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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 5.7% in January

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 5.7% in January compared with a revised 5.6% in December. The rate is up from 5.1% in January 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in October 2019 at 4.4%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted January rate was 4.8% and the U.S. rate was 3.4%.

Douglas County payroll employment decreased a seasonally adjusted 60 jobs in January after gains of 160 in December and 110 in November. Benchmark adjustments for 2022 show that annual average total payroll employment was 530 (1.4%) jobs higher than originally estimated. With the adjustment, 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 January, there were seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality (-110); retail trade (-100); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-100); and construction (-60). There were additional losses in professional and business services (-50) and manufacturing (-30).

Government dropped 50 jobs from losses of 40 in federal government and 10 in state government.

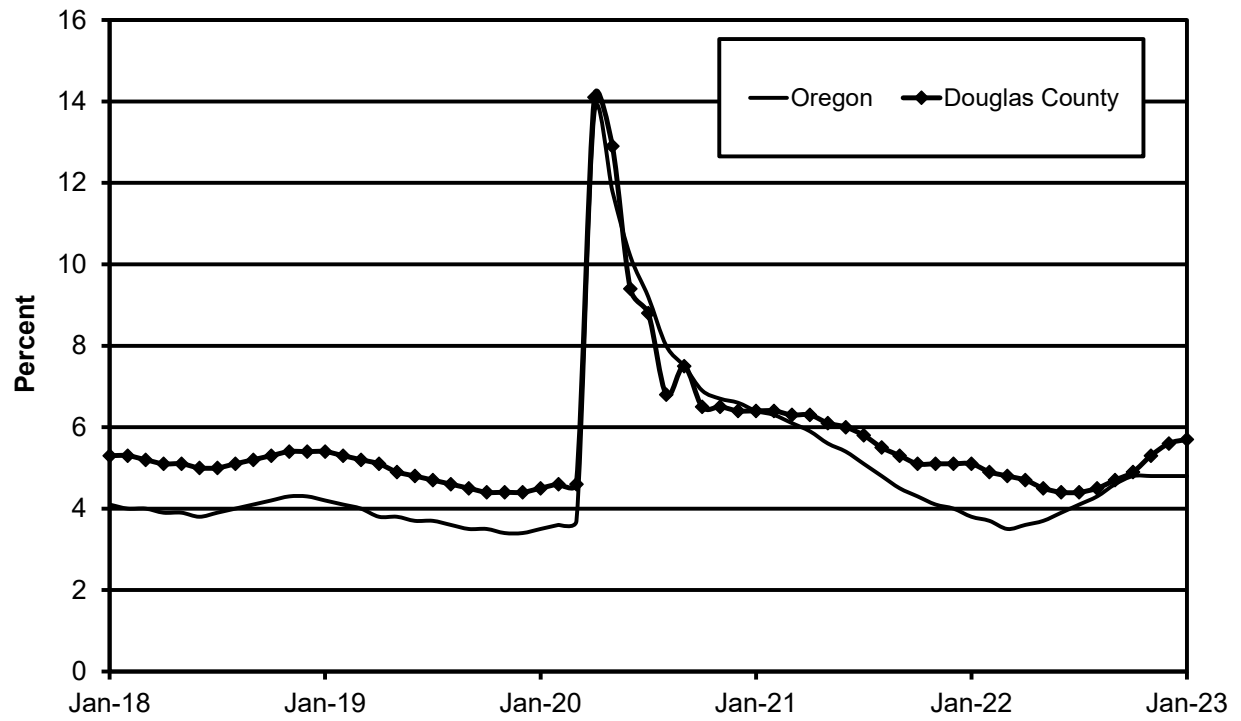
When comparing January 2023 with January 2022, total nonfarm employment increased by 330 jobs, or 0.9%. Large private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (250) and other services (160). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-210) and financial activities (-70).

Government gained 180 jobs over the year from a gain of 230 jobs in local government that was countered by a loss of 50 in federal government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 28th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 21st.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,253	47,351	47,829	-98	-576
Unemployed	3,069	2,791	2,574	278	495
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.9%	5.4%	0.6	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.6%	5.1%	0.1	0.6
Employed	44,184	44,560	45,255	-376	-1,071
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,170	38,780	37,840	-610	330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,700	38,760	38,370	-60	330
Total private	30,700	31,260	30,550	-560	150
Mining, logging, and construction	2,650	2,710	2,640	-60	10
Mining and logging	950	950	940	0	10
Construction	1,700	1,760	1,700	-60	0
Manufacturing	4,670	4,700	4,650	-30	20
Durable goods	4,180	4,200	4,180	-20	0
Wood product manufacturing	2,770	2,780	2,800	-10	-30
Nondurable goods	490	500	470	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,430	7,650	7,410	-220	20
Wholesale trade	1,030	1,050	1,020	-20	10
Retail trade	4,910	5,010	4,890	-100	20
Food and beverage retailers	1,150	1,140	1,090	10	60
General merchandise retailers	1,190	1,220	1,130	-30	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,490	1,590	1,500	-100	-10
Information	290	280	280	10	10
Financial activities	1,310	1,330	1,380	-20	-70
Professional and business services	3,100	3,150	3,310	-50	-210
Private education and health services	6,520	6,580	6,270	-60	250
Leisure and hospitality	3,370	3,480	3,410	-110	-40
Food services and drinking places	2,670	2,750	2,740	-80	-70
Other services	1,360	1,380	1,200	-20	160
Government	7,470	7,520	7,290	-50	180
Federal government	1,340	1,380	1,390	-40	-50
State government	710	720	710	-10	0
Local government	5,420	5,420	5,190	0	230
Indian tribal	1,090	1,090	980	0	110
Local education	2,840	2,810	2,790	30	50
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,490	1,520	1,420	-30	70

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 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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