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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employers Add 160 Payroll Jobs in September

Douglas County payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 160 jobs in September after increases of 160 in August and 30 in July. Douglas County has gained back 90% 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 September, there were gains in private education and health services (40); manufacturing (30); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30). There were seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality (-100), and construction (-30). There were additional losses in retail trade (-30) and financial activities (-20).

Government gained 360 jobs in September, from gains in local education (430) at the start of a new school year, and federal government (10). These gains were countered by losses in noneducation local government (-40), Indian tribal (-30), and state government (-10).

When comparing September 2023 with September 2022, total nonfarm employment increased 150 jobs, or 0.4%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (270), leisure and hospitality (170), and other services (150). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-240), manufacturing (-110), and professional and business services (-50).

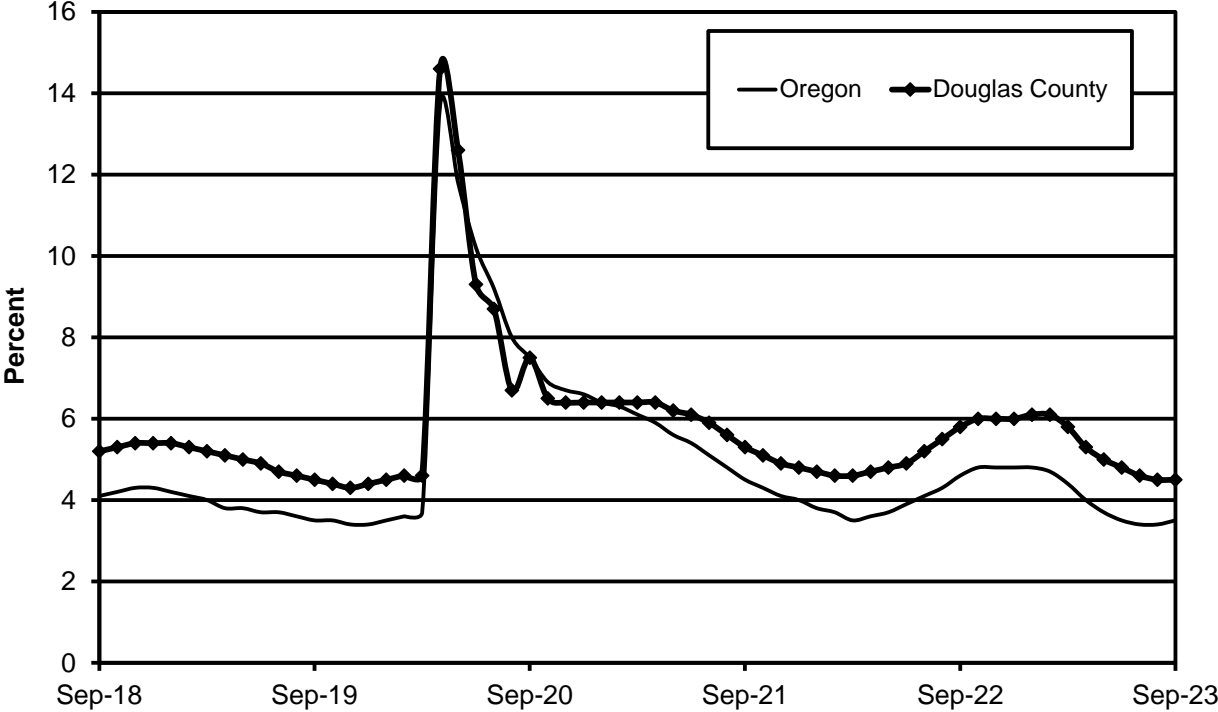
Government gained 60 jobs over the year from gains in local government (70) and federal government (20) that were countered by losses in state government (-30).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.5% in September compared with a revised 4.5% in August. The rate is down from 5.8% in September 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted September rate was 3.5% and the U.S. rate was 3.8%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,294	46,553	47,902	-259	-1,608
Unemployed	1,969	2,233	2,551	-264	-582
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.5%	5.8%	0.0	-1.3
Employed	44,325	44,320	45,351	5	-1,026
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	39,000	38,710	38,860	290	140
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,860	38,700	38,710	160	150
Total private	31,430	31,500	31,350	-70	80
Mining, logging, and construction	2,740	2,770	2,820	-30	-80
Mining and logging	910	910	970	0	-60
Construction	1,830	1,860	1,850	-30	-20
Manufacturing	4,570	4,540	4,680	30	-110
Durable goods	4,070	4,040	4,170	30	-100
Wood product manufacturing	2,630	2,600	2,730	30	-100
Nondurable goods	500	500	510	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,160	7,150	7,410	10	-250
Wholesale trade	940	930	960	10	-20
Retail trade	4,750	4,780	4,990	-30	-240
Food and beverage retailers	1,120	1,130	1,150	-10	-30
General merchandise retailers	1,140	1,140	1,150	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,470	1,440	1,460	30	10
Information	290	300	280	-10	10
Financial activities	1,350	1,370	1,380	-20	-30
Professional and business services	3,190	3,190	3,240	0	-50
Private education and health services	6,820	6,780	6,550	40	270
Leisure and hospitality	3,920	4,020	3,750	-100	170
Food services and drinking places	3,000	3,070	2,880	-70	120
Other services	1,390	1,380	1,240	10	150
Government	7,570	7,210	7,510	360	60
Federal government	1,500	1,490	1,480	10	20
State government	700	710	730	-10	-30
Local government	5,370	5,010	5,300	360	70
Indian tribal	1,060	1,090	1,070	-30	-10
Local education	2,810	2,380	2,720	430	90
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,500	1,540	1,510	-40	-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.

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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