

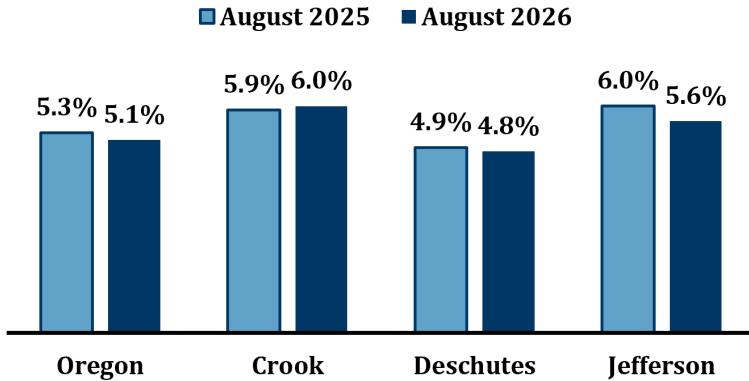


Central Oregon Economic Indicators

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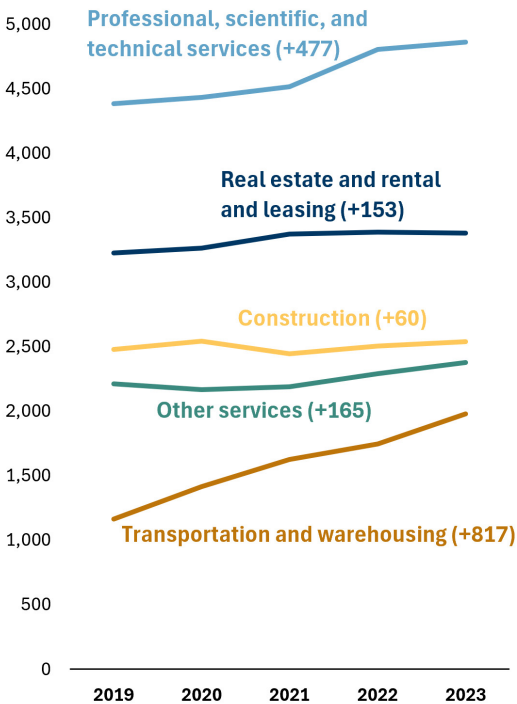
Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



Graph of the Month

Nonemployer Establishments in Central Oregon

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The three largest sectors in 2023 by number of nonemployer establishments in Central Oregon were professional, scientific, and technical services (4,862); real estate and rental and leasing (3,380); and construction (2,540).

In 2023, the real estate and rental and leasing sector had the largest receipts among sectors in Central Oregon, bringing in 22% of total nonemployer receipts (\$346.9 million). Deschutes County had 10.6 nonemployer establishments per 100 people which ranks second across all counties in Oregon for prevalence of nonemployers.

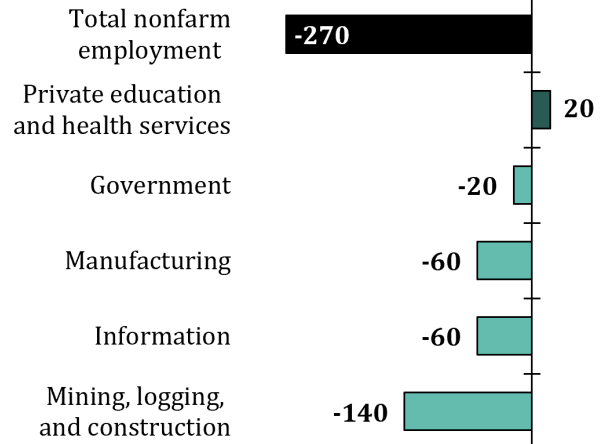
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Nonemployer Statistics

Over the past five years, the transportation and warehousing sector experienced the most growth; the number of nonemployer establishments grew by over 800 (about 70%). Typical gig economy workers like rideshare drivers and delivery workers fall into this category.

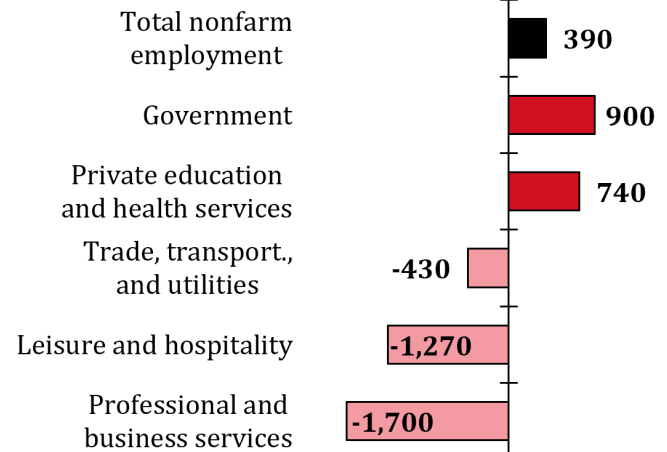
Select Industry Gains and Losses

(Over-the-year net employment change, August 2026)

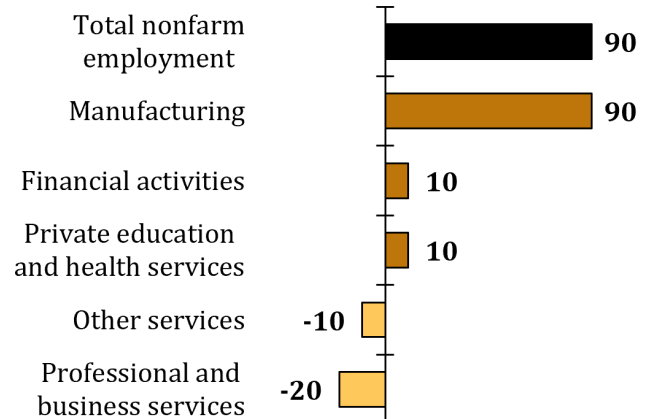
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