Central Oregon Economic Indicators
August 2020 Edition

Local Area Unemployment Rates
(Seasonally adjusted)

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

**Crook County**
- Total nonfarm employment: -300
- Construction: -210
- Information: 30
- Wood product manufacturing: -80
- Retail trade: -70
- Leisure and hospitality: -230

**Deschutes County**
- Total nonfarm employment: -7,040
- Mining, logging, and construction: 210
- Professional and business services: -710
- Retail trade: -720
- Education and health services (private): -910
- Accommodation and food services: -4,020

**Jefferson County**
- Total nonfarm employment: -870
- Financial activities: 10
- Professional and business services: -60
- Manufacturing: -180
- Indian tribal: -210
- Leisure and hospitality: -270

Graph of the Month
COVID Challenges Oregon’s Working Parents
*Source: Oregon Office of Economic Analysis*

As classes start for the Fall 2020 semester, I can imagine that working parents aren’t feeling the same level of relief they were this time last year when they sent their kids back to school. With online learning being the main delivery for schools across the state, many working parents are having to juggle the task of working and helping with their kids’ virtual schoolwork. This is a predicament many households in Oregon are currently grappling with as they begin a full semester of this precarious juggle.

As the OEA points out, 1 out of 6 (~17%) Oregonians in the labor force have kids, work in a job that can’t be done remotely, and don’t have another non-working adult present in the house. This puts roughly 350,000 Oregonians in a tough position. One surprising find is that upper middle-income households ($65k to $110k in annual income) are the most impacted with this predicament. For more info, read the [OEA’s original post here](#).

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