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Employment in Douglas County: December 2019

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.9 percent in December

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate dropped to 4.9 percent, the lowest rate going back to 1990 when comparable statistics began. It compares with a revised 5.1 percent in November. This month's rate is significantly lower than the December 2018 rate of 5.7 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted December unemployment rate was 3.7 percent; the national rate was 3.5 percent.

The county's net total payroll employment decreased by 160 jobs in December. There were seasonal losses in local education (-160) and construction (-30). There were additional losses in manufacturing (-30), retail trade (-30), and financial activities (-20). There were gains in professional and business services (+50) and education and health services (+40).

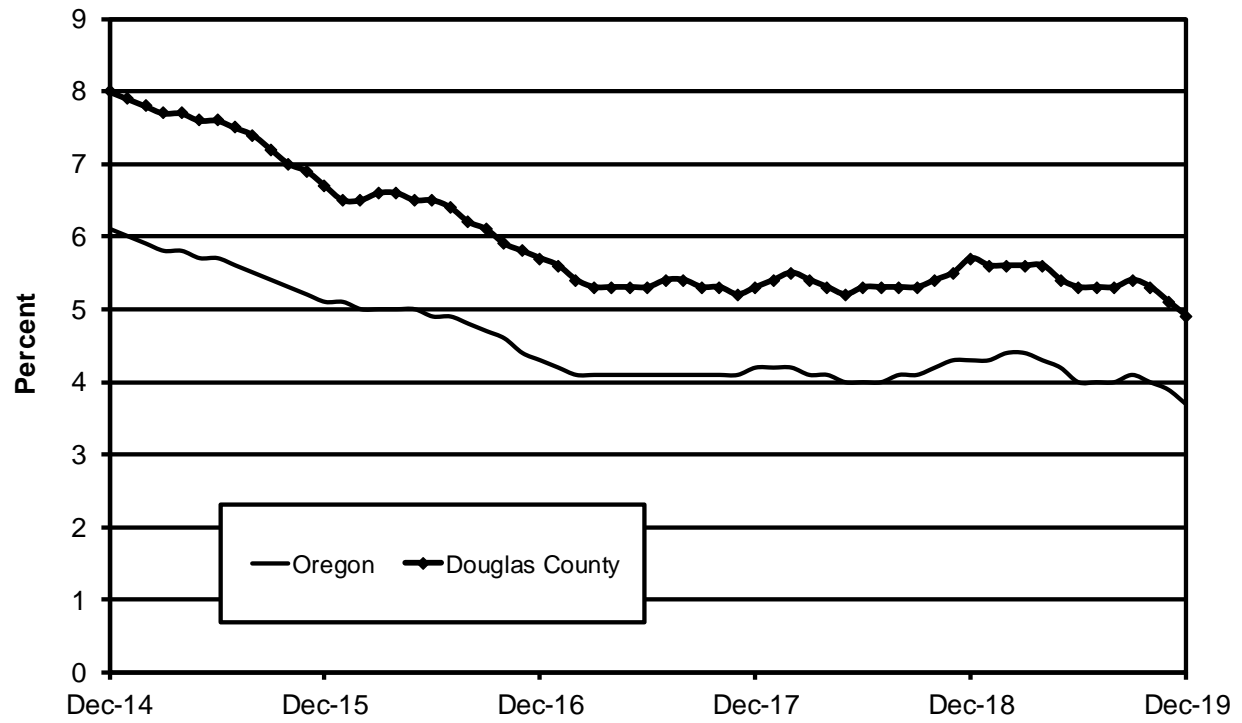
Douglas County added 140 jobs over the year ending in December for a 0.3 percent annual growth rate. In the private sector, retail trade (+250), education and health services (+180), and other services (+40) added the most jobs. Relatively large over-the-year losses were reported in wood product manufacturing (-130), construction (-50), and financial activities (-40).

Government employment dropped by 80 over the year as gains in state government (+30) were countered by a loss of 110 jobs in local government.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 10th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	45,609	45,910	46,320	-301	-711
Unemployed	1,790	1,875	2,609	-85	-819
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.1%	5.6%	-0.2	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.1%	5.7%	-0.2	-0.8
Employed	43,819	44,035	43,711	-216	108
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,620	38,780	38,480	-160	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,560	38,580	38,420	-20	140
Total private	30,980	31,000	30,760	-20	220
Mining, logging, and construction	2,720	2,760	2,750	-40	-30
Mining and logging	1,010	1,020	990	-10	20
Construction	1,710	1,740	1,760	-30	-50
Manufacturing	4,760	4,790	4,890	-30	-130
Durable goods	4,330	4,360	4,480	-30	-150
Wood product manufacturing	3,000	3,020	3,170	-20	-170
Nondurable goods	430	430	410	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,230	7,250	6,990	-20	240
Wholesale trade	640	640	630	0	10
Retail trade	4,920	4,950	4,670	-30	250
Food and beverage stores	1,050	1,060	1,020	-10	30
General merchandise stores	1,200	1,200	1,170	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,670	1,660	1,690	10	-20
Information	280	280	270	0	10
Financial activities	1,350	1,370	1,390	-20	-40
Professional and business services	3,850	3,800	3,900	50	-50
Education and health services	6,030	5,990	5,850	40	180
Leisure and hospitality	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Food services and drinking places	2,750	2,750	2,720	0	30
Other services	1,360	1,360	1,320	0	40
Government	7,640	7,780	7,720	-140	-80
Federal government	1,440	1,460	1,440	-20	0
State government	720	730	690	-10	30
Local government	5,480	5,590	5,590	-110	-110
Indian tribal	1,050	1,040	1,060	10	-10
Local education	2,960	3,120	3,030	-160	-70
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,470	1,430	1,500	40	-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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