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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employers Add 130 Jobs in March

Douglas County's payroll employment increased by a seasonally adjusted 130 jobs in March after a loss of 40 in February and an increase of 120 in January.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in March, there were increases in leisure and hospitality (50), private education and health services (40), construction (30), and manufacturing (30). There were small losses in retail trade, professional and business services, and other services of 10 each.

Government lost 10 jobs in March, from a loss of 30 in local education that was countered by a gain of 20 in federal government.

When comparing March 2024 with March 2023, total nonfarm employment increased 340 jobs, or 0.9%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (310), construction (70), and financial activities (40). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-190); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-40); leisure and hospitality (-40); and manufacturing (-30).

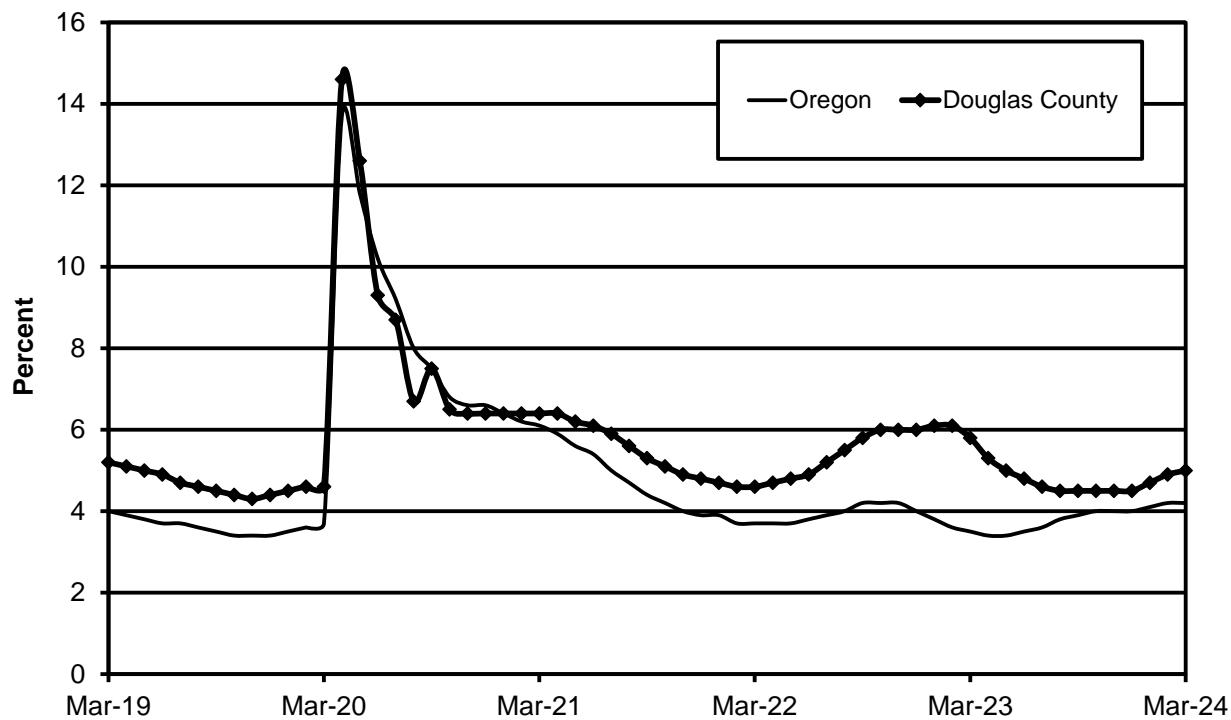
Government gained 170 jobs over the year from gains in local government (100), federal government (40), and state government (30).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 5.0% in March compared with a revised 4.9% in February. The rate is down from 5.8% in March 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted March rate was 4.2% and the U.S. rate was 3.8%.

Next Press Releases

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,950	48,050	46,738	-100	1,212
Unemployed	2,600	2,849	2,335	-249	265
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.9%	5.0%	-0.5	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	4.9%	5.8%	0.1	-0.8
Employed	45,350	45,201	44,403	149	947
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,580	38,460	38,250	120	330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,920	38,790	38,580	130	340
Total private	30,830	30,700	30,670	130	160
Mining, logging, and construction	2,630	2,590	2,570	40	60
Mining and logging	880	870	890	10	-10
Construction	1,750	1,720	1,680	30	70
Manufacturing	4,590	4,560	4,620	30	-30
Durable goods	4,130	4,110	4,150	20	-20
Wood product manufacturing	2,740	2,730	2,720	10	20
Nondurable goods	460	450	470	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,150	7,160	7,180	-10	-30
Wholesale trade	910	900	930	10	-20
Retail trade	4,800	4,810	4,770	-10	30
Food and beverage retailers	1,150	1,160	1,090	-10	60
General merchandise retailers	1,120	1,120	1,130	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,440	1,450	1,480	-10	-40
Information	320	320	310	0	10
Financial activities	1,390	1,390	1,320	0	70
Professional and business services	2,910	2,920	3,100	-10	-190
Private education and health services	6,970	6,930	6,660	40	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,650	3,600	3,690	50	-40
Food services and drinking places	2,900	2,880	2,940	20	-40
Other services	1,220	1,230	1,220	-10	0
Government	7,750	7,760	7,580	-10	170
Federal government	1,430	1,410	1,390	20	40
State government	720	720	690	0	30
Local government	5,600	5,630	5,500	-30	100
Indian tribal	1,140	1,140	1,050	0	90
Local education	2,970	3,000	2,950	-30	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,490	1,490	1,500	0	-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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