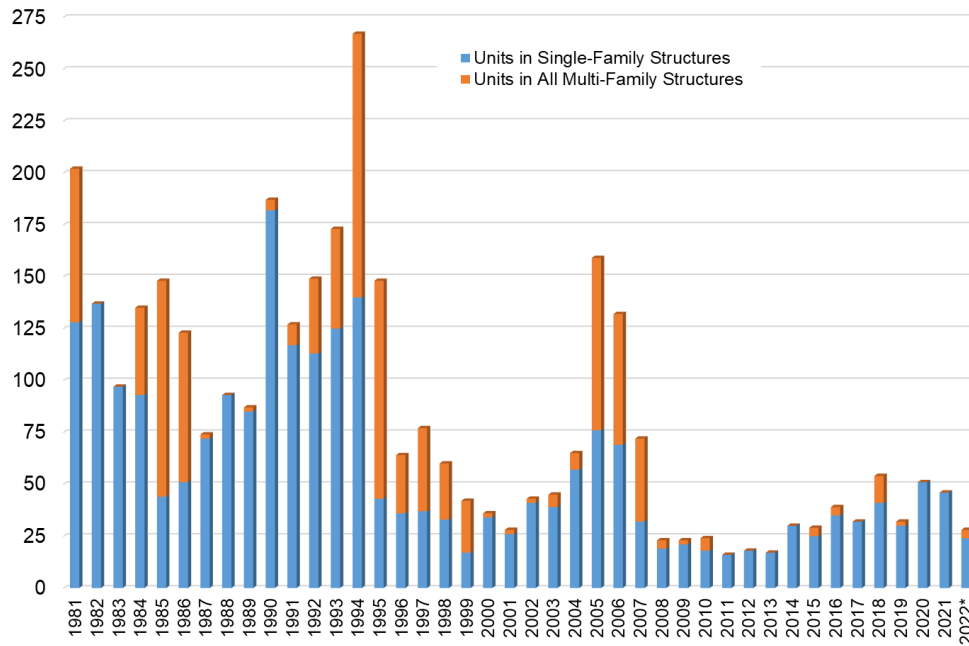


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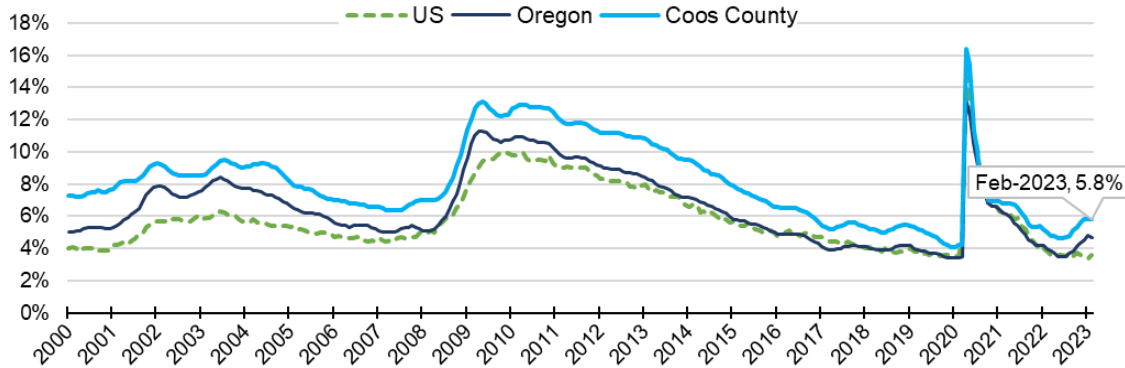
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Source: SOCDs Building Permits database

Unemployment Rate at 5.8%

- Unemployment rate February 2022 was 5%
- Unemployment rate February 2021 was 6.8%



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



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Industry Employment Change: Feb 2022 to Feb 2023

