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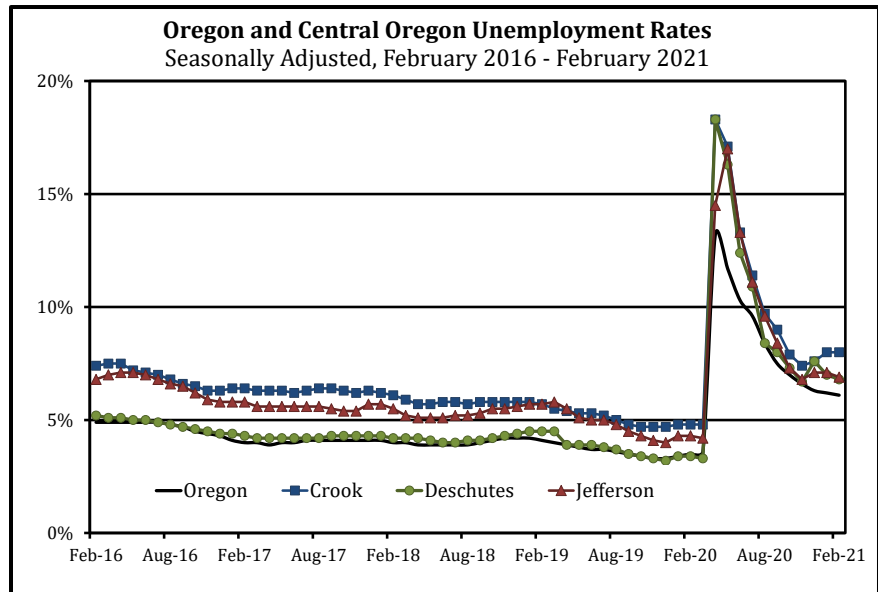
Employment in Central Oregon: February 2021

After moving out of the extreme category of COVID-19 public health restrictions, Central Oregon began to see more sustained job gains in February, particularly in Deschutes County. Around seven out of every 10 jobs lost during the initial COVID-19 shock has been added back across the region.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.0% in February. The unemployment rate remains significantly higher than in February 2020 when it was 4.8%.

Employment levels were largely unchanged in Crook County on a seasonally adjusted basis in February.

Employment in Crook County remains down 3% from last year (-190 jobs). The county has regained 69% of jobs lost last spring. Job losses remain largely concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-120 jobs), construction (-130), and manufacturing (-50).



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in February, down from 7.0% in January. The rate remains up from February 2020 when it was 3.4%.

Deschutes County posted a gain of 430 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in February. These gains were primarily concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+780 jobs) as the county moved out of the extreme category of COVID-19 restrictions allowing for a return to indoor dining and recreation. There was also a notable gain in local government education (+210 jobs) after a partial return to in-person school.

Compared with February 2020 total nonfarm employment in Deschutes County remained down 5.9% (-5,150 jobs). The county has now recovered around 11,350 of the 16,400 jobs lost during the initial

COVID-19 shock, roughly 70% of jobs lost have been added back. Job losses over the past year remain concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-2,100 jobs), local government education (-800), professional and business services (-670), manufacturing (-530), and private education and health services (-510).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.9% in February, down from 7.1% in January. The rate was 4.3% in February 2020.

Jefferson County posted a modest loss of 20 jobs in February on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Employment levels remain down around 2% from this time last year (-130 jobs). Jefferson County has regained 84% of the jobs lost since the initial COVID-19 shock. The leisure and hospitality sector remains down by 100 jobs from this time last year and manufacturing is down by 40 jobs. Retail trade posted a gain of 50 jobs over the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 13.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,578	10,628	9,938	-50	640
Unemployed	992	1,041	519	-49	473
Unemployment rate	9.4%	9.8%	5.2%	-0.4	4.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Employed	9,586	9,587	9,419	-1	167
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,210	6,180	6,400	30	-190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6,450</i>	<i>6,450</i>	<i>6,650</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-200</i>
Total private	5,030	4,970	5,190	60	-160
Mining, logging, and construction	680	650	820	30	-140
Mining and logging	40	40	50	0	-10
Construction	640	610	770	30	-130
Manufacturing	630	620	680	10	-50
Wood product manufacturing	360	340	370	20	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,070	1,080	1,070	-10	0
Wholesale trade	300	300	330	0	-30
Retail trade	570	570	550	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	210	190	-10	10
Information	290	290	250	0	40
Financial activities	220	220	200	0	20
Professional and business services	500	470	430	30	70
Education and health services	780	780	780	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	580	580	700	0	-120
Other services	280	280	260	0	20
Government	1,180	1,210	1,210	-30	-30
Federal government	220	220	220	0	0
State government	130	130	120	0	10
Local government	830	860	870	-30	-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.



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Bend-Redmond MSA (Deschutes County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	100,425	100,731	97,069	-306	3,356
Unemployed	7,448	8,004	3,768	-556	3,680
Unemployment rate	7.4%	7.9%	3.9%	-0.5	3.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.8%	7.0%	3.4%	-0.2	3.4
Employed	92,977	92,727	93,301	250	-324
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	82,320	81,830	87,470	490	-5,150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	84,250	83,820	89,350	430	-5,100
Total private	73,270	73,090	77,350	180	-4,080
Mining, logging, and construction	6,980	7,130	6,990	-150	-10
Manufacturing	5,200	5,170	5,730	30	-530
Durable goods	3,200	3,190	3,550	10	-350
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,110	16,600	15,920	-490	190
Wholesale trade	2,280	2,270	2,250	10	30
Retail trade	11,600	11,990	11,460	-390	140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,230	2,340	2,210	-110	20
Information	1,720	1,720	1,840	0	-120
Financial activities	4,900	4,890	4,910	10	-10
Professional and business services	9,690	9,720	10,360	-30	-670
Education and health services	14,560	14,560	15,070	0	-510
Leisure and hospitality	11,240	10,460	13,340	780	-2,100
Accommodation and food services	8,980	8,350	10,680	630	-1,700
Other services	2,870	2,840	3,190	30	-320
Government	9,050	8,740	10,120	310	-1,070
Federal government	880	890	850	-10	30
State government	960	930	920	30	40
Local government	7,210	6,920	8,350	290	-1,140
Local education	4,120	3,910	4,920	210	-800

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. 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.



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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,654	10,597	10,070	57	584
Unemployed	920	986	553	-66	367
Unemployment rate	8.6%	9.3%	5.5%	-0.7	3.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.9%	7.1%	4.3%	-0.2	2.6
Employed	9,734	9,611	9,517	123	217
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,440	6,390	6,570	50	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,620	6,640	6,750	-20	-130
Total private	4,090	4,040	4,190	50	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	130	120	120	10	10
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	120	110	110	10	10
Manufacturing	1,260	1,220	1,300	40	-40
Wood product manufacturing	890	860	910	30	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	890	890	830	0	60
Wholesale trade	190	190	180	0	10
Retail trade	610	620	560	-10	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	80	90	10	0
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	150	0	0
Professional and business services	200	200	190	0	10
Education and health services	720	730	750	-10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	530	530	630	0	-100
Other services	180	170	190	10	-10
Government	2,350	2,350	2,380	0	-30
Federal government	120	130	130	-10	-10
State government	280	280	300	0	-20
Local government	1,950	1,940	1,950	10	0
Indian tribal	890	890	870	0	20

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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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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