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## Employment in Douglas County

### Douglas County's Payroll Employment Drops by 240 in October

Douglas County payroll employment dropped a seasonally adjusted 240 jobs in October after increases of 70 in September and 200 in August. 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 October, there was a gain in general merchandise retailers (40). There were seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality (-140), and construction (-40). There were additional losses in professional and business services (-100), manufacturing (-60), and private education and health services (-50).

Government gained 170 jobs in October, from gains in local education (190) at the start of a new school year, and Indian tribal (20). These gains were countered by a loss in federal government (-40).

When comparing October 2023 with October 2022, total nonfarm employment increased 110 jobs, or 0.2%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (320), financial activities (60), information (40), and other services (40). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-190), manufacturing (-110), retail trade (-110), and mining and logging (-80).

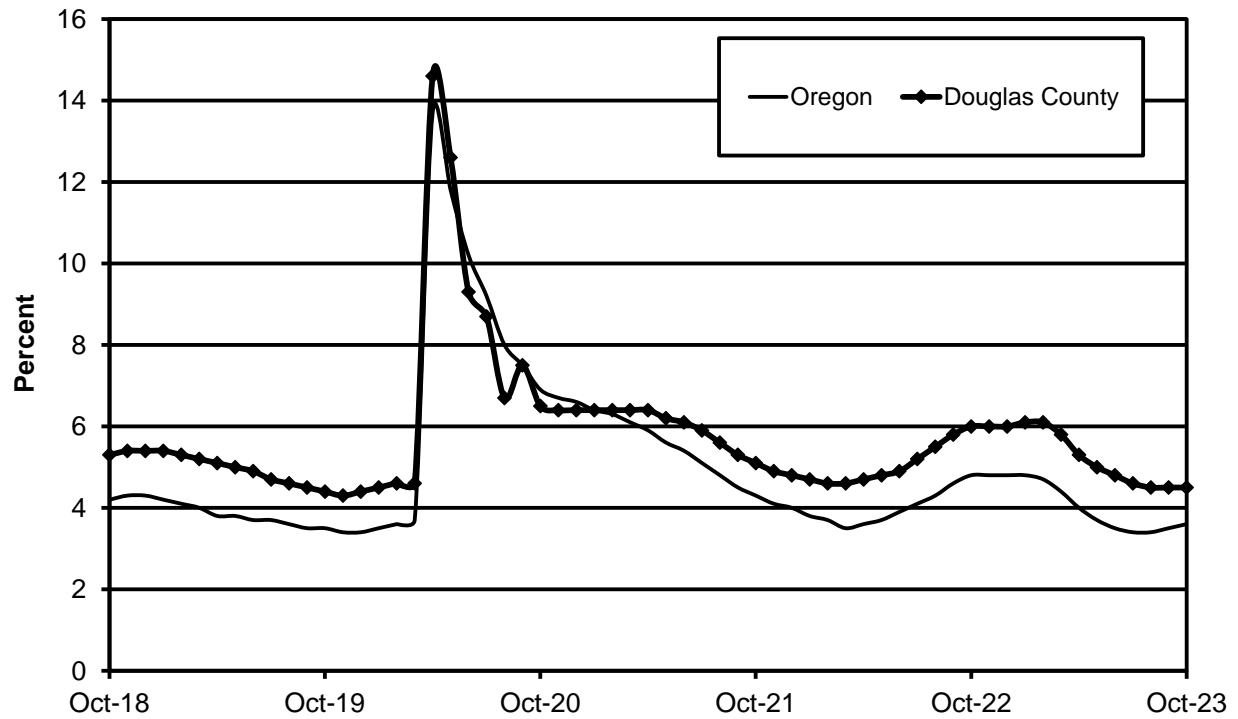
Government gained 180 jobs over the year from gains in local government (170) and federal government (40) that were countered by a loss in state government (-30).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.5% in October compared with a revised 4.5% in September. The rate is down from 6.0% in October 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted October rate was 3.6% and the U.S. rate was 3.9%.

#### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	46,025	46,312	47,454	-287	-1,429
Unemployed	1,858	1,991	2,674	-133	-816
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.3%	5.6%	-0.3	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.5%	6.0%	0.0	-1.5
Employed	44,167	44,321	44,780	-154	-613
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,880	39,110	38,790	-230	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,730	38,970	38,620	-240	110
Total private	31,130	31,530	31,220	-400	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	2,680	2,750	2,770	-70	-90
Mining and logging	870	900	950	-30	-80
Construction	1,810	1,850	1,820	-40	-10
Manufacturing	4,530	4,590	4,640	-60	-110
Durable goods	4,050	4,100	4,140	-50	-90
Wood product manufacturing	2,620	2,670	2,720	-50	-100
Nondurable goods	480	490	500	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,310	7,290	7,460	20	-150
Wholesale trade	930	930	970	0	-40
Retail trade	4,890	4,880	5,000	10	-110
Food and beverage retailers	1,120	1,130	1,130	-10	-10
General merchandise retailers	1,170	1,130	1,140	40	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,490	1,480	1,490	10	0
Information	320	310	280	10	40
Financial activities	1,440	1,440	1,380	0	60
Professional and business services	3,060	3,160	3,250	-100	-190
Private education and health services	6,830	6,880	6,510	-50	320
Leisure and hospitality	3,680	3,820	3,690	-140	-10
Food services and drinking places	2,910	2,980	2,860	-70	50
Other services	1,280	1,290	1,240	-10	40
Government	7,750	7,580	7,570	170	180
Federal government	1,460	1,500	1,420	-40	40
State government	700	700	730	0	-30
Local government	5,590	5,380	5,420	210	170
Indian tribal	1,080	1,060	1,030	20	50
Local education	3,000	2,810	2,920	190	80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,510	1,510	1,470	0	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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