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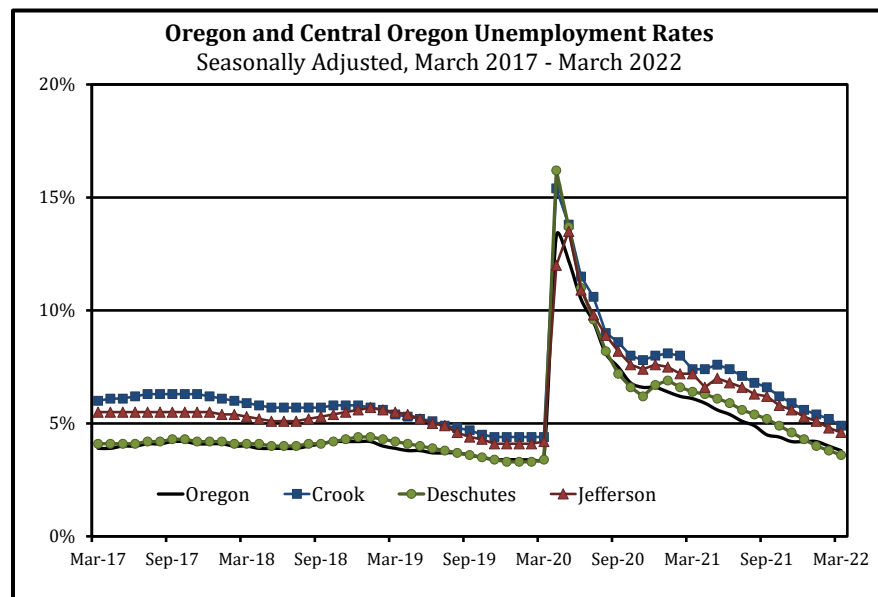
Employment in Central Oregon: March 2022

Central Oregon posted strong job gains in March relative to seasonal expectations. This strong hiring led to continued improvement to local unemployment rates, which are approaching record low levels from before the pandemic.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 4.9% in March, down from 5.2% in February. The unemployment rate is fast approaching the record low set before the pandemic in March 2020, when it was 4.4%.

Crook County added 110 jobs in March, stronger gains than typically expected this time of year. Employment levels in Crook County are up 8% from pre-pandemic levels in March 2020 (+540 jobs).

The county added 400 jobs in the last year (+6.6%). Job gains have been dominated by construction (+170 jobs). However, there were also notable gains in information (+80 jobs); professional and business services (+40); and local government (+40).



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.6% in March, down from 3.8% in February. The unemployment rate is now near the record low level of 3.3% before the onset of the pandemic.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County added 660 jobs in March, much stronger gains than the ~200 job increase typically expected this time of year. Employment estimates for March 2022 exceeded February 2020 levels before the onset of the pandemic by 1,760 jobs (+2%).

Deschutes County's total nonfarm employment expanded by 5.2% (+4,430 jobs) from March 2021. The largest share of these gains remain in the leisure and hospitality sector, adding 2,470 jobs in the past year (+22.5%) as the industry bounced back from COVID-19 impacts. There were also strong job gains over the past year in manufacturing (+8.8%), construction (7.6%), and local government (+6.7%).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.6% in March, down from 4.8% in February. The unemployment rate is fast approaching levels in March 2020 when it was 4.1% before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 20 jobs in March, a normal pace of hiring for this time of year. Employment levels in Jefferson County remain down 140 jobs (-2%) from levels just before the onset of the pandemic in February 2020.

Jefferson County added 10 jobs over the past year (+0.2%), much slower growth than other parts of Central Oregon. The county posted job gains in local government, including Indian tribal government (+70 jobs). There were also modest gains in retail trade and leisure and hospitality, each adding 20 jobs. However, these gains were largely negated by declines in manufacturing (-40 jobs) and private education and health services (-30 jobs).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 18.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,190	11,114	10,766	76	424
Unemployed	611	628	892	-17	-281
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.7%	8.3%	-0.2	-2.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.2%	7.4%	-0.3	-2.5
Employed	10,579	10,486	9,874	93	705
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,970	6,860	6,570	110	400
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,210	7,160	6,800	50	410
Total private	5,690	5,610	5,360	80	330
Mining, logging, and construction	990	950	830	40	160
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	940	900	770	40	170
Manufacturing	690	700	690	-10	0
Wood product manufacturing	360	360	370	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,130	1,120	1,090	10	40
Wholesale trade	340	340	320	0	20
Retail trade	600	590	570	10	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	200	0	-10
Information	380	370	300	10	80
Financial activities	220	210	220	10	0
Professional and business services	570	570	530	0	40
Education and health services	780	770	790	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	670	670	650	0	20
Other services	260	250	260	10	0
Government	1,280	1,250	1,210	30	70
Federal government	240	220	230	20	10
State government	140	130	120	10	20
Local government	900	900	860	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.



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

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	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	105,645	104,967	101,851	678	3,794
Unemployed	4,254	4,221	7,029	33	-2,775
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.0%	6.9%	0.0	-2.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.8%	6.4%	-0.2	-2.8
Employed	101,391	100,746	94,822	645	6,569
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,580	88,920	85,150	660	4,430
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	91,070	90,610	86,730	460	4,340
Total private	79,900	79,420	75,870	480	4,030
Mining, logging, and construction	8,090	7,980	7,520	110	570
Manufacturing	5,940	5,940	5,460	0	480
Durable goods	3,580	3,570	3,370	10	210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,600	16,580	16,570	20	30
Wholesale trade	2,340	2,350	2,340	-10	0
Retail trade	11,960	11,930	11,910	30	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,300	2,300	2,320	0	-20
Information	1,740	1,740	1,700	0	40
Financial activities	5,640	5,600	5,330	40	310
Professional and business services	10,250	10,270	10,270	-20	-20
Education and health services	15,170	15,100	15,110	70	60
Leisure and hospitality	13,470	13,250	11,000	220	2,470
Accommodation and food services	10,850	10,660	8,990	190	1,860
Other services	3,000	2,960	2,910	40	90
Government	9,680	9,500	9,280	180	400
Federal government	820	800	890	20	-70
State government	920	910	950	10	-30
Local government	7,940	7,790	7,440	150	500
Local education	4,510	4,360	4,310	150	200

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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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	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,630	10,470	10,664	160	-34
Unemployed	579	580	895	-1	-316
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.5%	8.4%	-0.1	-3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.8%	7.2%	-0.2	-2.6
Employed	10,051	9,890	9,769	161	282
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,460	6,440	6,450	20	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,570	6,560	6,560	10	10
Total private	4,140	4,120	4,200	20	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	160	160	160	0	0
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	150	150	150	0	0
Manufacturing	1,220	1,230	1,260	-10	-40
Wood product manufacturing	870	880	920	-10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	930	900	920	30	10
Wholesale trade	180	170	180	10	0
Retail trade	650	640	630	10	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	90	110	10	-10
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	160	0	-10
Professional and business services	190	200	200	-10	-10
Education and health services	670	670	700	0	-30
Leisure and hospitality	580	570	560	10	20
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	2,320	2,320	2,250	0	70
Federal government	110	110	120	0	-10
State government	300	300	290	0	10
Local government	1,910	1,910	1,840	0	70
Indian tribal	900	880	840	20	60

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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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