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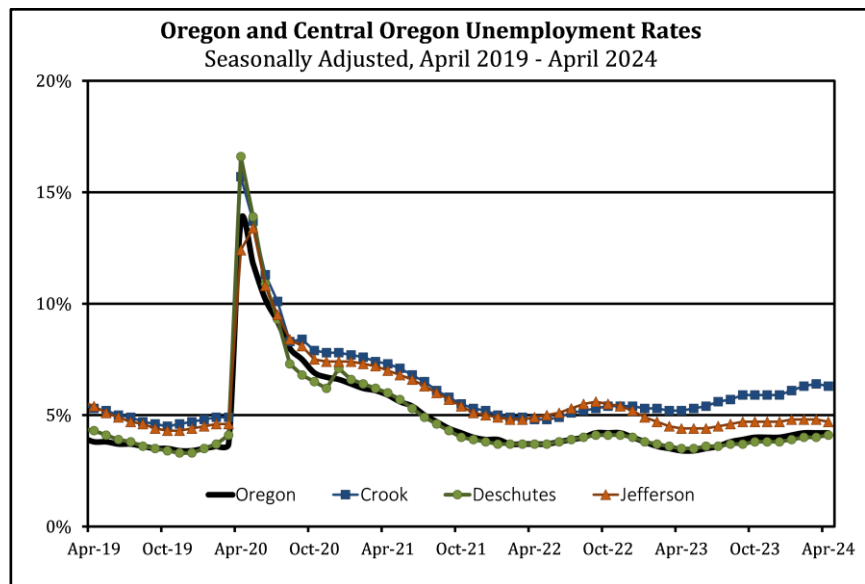
Employment in Central Oregon: April 2024

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates saw very little change in Central Oregon over the month of April, while total nonfarm employment continued to increase in April, with marginal increases in each county.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased over the month of April and is now 6.3%—in April of last year, it was 5.2%. The unemployment rate remains 1.8 percentage points above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.5%.

Crook County gained 100 jobs (+1.4%) in April, with most gains occurring in leisure and hospitality (+70 jobs) and most losses occurring in private education and health services (-20 jobs). Employment levels in Crook County are now 8.1% above pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (+540 jobs).

The county lost 320 jobs in the last year (-4.3%). Job losses were concentrated in construction (-210 jobs) and information (-70 jobs). Marginal gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+20 jobs), professional and business services (+10 jobs), and financial activities (+10 jobs).



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 4.1% in April from a revised rate of 4.0% in March. The unemployment rate in April remains 0.7 percentage point above its record low of 3.4% before the onset of the pandemic.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County gained 640 jobs (+0.7%) from March to April. Most gains were concentrated in accommodation and food services (+210 jobs), followed by private education and health services (+140 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (+140 jobs). Total nonfarm employment is now 93,700.

Total nonfarm employment expanded by 0.3% (+290 jobs) from March to April 2023. Year-over-year job gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+810 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (+140 jobs). Other notable job gains took place in financial activities (+40 jobs) and other services (+30 jobs). Over-the-year losses occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (-280 jobs); professional and business services (-230 jobs); and information (-110 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly over the month of April and is now 4.7%, down from a revised 4.8% in March. The unemployment rate was 4.4% from October 2019 to December 2019, shortly before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 120 jobs in April (+1.8%). Private-sector job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+40 jobs), and public-sector job gains were concentrated in local government (+30 jobs). Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now -0.4% (-30 jobs) below the pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment increased by 30 over the past year (+0.4%). Job gains were concentrated in the public sector (+60 jobs); private education and health services (+30 jobs); other services (+30 jobs); and professional and business services (+20 jobs). Losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-120 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,238	11,281	11,162	-43	76
Unemployed	625	784	521	-159	104
Unemployment rate	5.6%	6.9%	4.7%	-1.3	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.4%	5.2%	-0.1	1.1
Employed	10,613	10,497	10,641	116	-28
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,160	7,060	7,480	100	-320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,210	7,210	7,540	0	-330
Total private	5,910	5,850	6,170	60	-260
Mining, logging, and construction	650	650	860	0	-210
Mining and logging	50	50	50	0	0
Construction	600	600	810	0	-210
Manufacturing	750	760	750	-10	0
Wood product manufacturing	380	380	400	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,240	1,240	1,240	0	0
Wholesale trade	340	350	350	-10	-10
Retail trade	660	650	660	10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	240	230	0	10
Information	500	500	570	0	-70
Financial activities	240	240	230	0	10
Professional and business services	560	540	550	20	10
Private education and health services	880	900	860	-20	20
Leisure and hospitality	830	760	850	70	-20
Other services	260	260	260	0	0
Government	1,250	1,210	1,310	40	-60
Federal government	310	290	290	20	20
State government	120	120	120	0	0
Local government	820	800	900	20	-80

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.



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

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	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,133	107,417	102,998	-284	4,135
Unemployed	3,925	4,852	3,113	-927	812
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.5%	3.0%	-0.8	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	3.5%	0.1	0.6
Employed	103,208	102,565	99,885	643	3,323
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	93,700	93,060	93,410	640	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	94,730	94,560	93,260	170	1,470
Total private	82,910	82,380	82,570	530	340
Mining, logging, and construction	8,190	8,050	8,050	140	140
Manufacturing	6,180	6,130	6,180	50	0
Durable goods	3,920	3,900	3,880	20	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,440	16,450	16,720	-10	-280
Wholesale trade	2,420	2,420	2,420	0	0
Retail trade	11,540	11,570	11,780	-30	-240
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,480	2,460	2,520	20	-40
Information	1,710	1,700	1,820	10	-110
Financial activities	5,110	5,110	5,070	0	40
Professional and business services	11,220	11,150	11,450	70	-230
Private education and health services	16,860	16,720	16,050	140	810
Leisure and hospitality	13,860	13,750	13,920	110	-60
Accommodation and food services	11,180	10,970	11,180	210	0
Other services	3,340	3,320	3,310	20	30
Government	10,790	10,680	10,840	110	-50
Federal government	1,040	1,000	940	40	100
State government	1,150	1,130	1,100	20	50
Local government	8,600	8,550	8,800	50	-200
Local education	4,900	4,880	5,220	20	-320

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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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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,575	10,500	10,270	75	305
Unemployed	426	556	385	-130	41
Unemployment rate	4.0%	5.3%	3.7%	-1.3	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	4.4%	-0.1	0.3
Employed	10,149	9,944	9,885	205	264
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,770	6,650	6,740	120	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,680	6,730	6,660	-50	20
Total private	4,410	4,320	4,440	90	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	170	160	180	10	-10
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	160	150	170	10	-10
Manufacturing	1,170	1,160	1,290	10	-120
Wood product manufacturing	880	870	970	10	-90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	940	930	930	10	10
Wholesale trade	180	180	170	0	10
Retail trade	650	640	660	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	100	0	10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	150	0	0
Professional and business services	260	250	240	10	20
Private education and health services	730	730	700	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	710	670	700	40	10
Other services	230	220	200	10	30
Government	2,360	2,330	2,300	30	60
Federal government	100	100	110	0	-10
State government	360	360	350	0	10
Local government	1,900	1,870	1,840	30	60
Indian tribal	840	820	790	20	50

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