The number of workers claiming unemployment insurance (UI) benefits in Central Oregon increased by 436 from June 2022 to June 2023. In contrast, from May to June 2023, continued UI claims in Central Oregon declined by 172, marking four months of consecutive declines. Continued UI claims have declined by an average of 145 over the past four months.

When broken down by county, over the month of June, continued UI claims declined by 126 in Deschutes County, by 18 in Crook County, and by 28 in Jefferson County. Year-over-year, continued UI claims increased by 329 in Deschutes County and by 108 in Crook County, but decreased by one in Jefferson.