

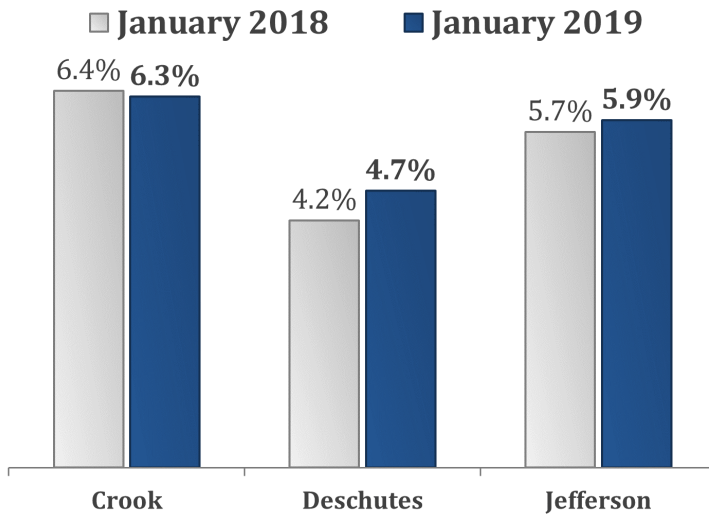


Central Oregon Economic Indicators

February 2019 Edition

(January 2019 data)

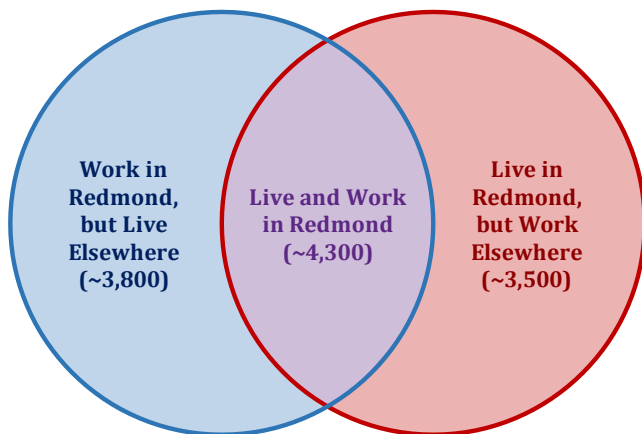
Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally-adjusted)



Graph of the Month

Redmond, Oregon: A Bedroom Community?

Source: OED and U.S. Census, OnTheMap and ACS 2017
5-Year Estimates

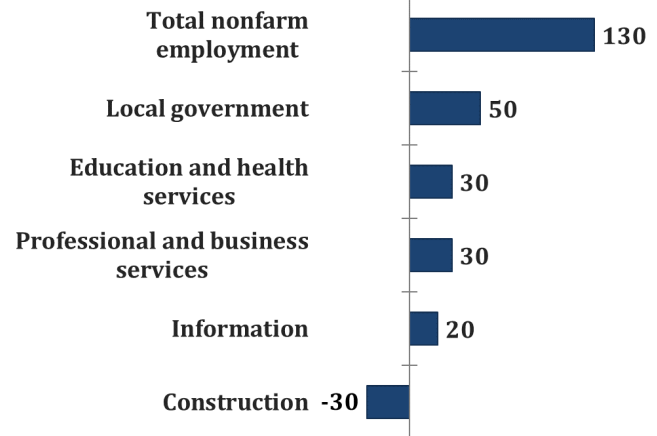


Net gain of about 500 workers

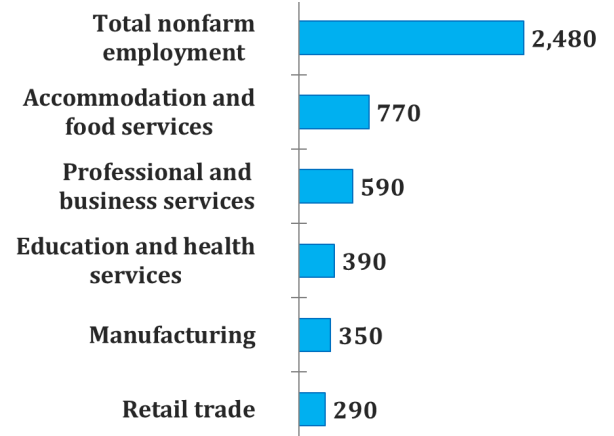
The most common reason for workers not living where they work, especially in city centers and large metro areas, is housing affordability. Living in the city center is typically more expensive, so it's common for workers to live in neighboring communities to escape higher housing costs. These outer communities are often referred to as "bedroom communities." Is Redmond considered a bedroom community for Bend? Not entirely. While about 4,000 Redmond residents commute to Bend for work (roughly one-third of workers who reside in Redmond), about 2,000 Bend residents are commuting the opposite direction to Redmond. When considering the commuting patterns from other towns near Redmond we see that the city is actually a net importer of labor. For more info, check out my recent article [here](#).

Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

Crook County



Deschutes County



Jefferson County

