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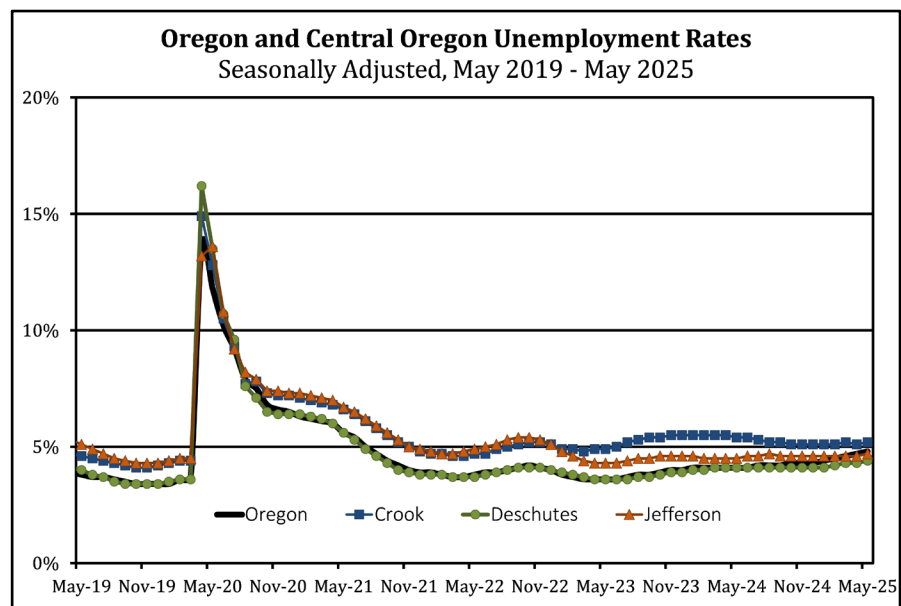
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Employment in Central Oregon: May 2025

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates throughout Central Oregon increased in May. Total nonfarm employment also increased in all three counties during the month; however, gains in Jefferson and Crook counties were weaker than anticipated, resulting in seasonally adjusted declines.

Bend MSA (Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties): The Bend MSA seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month of May and is now 4.5%, up from a rate of 4.4% in April—in May of last year, it was 0.3 percentage point lower at 4.2%.

The Bend MSA gained 1,150 jobs (+1.0%) from April to May and total nonfarm employment is now 113,310. Private-sector job gains were concentrated within leisure and hospitality (+790 jobs) with most gains occurring in accommodation and food services (+800 jobs). Other notable gains were recorded in mining, logging, and construction (+70 jobs); Private education and health services (+50 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+50 jobs); professional and business services (+40 jobs); and financial activities (+10 jobs). Private-sector losses were minimal and occurred in manufacturing (-20 jobs). The public sector gained 160 jobs over the month.



Total nonfarm employment increased by 1.0% (+1,130 jobs) from May 2024 to May 2025. Over-the-year job gains were concentrated within private education and health services (+730 jobs); professional and business services (+660 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+180 jobs); and government (+20 jobs). Over-the-year losses were largest within trade, transportation, and utilities (-510 jobs) with 380 jobs lost within the retail trade subsector. Smaller job

losses were also recorded in leisure and hospitality (-100 jobs); information (-80 jobs), financial activities (-40 jobs), and other services (-30 jobs).

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month of May and is now 5.2%, up from a rate of 5.1% in April—in May of last year, it was 0.2 percentage points higher at 5.4%.

Crook County saw an increase in total nonfarm employment over the month with a gain of 10 jobs (+0.1%) in May. These gains were primarily concentrated within the public sector (+40 jobs), with smaller increases in other services (+10 jobs) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). Modest losses were also seen in information (-30 jobs); construction (-10 jobs); and private education and health services (-10 jobs).

