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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employers Add 190 Payroll Jobs in August

Douglas County payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 190 jobs in August after increases of 30 in July and 20 in June. Douglas County has gained back 86% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in August, there were gains in private education and health services (40); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30); and professional and business services (30). There were losses in manufacturing (-30) and leisure and hospitality (-20).

Government gained 120 jobs in August, mostly from gains of 90 in local education, 20 in noneducation local government and 10 in federal government.

When comparing August 2023 with August 2022, total nonfarm employment increased 90 jobs, or 0.2%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in leisure and hospitality (230), private education and health services (200), and other services (170). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-240), manufacturing (-150), and professional and business services (-140).

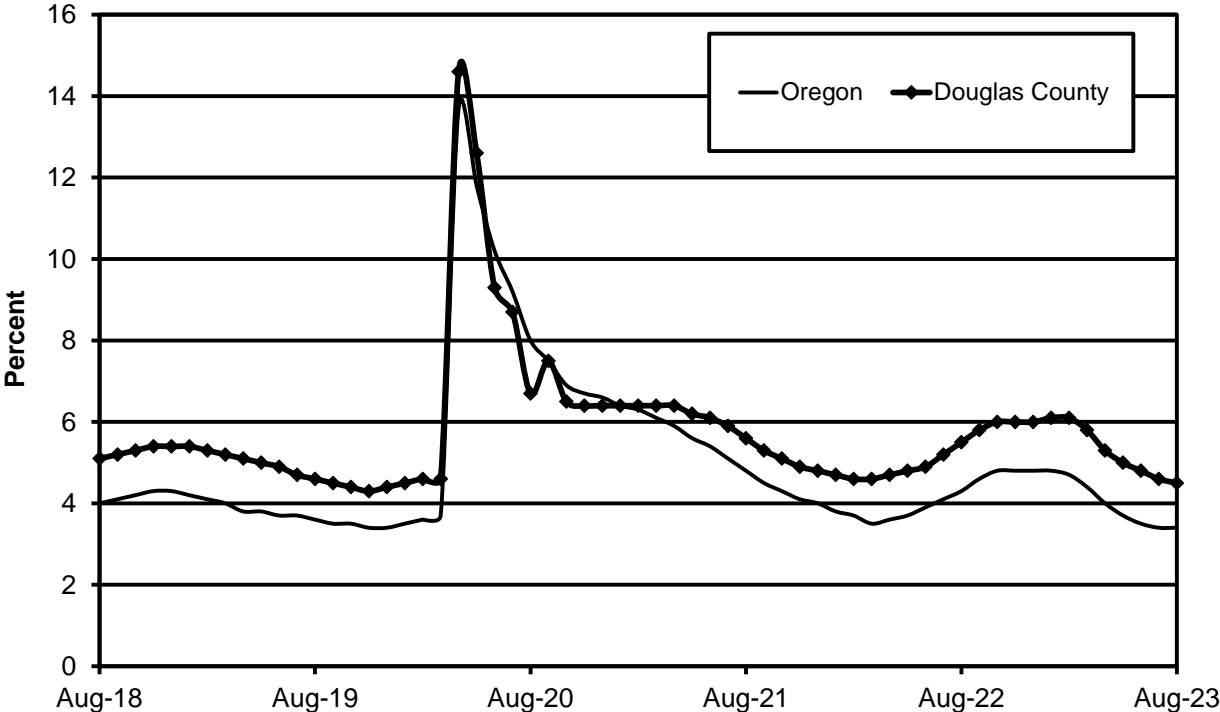
Government gained 160 jobs over the year from gains in local government (190) that were countered by losses in state government (-20) and federal government (-10).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.5% in August compared with a revised 4.6% in July. The rate is down from 5.5% in August 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted August rate was 3.4% and the U.S. rate was 3.8%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 24th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 18th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,552	46,322	48,168	230	-1,616
Unemployed	2,228	2,211	2,832	17	-604
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.8%	5.9%	0.0	-1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.6%	5.5%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	44,324	44,111	45,336	213	-1,012
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,740	38,570	38,660	170	80
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	38,730	38,540	38,640	190	90
Total private	31,540	31,490	31,620	50	-80
Mining and logging	910	910	990	0	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	2,770	2,760	2,830	10	-60
Construction	1,860	1,850	1,840	10	20
Manufacturing	4,580	4,610	4,730	-30	-150
Durable goods	4,080	4,110	4,210	-30	-130
Wood product manufacturing	2,640	2,660	2,780	-20	-140
Nondurable goods	500	500	520	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,160	7,130	7,460	30	-300
Wholesale trade	930	940	1,000	-10	-70
Retail trade	4,780	4,770	5,020	10	-240
Food and beverage retailers	1,130	1,130	1,150	0	-20
General merchandise retailers	1,140	1,140	1,130	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,450	1,420	1,440	30	10
Information	300	300	290	0	10
Financial activities	1,370	1,370	1,410	0	-40
Professional and business services	3,190	3,160	3,330	30	-140
Private education and health services	6,780	6,740	6,580	40	200
Leisure and hospitality	4,010	4,030	3,780	-20	230
Food services and drinking places	3,060	3,080	2,890	-20	170
Other services	1,380	1,390	1,210	-10	170
Government	7,200	7,080	7,040	120	160
Federal government	1,490	1,480	1,500	10	-10
State government	710	710	730	0	-20
Local government	5,000	4,890	4,810	110	190
Indian tribal	1,090	1,090	1,040	0	50
Local education	2,370	2,280	2,270	90	100
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,540	1,520	1,500	20	40

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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