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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Payroll Employment Declines by 120 Jobs in February

Douglas County payroll employment declined by a seasonally adjusted 120 jobs in February after a loss of 120 in January and an increase of 210 in December.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in February, there were increases in manufacturing (30); professional and business services (20); and leisure and hospitality (20). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-70); private education and health services (-40); and construction (-20).

Government gained 120 jobs in February, from gains in local government education (110) and Indian tribal (10).

When comparing February 2024 with February 2023, total nonfarm employment increased 60 jobs, or 0.2%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (250), financial activities (40), and information (30). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-220), manufacturing (-60), leisure and hospitality (-60), and wholesale trade (-50).

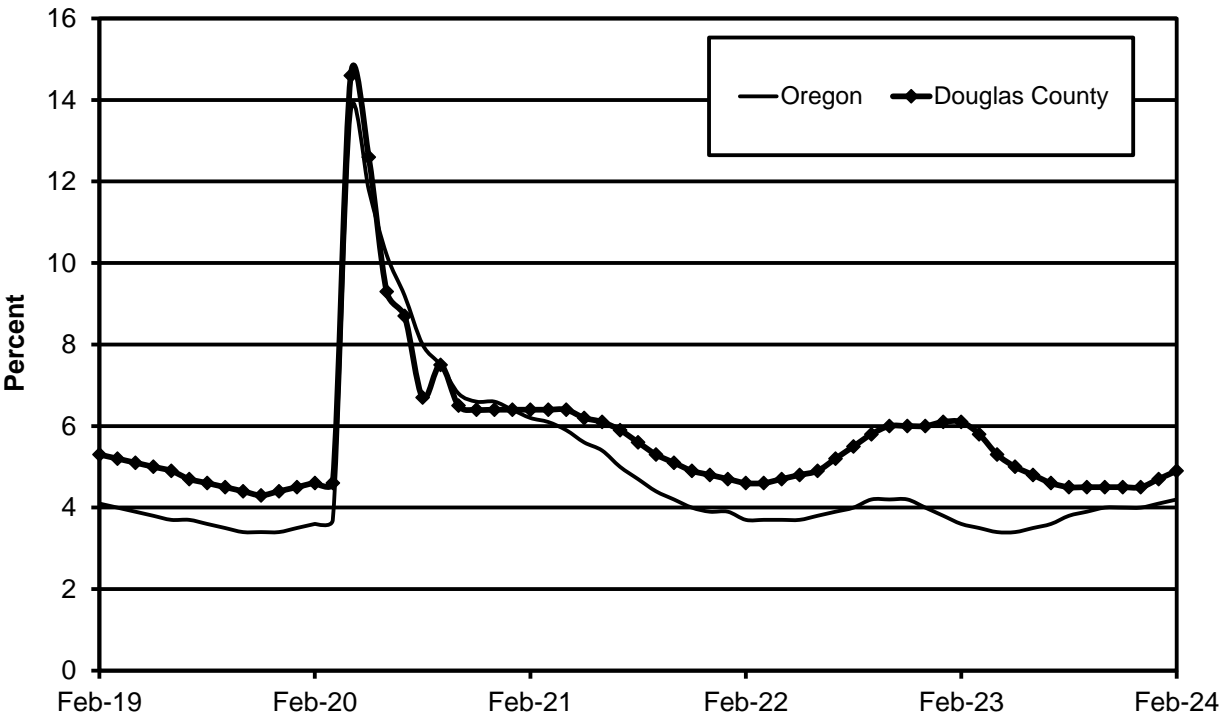
Government gained 230 jobs over the year from gains in local government (150), federal government (50), and state government (30).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 4.9% in February compared with a revised 4.7% in January. The rate is down from 6.1% in February 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in December 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted February rate was 4.2% and the U.S. rate was 3.9%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Apr. 23rd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, Apr. 17th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				--Change From--	
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,962	47,683	47,097	279	865
Unemployed	2,909	2,891	2,522	18	387
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.1%	5.4%	0.0	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
Employed	45,053	44,792	44,575	261	478
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,380	38,350	38,310	30	70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>38,710</i>	<i>38,830</i>	<i>38,650</i>	<i>-120</i>	<i>60</i>
Total private	30,620	30,710	30,780	-90	-160
Mining, logging, and construction	2,550	2,580	2,610	-30	-60
Mining and logging	860	870	900	-10	-40
Construction	1,690	1,710	1,710	-20	-20
Manufacturing	4,550	4,520	4,610	30	-60
Durable goods	4,100	4,070	4,130	30	-30
Wood product manufacturing	2,700	2,680	2,740	20	-40
Nondurable goods	450	450	480	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,160	7,240	7,230	-80	-70
Wholesale trade	900	900	950	0	-50
Retail trade	4,810	4,880	4,810	-70	0
Food and beverage retailers	1,160	1,170	1,110	-10	50
General merchandise retailers	1,120	1,150	1,120	-30	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,450	1,460	1,470	-10	-20
Information	320	320	290	0	30
Financial activities	1,390	1,400	1,350	-10	40
Professional and business services	2,920	2,900	3,140	20	-220
Private education and health services	6,910	6,950	6,660	-40	250
Leisure and hospitality	3,590	3,570	3,650	20	-60
Food services and drinking places	2,870	2,850	2,910	20	-40
Other services	1,230	1,230	1,240	0	-10
Government	7,760	7,640	7,530	120	230
Federal government	1,410	1,410	1,360	0	50
State government	720	720	690	0	30
Local government	5,630	5,510	5,480	120	150
Indian tribal	1,140	1,130	1,060	10	80
Local education	3,000	2,890	2,950	110	50
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,490	1,490	1,470	0	20

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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