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Employment in Douglas County

The Unemployment Rate Edges Down While High Unemployment Continues

May seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Douglas County due to processing delays caused by large changes in unemployment in recent months. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect May's increase in employment related to Phase 1 reopening and a small decrease from the near record unemployment rate reported in April. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for May will be available on Qualityinfo.org or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Douglas County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from a near record high rate for April of 16.5 percent to 14.7 percent in May. The record May rate was 16.2 percent in 2009. The Oregon not seasonally adjusted May rate was 13.8 percent and the U.S. rate was 13.0 percent.

Douglas County's payroll employers added 660 jobs in May following a loss of 4,360 in April. The largest private-sector gains in Douglas County were in leisure and hospitality (460), other services (250), and construction (110). Manufacturing dropped 130 jobs.

Government lost 60 jobs from losses in local education (-110) and tribal (-40) that were countered by gains in federal government (60), noneducation local government (20), and state government (10).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 14th.



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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,183	47,102	45,903	81	1,280
Unemployed	6,957	7,760	2,035	-803	4,922
Unemployment rate	14.7%	16.5%	4.4%	-1.8	10.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	40,226	39,342	43,868	884	-3,642
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	34,480	33,820	38,510	660	-4,030
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	34,340	33,950	38,350	390	-4,010
Total private	27,720	27,000	30,630	720	-2,910
Mining, logging, and construction	2,700	2,570	2,760	130	-60
Mining and logging	1,020	1,000	1,040	20	-20
Construction	1,680	1,570	1,720	110	-40
Manufacturing	4,290	4,420	4,870	-130	-580
Durable goods	3,820	3,960	4,420	-140	-600
Wood product manufacturing	2,530	2,690	3,090	-160	-560
Nondurable goods	470	460	450	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,640	6,510	6,900	130	-260
Wholesale trade	600	580	630	20	-30
Retail trade	4,530	4,450	4,710	80	-180
Food and beverage stores	1,100	1,080	1,030	20	70
General merchandise stores	1,060	1,040	1,120	20	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,510	1,480	1,560	30	-50
Information	230	240	270	-10	-40
Financial activities	1,370	1,380	1,490	-10	-120
Professional and business services	3,270	3,340	3,630	-70	-360
Education and health services	5,520	5,550	5,830	-30	-310
Leisure and hospitality	2,650	2,190	3,530	460	-880
Food services and drinking places	1,950	1,700	2,750	250	-800
Other services	1,050	800	1,350	250	-300
Government	6,760	6,820	7,880	-60	-1,120
Federal government	1,500	1,440	1,550	60	-50
State government	690	680	690	10	0
Local government	4,570	4,700	5,640	-130	-1,070
Indian tribal	360	400	1,030	-40	-670
Local education	2,820	2,930	3,120	-110	-300
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,390	1,370	1,490	20	-100

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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