-60
Information	280	270	270	10	10
Financial activities	1,460	1,470	1,400	-10	60
Professional and business services	3,810	3,800	3,920	10	-110
Education and health services	5,910	5,820	5,790	90	120
Leisure and hospitality	3,590	3,730	3,530	-140	60
Food services and drinking places	2,790	2,850	2,730	-60	60
Other services	1,360	1,360	1,330	0	30
Government	7,620	7,250	7,490	370	130
Federal government	1,580	1,610	1,540	-30	40
State government	750	760	710	-10	40
Local government	5,290	4,880	5,240	410	50
Indian tribal	1,050	1,070	1,060	-20	-10
Local education	2,800	2,310	2,720	490	80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,440	1,500	1,460	-60	-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.

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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