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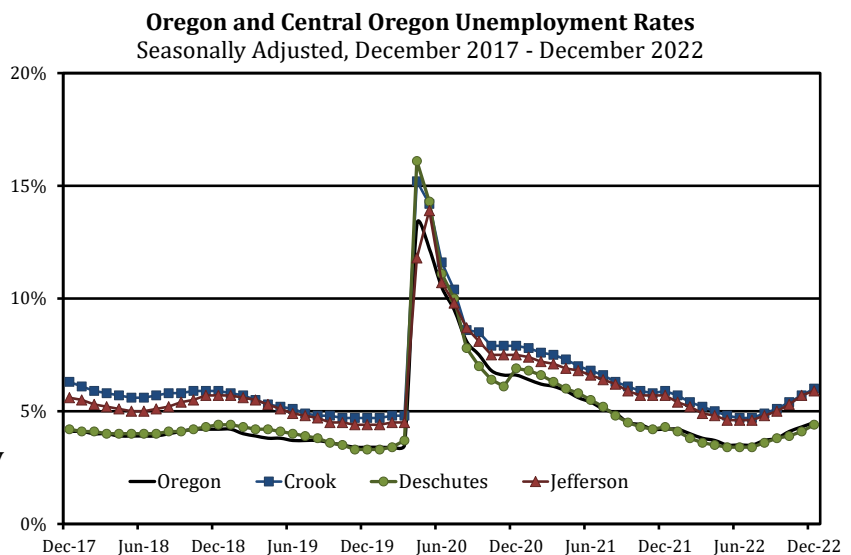
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Employment in Central Oregon: December 2022

December job losses were concentrated in retail trade and accommodation and food services. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose across Central Oregon and throughout the state in December, continuing a five month trend.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point in December to 6.0%. The unemployment rate is 1.3 percentage point above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.7%.

Crook County cut 100 nonfarm jobs in December, falling to 7,260. Employment levels in Crook County are up 11.6% from pre-pandemic levels (+770 jobs).



The county added 220 jobs in the last year (+3.1%). Crook County's rate of job growth remains among the fastest of Oregon's 36 counties over the past year. Job gains remain concentrated in information (+80 jobs), professional and business services (+40), and manufacturing (+40).

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 4.4% in December from a revised 4.1% in November. The unemployment rate in December remains 1.1 percentage points above its record low of 3.3% before the onset of the pandemic.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County lost 330 jobs in December, falling to 90,510. Retail trade cut 180 jobs in December, dropping its total to 11,480. Accommodation and food services cut 80 jobs in December – however, the leisure and hospitality group rose by 100 jobs with the return of the winter recreational season. Manufacturing (-50); professional and business services (-40); and education and health services (-40) also lost jobs in December. Local government cut 110 jobs in December and federal government shed 140. December seasonally adjusted employment exceeded pre-pandemic levels by 2,310 jobs or 2.6%.

Total nonfarm employment expanded by 2.3% (+2,010 jobs) from December 2021. Leisure and hospitality led private industry with an over-the-year gain of 850 jobs (+6.9%). Education and health services also expanded, adding 560 jobs (+3.7%). Retail trade cut 510 jobs (-4.3%), falling to 11,480, and manufacturing lost 130 jobs, dropping to 5,950. Local government rose by 710 jobs or 9.4%.

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 5.9% in December. The unemployment rate was 4.4% in December 2019 through January 2020, before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment fell by 60 in December, with government cutting 30 and private industry shedding 30 jobs. Leisure and hospitality cut 20 jobs and Indian tribal government lost 30. Jefferson County has fallen 10 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment level (-0.1%).

The rate of job growth is slowing in Jefferson County with total nonfarm employment up 100 jobs over the past year (+1.5%). Job gains were concentrated in wood product manufacturing (+50 jobs), retail trade (+30 jobs), and education and health services (+30). Leisure and hospitality cut 10 jobs over the year, falling to 640 (-3.0%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on March 7th, 2023.

Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,106	11,165	10,883	-59	223
Unemployed	773	658	570	115	203
Unemployment rate	7.0%	5.9%	5.2%	1.1	1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Employed	10,333	10,507	10,313	-174	20
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,260	7,360	7,040	-100	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7,400</i>	<i>7,370</i>	<i>7,170</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>230</i>
Total private	6,010	6,050	5,820	-40	190
Mining, logging, and construction	940	960	940	-20	0
Mining and logging	70	70	70	0	0
Construction	870	890	870	-20	0
Manufacturing	750	740	710	10	40
Wood product manufacturing	390	380	390	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,160	1,170	1,130	-10	30
Wholesale trade	330	330	320	0	10
Retail trade	620	620	600	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	220	210	-10	0
Information	530	520	450	10	80
Financial activities	220	220	210	0	10
Professional and business services	630	650	590	-20	40
Education and health services	760	750	770	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	750	770	740	-20	10
Other services	270	270	280	0	-10
Government	1,250	1,310	1,220	-60	30
Federal government	230	280	230	-50	0
State government	140	150	120	-10	20
Local government	880	880	870	0	10

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.

Bend-Redmond MSA (Deschutes County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	103,118	103,515	103,724	-397	-606
Unemployed	4,979	4,467	3,795	512	1,184
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.3%	3.7%	0.5	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.1%	4.3%	0.3	0.1
Employed	98,139	99,048	99,929	-909	-1,790
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	90,510	90,840	88,500	-330	2,010
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	91,200	91,150	89,250	50	1,950
Total private	80,510	80,600	79,200	-90	1,310
Mining, logging, and construction	8,370	8,360	7,880	10	490
Manufacturing	5,950	6,000	6,080	-50	-130
Durable goods	3,810	3,790	3,660	20	150
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,350	16,450	16,860	-100	-510
Wholesale trade	2,450	2,460	2,400	-10	50
Retail trade	11,480	11,660	11,990	-180	-510
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,420	2,330	2,470	90	-50
Information	1,680	1,680	1,740	0	-60
Financial activities	5,520	5,500	5,510	20	10
Professional and business services	10,650	10,690	10,640	-40	10
Education and health services	15,680	15,720	15,120	-40	560
Leisure and hospitality	13,210	13,110	12,360	100	850
Accommodation and food services	10,920	11,000	10,170	-80	750
Other services	3,100	3,090	3,010	10	90
Government	10,000	10,240	9,300	-240	700
Federal government	820	960	840	-140	-20
State government	920	910	910	10	10
Local government	8,260	8,370	7,550	-110	710
Local education	4,500	4,570	4,260	-70	240

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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,292	10,356	10,203	-64	89
Unemployed	669	606	495	63	174
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.9%	4.9%	0.6	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	9,623	9,750	9,708	-127	-85
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,560	6,620	6,460	-60	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,660</i>	<i>6,680</i>	<i>6,560</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>100</i>
Total private	4,340	4,370	4,230	-30	110
Mining, logging, and construction	180	190	180	-10	0
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	160	170	160	-10	0
Manufacturing	1,280	1,280	1,240	0	40
Wood product manufacturing	950	950	900	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	970	970	940	0	30
Wholesale trade	180	170	180	10	0
Retail trade	700	710	670	-10	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	90	90	0	0
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	140	0	10
Professional and business services	190	200	180	-10	10
Education and health services	690	670	660	20	30
Leisure and hospitality	640	660	650	-20	-10
Other services	200	210	200	-10	0
Government	2,220	2,250	2,230	-30	-10
Federal government	100	100	120	0	-20
State government	290	300	300	-10	-10
Local government	1,830	1,850	1,810	-20	20
Indian tribal	850	880	830	-30	20

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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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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