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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Increased in December

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from a revised 6.1% in November to 6.4% in December. The Douglas County rate has generally been tracking closely the statewide and national rates. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 6.4% and the U.S. rate was 6.7% in December.

Douglas County's payroll employers dropped a seasonally adjusted 170 jobs in December after adding 290 in October and dropping 40 in November. Douglas County has gained back 45% of the jobs lost in March and April at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in December, there was a large loss in leisure and hospitality (-180). There were additional relatively large losses in construction (-40) and other services (-40). There were relatively large gains in retail trade (40), professional and business services (40), and education and health services (20).

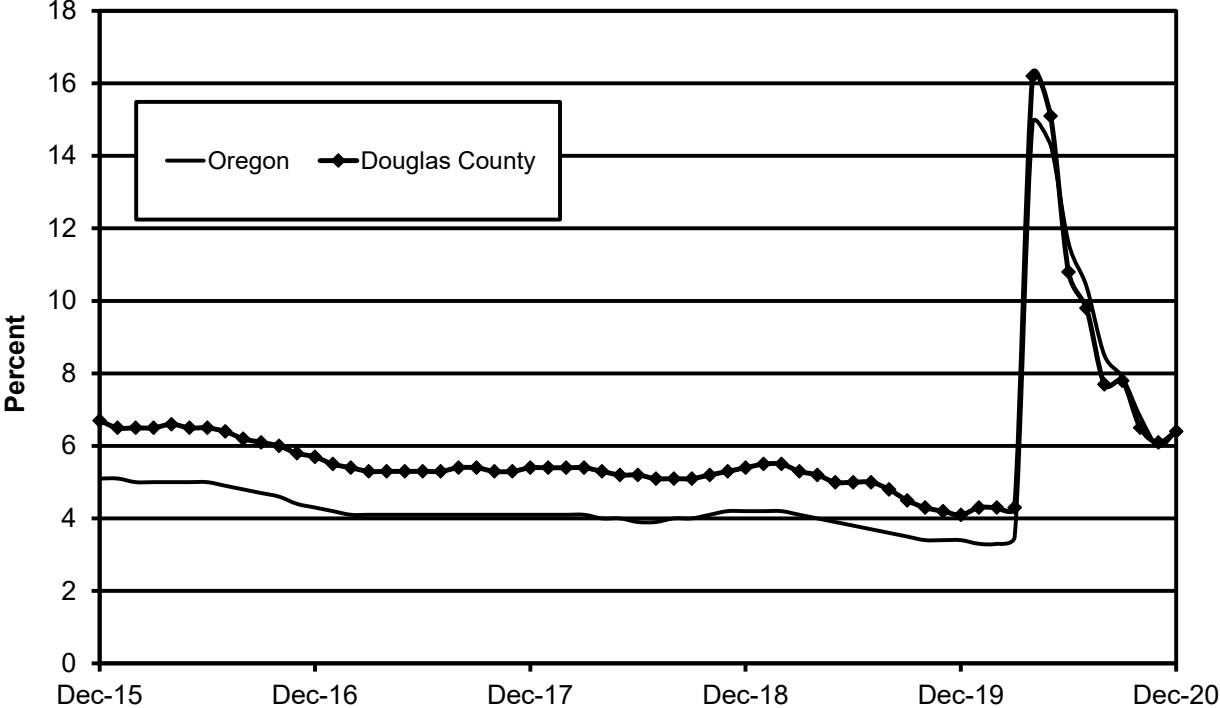
Government lost 120 jobs from losses in local education (-100), noneducation local government (-20), and Indian tribal (-10). These losses were countered by a gain of 10 in state government.

When comparing December 2020 with December 2019, total nonfarm employment is down 1,990 jobs, or 5.1%. All major private industry sectors are down over the year except retail trade (100) and wholesale trade (70).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 9th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,261	47,013	45,829	248	1,432
Unemployed	2,926	2,591	1,804	335	1,122
Unemployment rate	6.2%	5.5%	3.9%	0.7	2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.1%	4.1%	0.3	2.3
Employed	44,335	44,422	44,025	-87	310
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	36,820	37,110	38,810	-290	-1,990
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	36,730	36,900	38,720	-170	-1,990
Total private	29,330	29,500	31,090	-170	-1,760
Mining, logging, and construction	2,650	2,690	2,800	-40	-150
Mining and logging	960	960	1,030	0	-70
Construction	1,690	1,730	1,770	-40	-80
Manufacturing	4,490	4,480	4,750	10	-260
Durable goods	4,070	4,060	4,290	10	-220
Wood product manufacturing	2,860	2,850	3,000	10	-140
Nondurable goods	420	420	460	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,420	7,370	7,320	50	100
Wholesale trade	860	850	790	10	70
Retail trade	4,960	4,920	4,860	40	100
Food and beverage stores	1,110	1,110	1,060	0	50
General merchandise stores	1,250	1,230	1,200	20	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,600	1,600	1,670	0	-70
Information	260	260	280	0	-20
Financial activities	1,320	1,350	1,430	-30	-110
Professional and business services	3,370	3,330	3,680	40	-310
Education and health services	5,920	5,900	6,040	20	-120
Leisure and hospitality	2,800	2,980	3,480	-180	-680
Food services and drinking places	2,300	2,480	2,780	-180	-480
Other services	1,100	1,140	1,310	-40	-210
Government	7,490	7,610	7,720	-120	-230
Federal government	1,490	1,490	1,450	0	40
State government	730	720	710	10	20
Local government	5,270	5,400	5,560	-130	-290
Indian tribal	970	980	1,070	-10	-100
Local education	2,890	2,990	3,010	-100	-120
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,430	1,480	-20	-70

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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