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Employment in Douglas County: October 2019

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Remains Low at 5.3 percent in October

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.3 percent compared with a revised 5.4 percent in September. This month's rate is slightly lower than the October 2018 rate of 5.4 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted October unemployment rate was 4.1 percent; the national rate was 3.6 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment increased by 10 jobs in October. There was a seasonal gain in local government education (+310). This gain was countered by seasonal losses in mining and construction (-60) and leisure and hospitality (-90). There were additional losses in professional and business services (-50) and education and health services (-40).

Douglas County added 290 jobs over the year ending in October for a 0.8 percent annual growth rate. In the private sector, retail trade (+180), education and health services (+150), and other services (+60) added the most jobs. Relatively large over-the-year losses were reported in wood product manufacturing (-90) and professional and business services (-50).

Government employment gained 10 over the year largely from gains in state government (+30) and local education (+20). Those gains were countered by losses in Indian tribal (-30) and noneducation local government (-20).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 24th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 17th.



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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,148	46,697	46,416	-549	-268
Unemployed	2,152	2,339	2,330	-187	-178
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.0%	5.0%	-0.3	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	-0.1	-0.1
Employed	43,996	44,358	44,086	-362	-90
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,780	38,770	38,490	10	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,540	38,470	38,250	70	290
Total private	30,980	31,230	30,700	-250	280
Mining, logging, and construction	2,790	2,850	2,820	-60	-30
Mining and logging	1,010	1,040	1,040	-30	-30
Construction	1,780	1,810	1,780	-30	0
Manufacturing	4,840	4,860	4,870	-20	-30
Durable goods	4,400	4,410	4,460	-10	-60
Wood product manufacturing	3,080	3,090	3,170	-10	-90
Nondurable goods	440	450	410	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,120	7,110	6,960	10	160
Wholesale trade	640	650	650	-10	-10
Retail trade	4,870	4,850	4,690	20	180
Food and beverage stores	1,060	1,070	1,030	-10	30
General merchandise stores	1,160	1,150	1,130	10	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,610	1,610	1,620	0	-10
Information	280	280	270	0	10
Financial activities	1,390	1,400	1,360	-10	30
Professional and business services	3,760	3,810	3,810	-50	-50
Education and health services	5,960	6,000	5,810	-40	150
Leisure and hospitality	3,470	3,560	3,490	-90	-20
Food services and drinking places	2,760	2,790	2,750	-30	10
Other services	1,370	1,360	1,310	10	60
Government	7,800	7,540	7,790	260	10
Federal government	1,520	1,570	1,510	-50	10
State government	730	730	700	0	30
Local government	5,550	5,240	5,580	310	-30
Indian tribal	1,050	1,040	1,080	10	-30
Local education	3,060	2,750	3,040	310	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,440	1,450	1,460	-10	-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.

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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