Coos County adds 350 jobs over the year

- Total nonfarm employment was 22,740 jobs in February

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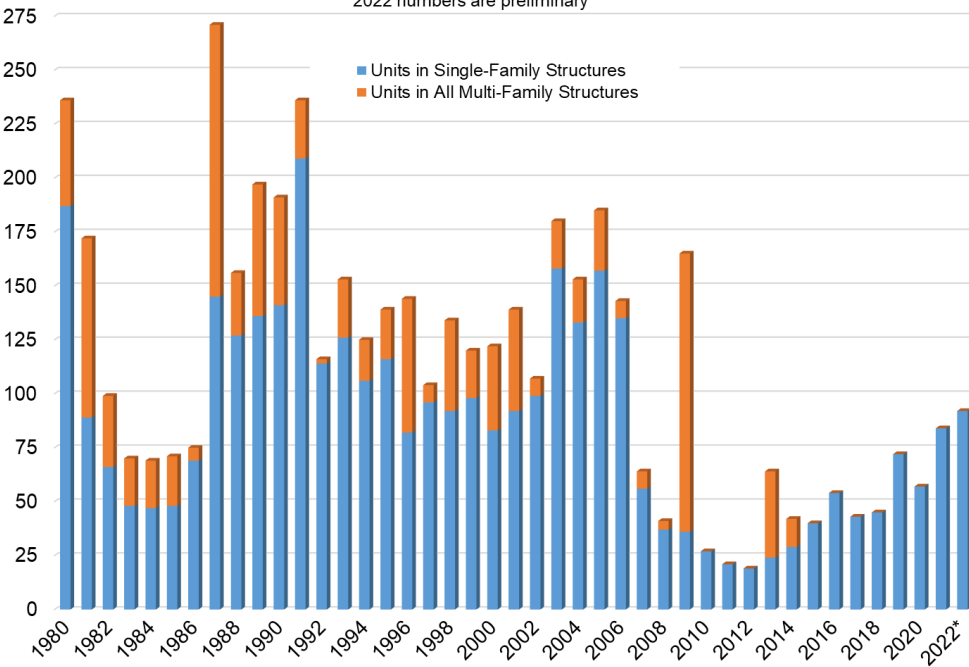
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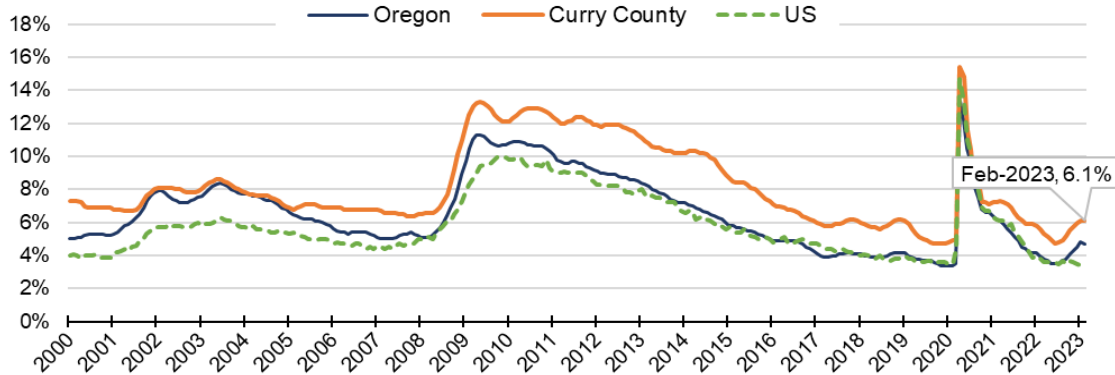
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Unemployment Rate at 6.1%

- Unemployment rate February 2022 was 5.6%

[More info on unemployment](#)



Total nonfarm employment



Industry Employment Change: Feb 2022 to Feb 2023

Curry County jobs remained unchanged over the year

- Total nonfarm employment was 6,560 jobs in February

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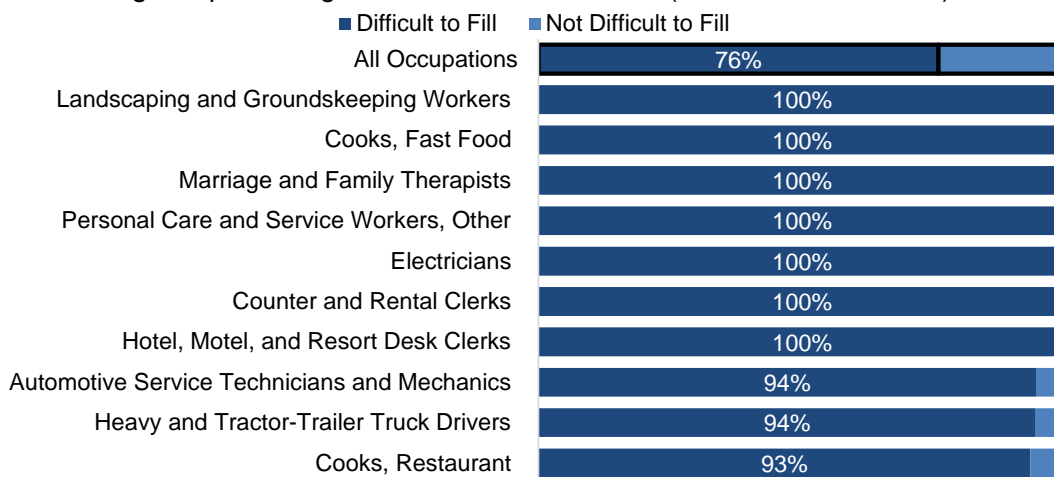
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DOUGLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

March 2023

Graph of the Month: 76% of job vacancies were difficult for employers to fill across Southwestern Oregon in 2022, but certain occupations presented even more difficulty in hiring. These jobs spanned a wide range of industries and pay levels, from counter clerks and restaurant cooks to electricians and family therapists.

Southwestern Oregon Job Vacancies, 2022
 Highest percentage considered difficult to fill (at least 40 vacancies)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Job Vacancy Survey

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

February 2022 to February 2023

Private Education and Health Services: 220 (+4%) **Leisure and Hospitality:** -100 (-3%)

Other Services: 130 (+11%) **Professional and Business Services:** -290 (-9%)

All Industries: 60 (+0%)

Employment change from February 2020 (seasonally adjusted):
 -760 (-2%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

News and Articles

Quality Info: [Southwestern Oregon Jobs Projected to Increase 9% by 2031](#) by Brian Rooney

QualityInfo: [Oregon Hourly Earnings Zoom Higher](#) by David Cooke

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis Blog: [Oregon's Regional Income Distributions](#)

Latest Douglas County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [5.9%](#)
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+1.0 pct. points](#)

Oregon private average hourly earnings increase between February 2022 and 2023: [9.1%](#)

Projected Southwestern Oregon employment growth 2021-2031: [9%](#)

Industry projected to add the most jobs: [Private educational and health services \(1,720 jobs\)](#)

Industry projected to grow the fastest: [Leisure and hospitality \(20%\)](#)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **New Firm:** Peterbilt opened a parts and service center in Roseburg.

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