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## **Employment in Douglas County**

### **Employment Recovery Continues in September**

Douglas County's payroll employers added a seasonally adjusted 160 jobs in September after dropping 80 in July but then adding 50 in August. With the additional jobs added in September, Douglas County has gained back 38 percent of the jobs lost in March and April due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The largest not seasonally adjusted private-sector gains in Douglas County were in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (20); and private education and health care (20). There were losses in leisure and hospitality (-90), manufacturing (-60), and professional and business services (-60).

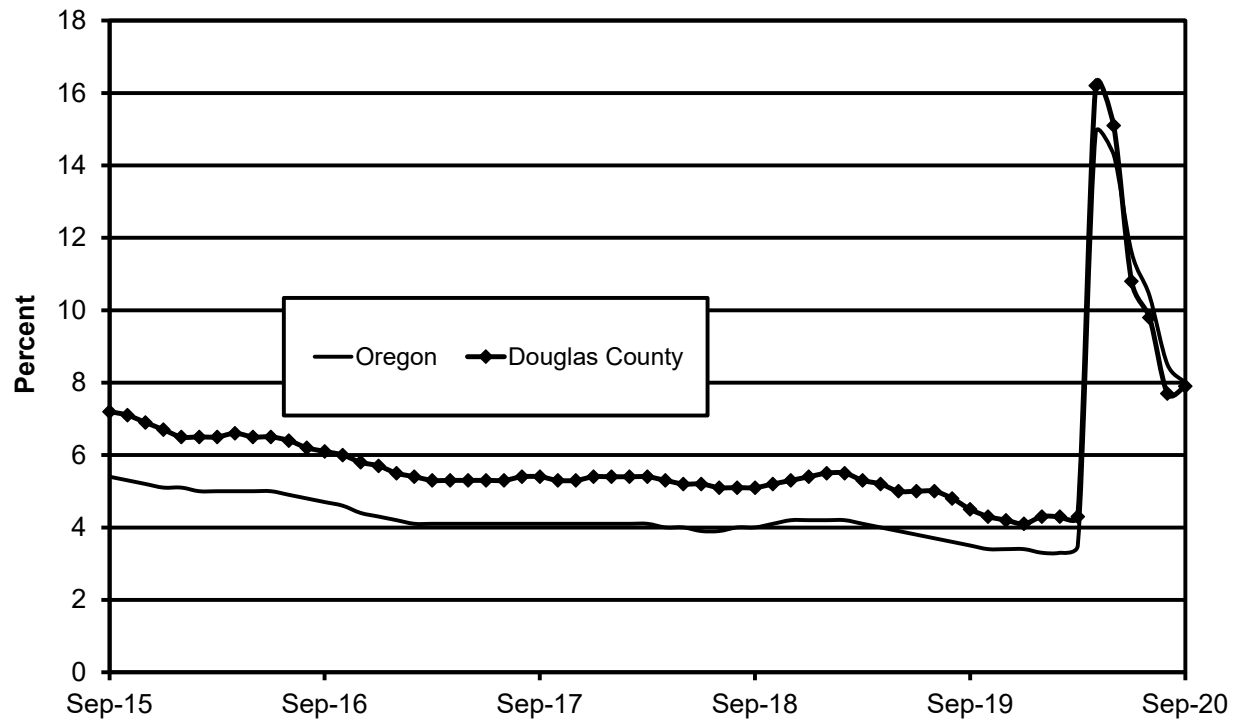
Government gained 510 jobs largely from a seasonal gain of 570 in local education and an additional gain of 30 in tribal. These gains were countered by losses in federal government of 50, state government of 20, and noneducation local government of 20.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from a revised 7.7 percent in August to 7.9 percent in September. The Oregon seasonally adjusted September rate was 8.0 percent and the U.S. rate was 7.9 percent in September.

#### **Next Press Releases**

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

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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### Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			--Change From--		
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	45,096	45,293	46,645	-197	-1,549
Unemployed	3,308	3,558	1,839	-250	1,469
Unemployment rate	7.3%	7.9%	3.9%	-0.6	3.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.9%	7.7%	4.5%	0.2	3.4
Employed	41,788	41,735	44,806	53	-3,018
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	36,240	35,930	38,940	310	-2,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	35,960	35,800	38,640	160	-2,680
Total private	28,760	28,960	31,280	-200	-2,520
Mining, logging, and construction	2,660	2,660	2,890	0	-230
Mining and logging	970	980	1,040	-10	-70
Construction	1,690	1,680	1,850	10	-160
Manufacturing	4,230	4,290	4,810	-60	-580
Durable goods	3,800	3,850	4,300	-50	-500
Wood product manufacturing	2,600	2,640	3,000	-40	-400
Nondurable goods	430	440	510	-10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,100	7,100	7,240	0	-140
Wholesale trade	830	830	740	0	90
Retail trade	4,750	4,770	4,860	-20	-110
Food and beverage stores	1,080	1,090	1,080	-10	0
General merchandise stores	1,110	1,120	1,140	-10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,520	1,500	1,640	20	-120
Information	240	240	260	0	-20
Financial activities	1,400	1,400	1,470	0	-70
Professional and business services	3,250	3,310	3,650	-60	-400
Education and health services	5,800	5,780	5,990	20	-190
Leisure and hospitality	3,110	3,200	3,630	-90	-520
Food services and drinking places	2,160	2,190	2,800	-30	-640
Other services	970	980	1,340	-10	-370
Government	7,480	6,970	7,660	510	-180
Federal government	1,660	1,710	1,590	-50	70
State government	720	740	770	-20	-50
Local government	5,100	4,520	5,300	580	-200
Indian tribal	980	950	1,060	30	-80
Local education	2,710	2,140	2,790	570	-80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,430	1,450	-20	-40

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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