Over the past year the county lost 60 jobs (-0.8%). Losses were concentrated within public-sector employment, with a decline of 90 jobs over the year (6.5%), primarily within local government (-100 jobs). The private-sector gained 30 jobs over the year, a 0.5% increase. Notable private-sector job gains occurred in professional and business services (+80 jobs); private education and health services (+30 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+20 jobs). Smaller gains were also seen in leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs) and financial activities (+10 jobs). Over-the-year private-sector job losses were not as large and occurred within trade, transportation, and utilities (-70 jobs); information (-40 jobs); and manufacturing (-10 jobs).

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.4% over the month of May, slightly higher than April's 4.3% rate. In May 2024 the unemployment rate was lower at 4.1%. The unemployment rate is 1.1 percentage points above its record low of 3.3% before the onset of the pandemic.

Deschutes County gained 1,090 jobs (+1.1%) from April to May and total nonfarm employment is now 98,790. Job gains were recorded primarily within leisure and hospitality (+760 jobs); government (+100 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+80 jobs); and private education and health services (+70 jobs). Smaller but noteworthy gains also occurred within trade, transportation, and utilities (+30 jobs); information (+30 jobs); manufacturing (+10 jobs); professional and business services (+10 jobs); and financial activities (+10 jobs). Private-sector losses were weaker with losses concentrated in other services (-10 jobs).

Total nonfarm employment increased 0.9% (+900 jobs) from May 2024 to May 2025. Over-the-year job gains were strongest in private education and health services (+660 jobs); professional and business services (+380 jobs); and manufacturing (+340 jobs) with durable goods manufacturing gaining 260 jobs. Other notable but smaller gains took place in mining, logging, and construction (+40 jobs); other services (+20 jobs); and the public sector (+10 jobs). The majority of over-the-year losses occurred within the trade, transportation, and utilities (-390 jobs) supersector with retail trade declining by 300 jobs. Smaller losses were also seen in leisure and hospitality (-70 jobs); financial activities (-60 jobs); and information (-30 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in May, going from 4.6% in April to 4.7%. Last year the unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point lower at 4.5% in May. Shortly before the first impacts from COVID-19 were felt the rate was 4.3%.

In May, total nonfarm employment increased by 50 jobs (+0.7%). Private-sector growth was led by leisure and hospitality (+30 jobs), with smaller gains of 10 jobs each in professional and business services; information; trade, transportation, and utilities; and other services. Government employment increased by 20 jobs over the month, with all gains taking place within local government. Job losses were not as widespread and occurred in both manufacturing (-30 jobs) and private education and health services (-10 jobs). All other industries remained stable with little to no change.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment rose by 90 jobs over the past year (+1.3%). Job gains were concentrated within the public sector (+110 jobs); professional and business services (+40 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+40 jobs); and manufacturing (+10 jobs). Public-sector growth was driven by both local (+60 jobs) and state (+40 jobs) government employment. Private-sector losses were stronger than private-sector gains and occurred within trade, transportation, and utilities (-40 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-40 jobs); financial activities (-20 jobs); and other services (-10 jobs). Private-sector employment is down 20 jobs year-over-year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16.



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Bend MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	135,922	135,085	133,461	837	2,461
Unemployed	5,794	5,176	4,856	618	938
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.8%	3.6%	0.5	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	130,128	129,909	128,605	219	1,523
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	113,310	112,160	112,180	1,150	1,130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>113,210</i>	<i>113,170</i>	<i>110,800</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>2,410</i>
Total private	98,400	97,410	97,290	990	1,110
Mining, logging, and construction	9,450	9,380	9,270	70	180
Manufacturing	8,640	8,660	8,340	-20	300
Durable goods	5,930	5,970	5,710	-40	220
Trade, transportation, and utilities	18,620	18,570	19,130	50	-510
Wholesale trade	2,950	2,950	2,990	0	-40
Retail trade	12,810	12,780	13,190	30	-380
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,860	2,840	2,950	20	-90
Information	2,350	2,350	2,430	0	-80
Financial activities	5,690	5,680	5,730	10	-40
Professional and business services	13,410	13,370	12,750	40	660
Private education and health services	19,690	19,640	18,960	50	730
Leisure and hospitality	16,580	15,790	16,680	790	-100
Accommodation and food services	13,600	12,800	13,700	800	-100
Other services	3,970	3,970	4,000	0	-30
Government	14,910	14,750	14,890	160	20
Federal government	1,470	1,400	1,520	70	-50
State government	1,680	1,670	1,580	10	100
Local government	11,760	11,680	11,790	80	-30
Local education	5,970	5,960	6,350	10	-380

