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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employers Add 50 Jobs in May

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 50 jobs in April after a loss of 160 in April and a gain of 100 in March.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in May, there were relatively large seasonal gains in leisure and hospitality (90) and construction (40). There were additional gains in private education and health services (60), professional and business services (50), and retail trade (20).

Government added 80 jobs in May from gains in local education (50), noneducational local government (20), and federal government (10).

When comparing May 2025 with May 2024, total nonfarm employment decreased by 400 jobs, or -1.0%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (280), and other services (20). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-200), manufacturing (-160), leisure and hospitality (-160) and professional and business services (-130).

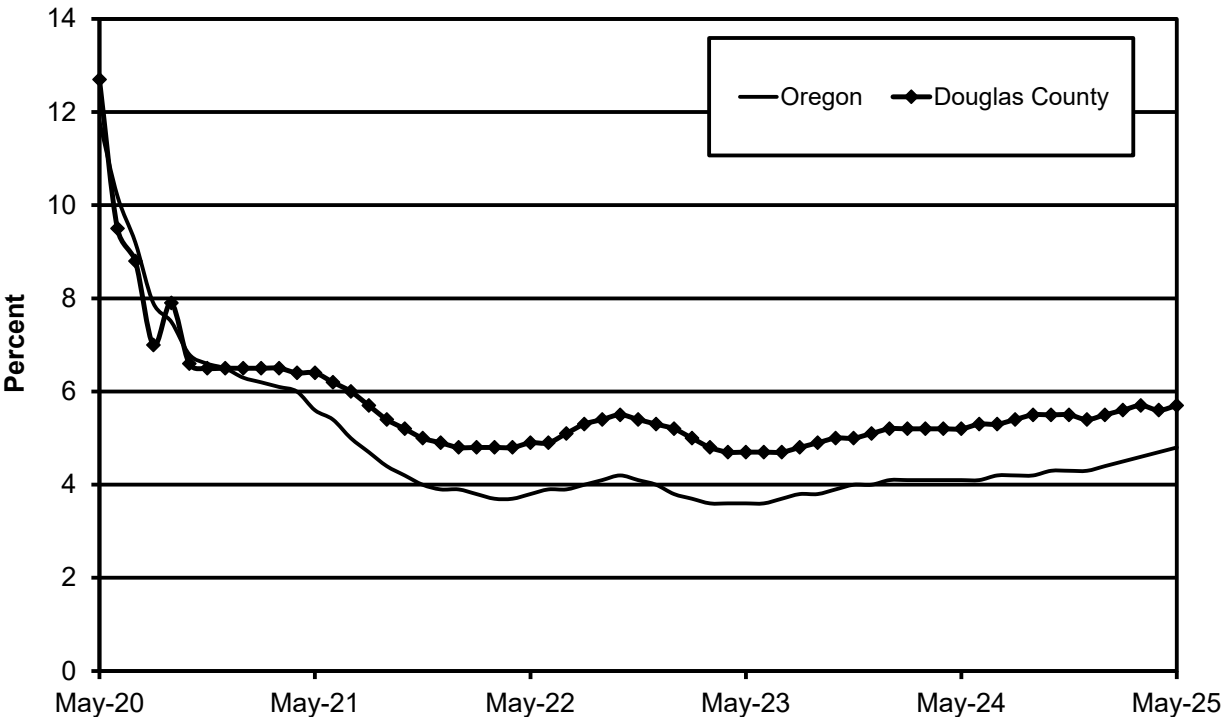
Government added 150 jobs over the year in May due to gains in local education (100), and federal government (50).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is essentially unchanged in May at 5.7% compared with a revised 5.6% in April. The rate is up significantly from 5.2% in May 2024. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.4%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted May rate was 4.8% and the U.S. rate was 4.2%.

Next Press Releases

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,120	45,746	46,284	374	-164
Unemployed	2,552	2,268	2,143	284	409
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.0%	4.6%	0.5	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.6%	5.2%	0.1	0.5
Employed	43,568	43,478	44,141	90	-573
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,530	38,170	38,920	360	-390
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,280	38,230	38,680	50	-400
Total private	30,490	30,210	31,030	280	-540
Mining, logging, and construction	2,500	2,460	2,640	40	-140
Mining and logging	790	790	870	0	-80
Construction	1,710	1,670	1,770	40	-60
Manufacturing	4,500	4,490	4,660	10	-160
Durable goods	4,000	4,000	4,140	0	-140
Wood product manufacturing	2,610	2,600	2,700	10	-90
Nondurable goods	500	490	520	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,890	6,860	7,100	30	-210
Wholesale trade	860	860	870	0	-10
Retail trade	4,590	4,570	4,790	20	-200
Food and beverage retailers	1,080	1,080	1,120	0	-40
General merchandise retailers	1,120	1,110	1,130	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,440	1,430	1,440	10	0
Information	340	340	340	0	0
Financial activities	1,280	1,280	1,320	0	-40
Professional and business services	2,910	2,860	3,040	50	-130
Private education and health services	7,170	7,110	6,890	60	280
Leisure and hospitality	3,640	3,550	3,800	90	-160
Food services and drinking places	2,920	2,860	2,950	60	-30
Other services	1,260	1,260	1,240	0	20
Government	8,040	7,960	7,890	80	150
Federal government	1,500	1,490	1,450	10	50
State government	700	700	700	0	0
Local government	5,840	5,770	5,740	70	100
Indian tribal	1,120	1,120	1,120	0	0
Local education	3,190	3,140	3,090	50	100
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,530	1,510	1,530	20	0

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 pay 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.

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