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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Continues to Drop in November

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from a revised 6.5% in October to 5.9% in November. The Douglas County rate has been tracking slightly below the statewide and national rates. The Oregon seasonally adjusted November rate was 6.0% and the U.S. rate was 6.7% in November.

Douglas County's payroll employers dropped a seasonally adjusted 30 jobs in November after adding 50 in September and adding 290 in October. Douglas County has gained back 47% of the jobs lost in March and April at the onset of COVID-19 crisis.

The largest not seasonally adjusted private-sector gains in Douglas County were in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (50); education and health services (40); and professional and business services (30). There were losses in leisure and hospitality (-60) and construction (-40).

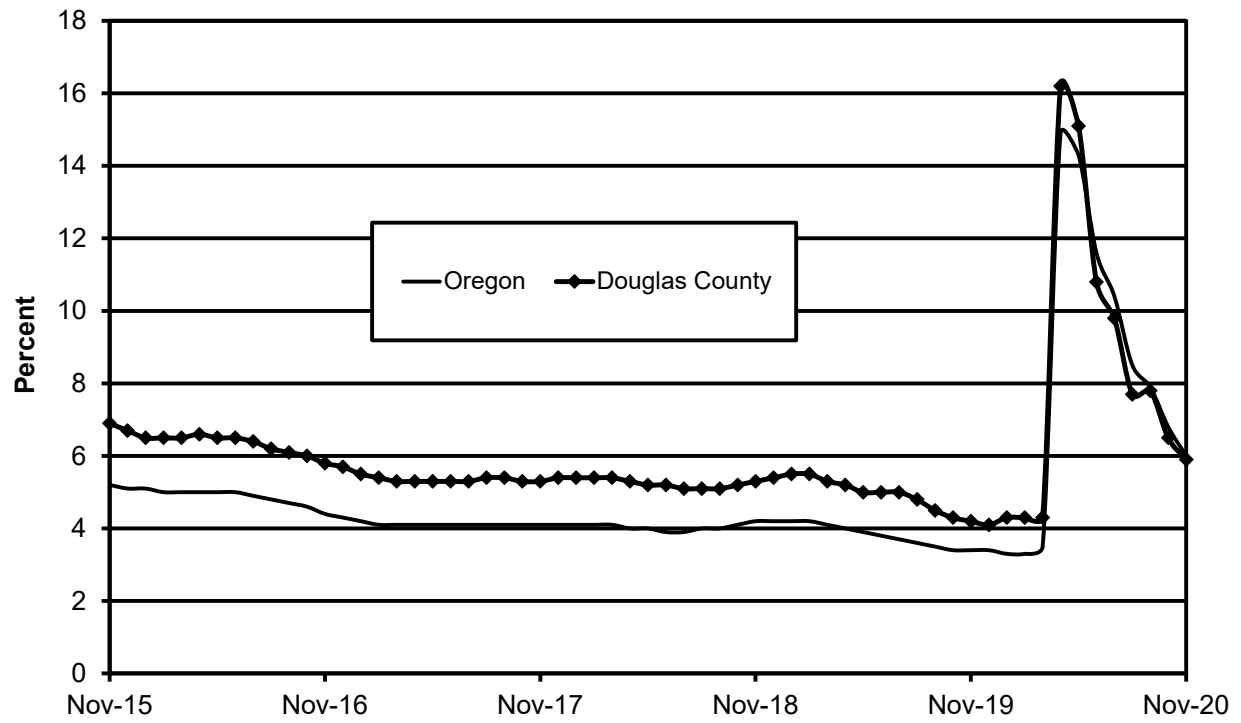
Government lost 20 jobs from a loss of 110 in federal government, largely from census workers, that was countered by gains in local education (60), noneducation local government (20), and Indian tribal (10).

When comparing November 2020 with November 2019, total nonfarm employment is down 1,840 jobs, or 4.7%. All major private industry sectors are down over the year except wholesale trade (80).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,746	47,479	46,139	-733	607
Unemployed	2,529	2,865	1,766	-336	763
Unemployment rate	5.4%	6.0%	3.8%	-0.6	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	6.5%	4.2%	-0.6	1.7
Employed	44,217	44,614	44,373	-397	-156
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,120	37,160	38,970	-40	-1,850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>36,910</i>	<i>36,940</i>	<i>38,750</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>-1,840</i>
Total private	29,500	29,520	31,060	-20	-1,560
Mining, logging, and construction	2,690	2,750	2,850	-60	-160
Mining and logging	960	980	1,020	-20	-60
Construction	1,730	1,770	1,830	-40	-100
Manufacturing	4,480	4,490	4,770	-10	-290
Durable goods	4,060	4,060	4,300	0	-240
Wood product manufacturing	2,850	2,840	3,000	10	-150
Nondurable goods	420	430	470	-10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,340	7,270	7,340	70	0
Wholesale trade	850	850	770	0	80
Retail trade	4,900	4,880	4,940	20	-40
Food and beverage stores	1,100	1,110	1,060	-10	40
General merchandise stores	1,220	1,190	1,200	30	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,590	1,540	1,630	50	-40
Information	260	260	280	0	-20
Financial activities	1,350	1,370	1,420	-20	-70
Professional and business services	3,350	3,320	3,580	30	-230
Education and health services	5,910	5,870	6,000	40	-90
Leisure and hospitality	2,980	3,040	3,500	-60	-520
Food services and drinking places	2,480	2,490	2,780	-10	-300
Other services	1,140	1,150	1,320	-10	-180
Government	7,620	7,640	7,910	-20	-290
Federal government	1,490	1,600	1,470	-110	20
State government	730	730	730	0	0
Local government	5,400	5,310	5,710	90	-310
Indian tribal	980	970	1,080	10	-100
Local education	2,990	2,930	3,170	60	-180
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,430	1,410	1,460	20	-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 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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