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: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	13,112	13,050	12,930	62	182
Unemployed	630	586	602	44	28
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.5%	4.7%	0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.1%	5.4%	0.1	-0.2
Employed	12,482	12,464	12,328	18	154
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,440	7,430	7,500	10	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,400	7,480	7,460	-80	-60
Total private	6,150	6,180	6,120	-30	30
Mining, logging, and construction	870	880	850	-10	20
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	840	850	810	-10	30
Manufacturing	690	690	700	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	340	340	360	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,200	1,190	1,270	10	-70
Wholesale trade	340	340	350	0	-10
Retail trade	630	630	670	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	220	250	10	-20
Information	470	500	510	-30	-40
Financial activities	250	250	240	0	10
Professional and business services	660	660	580	0	80
Private education and health services	890	900	860	-10	30
Leisure and hospitality	850	850	840	0	10
Other services	270	260	270	10	0
Government	1,290	1,250	1,380	40	-90
Federal government	330	300	330	30	0
State government	130	130	120	0	10
Local government	830	820	930	10	-100

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Deschutes County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	111,503	110,826	109,448	677	2,055
Unemployed	4,649	4,153	3,839	496	810
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	0.5	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	106,854	106,673	105,609	181	1,245
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	98,790	97,700	97,890	1,090	900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>98,700</i>	<i>98,580</i>	<i>96,690</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>2,010</i>
Total private	87,600	86,610	86,710	990	890
Mining, logging, and construction	8,310	8,230	8,270	80	40
Manufacturing	6,770	6,760	6,430	10	340
Durable goods	4,330	4,340	4,070	-10	260
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,510	16,480	16,900	30	-390
Wholesale trade	2,440	2,440	2,470	0	-30
Retail trade	11,540	11,520	11,840	20	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,530	2,520	2,590	10	-60
Information	1,840	1,810	1,870	30	-30
Financial activities	5,290	5,280	5,350	10	-60
Professional and business services	12,300	12,290	11,920	10	380
Private education and health services	17,990	17,920	17,330	70	660
Leisure and hospitality	15,060	14,300	15,130	760	-70
Accommodation and food services	12,190	11,390	12,260	800	-70
Other services	3,530	3,540	3,510	-10	20
Government	11,190	11,090	11,180	100	10
Federal government	1,040	1,000	1,100	40	-60
State government	1,140	1,130	1,110	10	30
Local government	9,010	8,960	8,970	50	40
Local education	4,840	4,840	5,120	0	-280

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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,307	11,209	11,083	98	224
Unemployed	515	437	415	78	100
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.9%	3.7%	0.7	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	10,792	10,772	10,668	20	124
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,880	6,830	6,790	50	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,720</i>	<i>6,760</i>	<i>6,630</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>90</i>
Total private	4,440	4,410	4,460	30	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	190	190	150	0	40
Mining and logging	20	20	10	0	10
Construction	170	170	140	0	30
Manufacturing	1,220	1,250	1,210	-30	10
Wood product manufacturing	940	960	920	-20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	920	910	960	10	-40
Wholesale trade	160	160	170	0	-10
Retail trade	650	640	680	10	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	110	0	0
Information	50	40	50	10	0
Financial activities	120	120	140	0	-20
Professional and business services	290	280	250	10	40
Private education and health services	770	780	770	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	670	640	710	30	-40
Other services	210	200	220	10	-10
Government	2,440	2,420	2,330	20	110
Federal government	100	100	90	0	10
State government	390	390	350	0	40
Local government	1,950	1,930	1,890	20	60
Indian tribal	880	870	840	10	40

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