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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Payroll Employers Add Jobs in February

Douglas County's payroll employers added a seasonally adjusted 160 jobs in February after a loss of 30 in January and a loss of 190 in December. Douglas County has gained back 63% of the jobs lost in March and April at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in February, there was a large gain in leisure and hospitality (80). Smaller gains occurred in mining and logging (20), construction (20), and manufacturing (20). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-50), retail trade (-40), and education and health services (-20).

Government gained 50 jobs from gains in local education (60), Indian tribal (10), and noneducation local government (10). These gains were countered by a loss of 20 in federal government and a loss of 10 in state government.

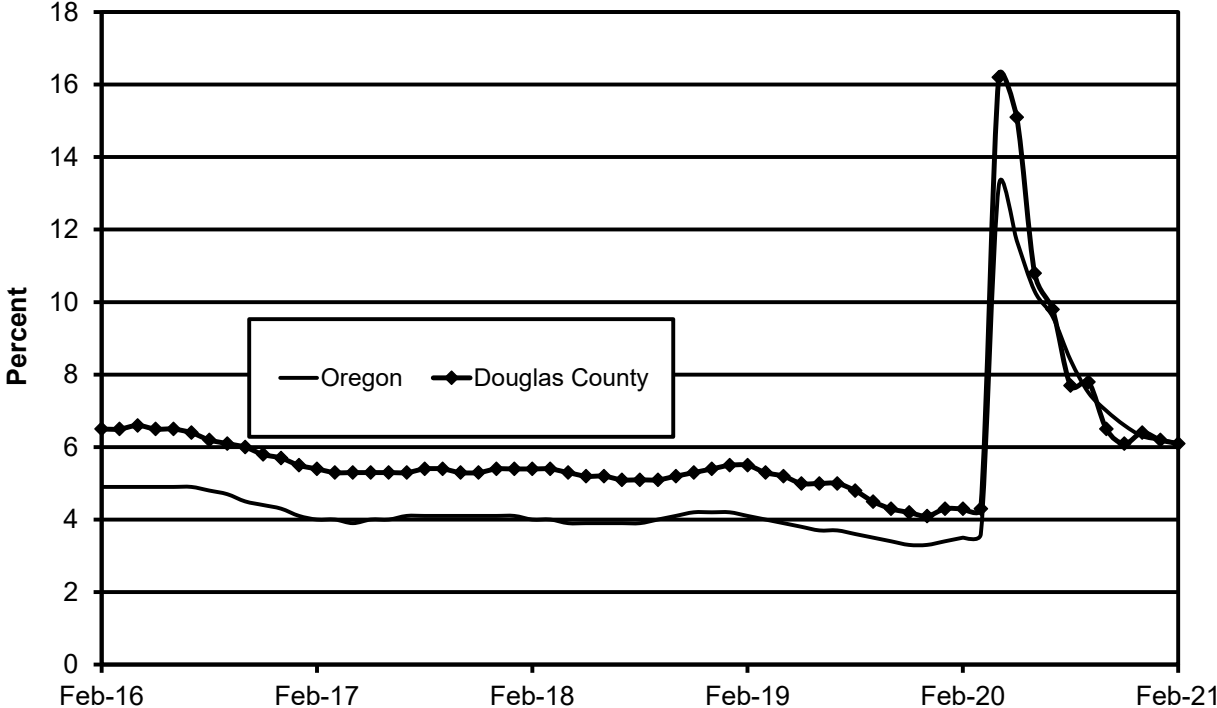
When comparing February 2021 with February 2020, total nonfarm employment is down 1,480 jobs, or 3.8%. All major private industry sectors are down over the year. Food and beverage stores, a subcategory of retail trade, had a gain of 70 and state government had a gain of 20.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 6.1% in February compared with a revised 6.2% in January. The rate is up from 4.3% in February 2020. The Douglas County rate has generally been tracking closely with the statewide and national rates. The Oregon seasonally adjusted February rate was 6.1% and the U.S. rate was 6.2% in February.

Next Press Releases

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas 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	48,390	48,356	46,589	34	1,801
Unemployed	3,230	3,336	2,149	-106	1,081
Unemployment rate	6.7%	6.9%	4.6%	-0.2	2.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	6.2%	4.3%	-0.1	1.8
Employed	45,160	45,020	44,440	140	720
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,380	37,270	38,840	110	-1,460
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>37,840</i>	<i>37,680</i>	<i>39,320</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>-1,480</i>
Total private	29,950	29,890	30,970	60	-1,020
Mining, logging, and construction	2,640	2,600	2,700	40	-60
Mining and logging	990	970	1,000	20	-10
Construction	1,650	1,630	1,700	20	-50
Manufacturing	4,680	4,660	4,740	20	-60
Durable goods	4,240	4,230	4,280	10	-40
Wood product manufacturing	2,980	2,970	2,960	10	20
Nondurable goods	440	430	460	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,060	7,090	7,140	-30	-80
Wholesale trade	880	870	820	10	60
Retail trade	4,740	4,780	4,790	-40	-50
Food and beverage stores	1,100	1,100	1,030	0	70
General merchandise stores	1,130	1,160	1,130	-30	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,440	1,440	1,530	0	-90
Information	290	290	290	0	0
Financial activities	1,350	1,350	1,470	0	-120
Professional and business services	3,350	3,400	3,520	-50	-170
Education and health services	6,250	6,270	6,330	-20	-80
Leisure and hospitality	3,110	3,030	3,480	80	-370
Food services and drinking places	2,460	2,420	2,750	40	-290
Other services	1,220	1,200	1,300	20	-80
Government	7,430	7,380	7,870	50	-440
Federal government	1,430	1,450	1,430	-20	0
State government	730	740	710	-10	20
Local government	5,270	5,190	5,730	80	-460
Indian tribal	990	980	1,060	10	-70
Local education	2,870	2,810	3,210	60	-340
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,400	1,460	10	-50

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.

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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