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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Drops in October

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from a revised 7.8 percent in September to 6.5 percent in October. The Douglas County rate has been tracking slightly below the statewide and national rates. The Oregon seasonally adjusted October rate was 6.9 percent and the U.S. rate was also 6.9 percent in October.

Douglas County's payroll employers gained a seasonally adjusted 300 jobs in October after adding 70 in August and adding 50 in September. With the additional jobs added in October, Douglas County has gained back 50 percent of the jobs lost in March and April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The largest not seasonally adjusted private-sector gains in Douglas County were in manufacturing (70); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30); and other services (20). There were losses in leisure and hospitality (-70) and education and health services (-20).

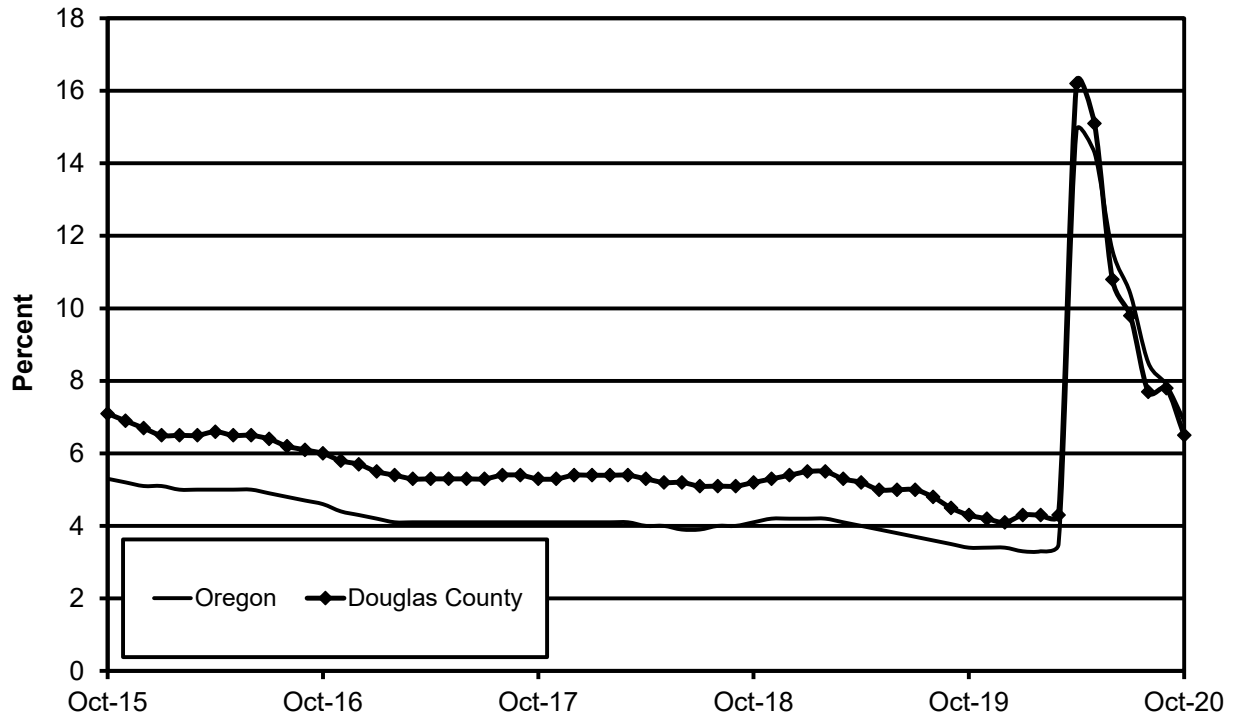
Government gained 210 jobs from a seasonal gain of 250 in local education and additional gains of 10 each in tribal and noneducation local government. These gains were countered by a loss in federal government of 60. State government employment was unchanged.

When comparing October 2020 with October 2019, total nonfarm employment is down 1,840 jobs, or 4.7 percent. All major private industry sectors are down over the year except wholesale trade (90) and retail trade (10).

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 22nd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 15th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,476	45,280	46,398	2,196	1,078
Unemployed	2,891	3,314	1,847	-423	1,044
Unemployment rate	6.1%	7.3%	4.0%	-1.2	2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.5%	7.8%	4.3%	-1.3	2.2
Employed	44,585	41,966	44,551	2,619	34
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,170	36,930	39,020	240	-1,850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	36,950	36,650	38,790	300	-1,840
Total private	29,540	29,510	31,110	30	-1,570
Mining, logging, and construction	2,750	2,770	2,880	-20	-130
Mining and logging	980	990	1,020	-10	-40
Construction	1,770	1,780	1,860	-10	-90
Manufacturing	4,490	4,420	4,810	70	-320
Durable goods	4,060	3,990	4,300	70	-240
Wood product manufacturing	2,840	2,770	3,000	70	-160
Nondurable goods	430	430	510	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,270	7,230	7,230	40	40
Wholesale trade	850	850	760	0	90
Retail trade	4,880	4,870	4,870	10	10
Food and beverage stores	1,110	1,120	1,060	-10	50
General merchandise stores	1,190	1,180	1,150	10	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,540	1,510	1,600	30	-60
Information	260	250	280	10	-20
Financial activities	1,370	1,390	1,450	-20	-80
Professional and business services	3,330	3,310	3,550	20	-220
Education and health services	5,870	5,890	6,000	-20	-130
Leisure and hospitality	3,050	3,120	3,590	-70	-540
Food services and drinking places	2,480	2,490	2,800	-10	-320
Other services	1,150	1,130	1,320	20	-170
Government	7,630	7,420	7,910	210	-280
Federal government	1,600	1,660	1,540	-60	60
State government	720	720	710	0	10
Local government	5,310	5,040	5,660	270	-350
Indian tribal	970	960	1,060	10	-90
Local education	2,930	2,680	3,130	250	-200
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,400	1,470	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 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.

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