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## **Employment in Douglas County: November 2019**

### **Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 5.1 percent in November**

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate dropped to 5.1 percent, the lowest rate going back to 1990 when comparable statistics began. It compares with a revised 5.3 percent in October. This month's rate is significantly lower than the November 2018 rate of 5.5 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate was 3.9 percent; the national rate was 3.5 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment increased by 40 jobs in November. Seasonal gains occurred in retail trade (+50) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+50). These gains were countered by seasonal losses in construction (-20) and leisure and hospitality (-60). There were additional gains in manufacturing (+40) and education and health services (+40). There was an additional loss in financial activities (-20).

Douglas County added 420 jobs over the year ending in November for a 1.4 percent annual growth rate. In the private sector, retail trade (+260), education and health services (+140), and other services (+80) added the most jobs. Relatively large over-the-year losses were reported in wood product manufacturing (-80) and leisure and hospitality (-60).

Government employment is unchanged over the year as gains in state government (+30) and federal government (+20) were countered by a loss of 50 jobs in local government.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2019	October 2019	November 2018	October 2019	November 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	46,017	46,316	46,386	-299	-369
Unemployed	1,869	2,160	2,437	-291	-568
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.7%	5.3%	-0.6	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	-0.2	-0.4
Employed	44,148	44,156	43,949	-8	199
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,910	38,870	38,490	40	420
Total private	31,130	31,030	30,710	100	420
Mining, logging, and construction	2,780	2,790	2,800	-10	-20
Mining and logging	1,020	1,010	1,020	10	0
Construction	1,760	1,780	1,780	-20	-20
Manufacturing	4,880	4,840	4,890	40	-10
Durable goods	4,440	4,400	4,470	40	-30
Wood product manufacturing	3,090	3,070	3,170	20	-80
Nondurable goods	440	440	420	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,260	7,160	7,000	100	260
Wholesale trade	640	640	630	0	10
Retail trade	4,960	4,910	4,700	50	260
Food and beverage stores	1,060	1,060	1,020	0	40
General merchandise stores	1,200	1,160	1,180	40	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,660	1,610	1,670	50	-10
Information	280	280	280	0	0
Financial activities	1,370	1,390	1,360	-20	10
Professional and business services	3,800	3,790	3,780	10	20
Education and health services	6,000	5,960	5,860	40	140
Leisure and hospitality	3,390	3,450	3,450	-60	-60
Food services and drinking places	2,730	2,760	2,750	-30	-20
Other services	1,370	1,370	1,290	0	80
Government	7,780	7,840	7,780	-60	0
Federal government	1,460	1,520	1,440	-60	20
State government	730	740	700	-10	30
Local government	5,590	5,580	5,640	10	-50
Indian tribal	1,040	1,050	1,070	-10	-30
Local education	3,120	3,090	3,080	30	40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,430	1,440	1,490	-10	-60

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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