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Employment in Central Oregon: September 2023

Deschutes county’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined in September, creeping towards its historic low, while the counties of Crook and Jefferson saw slight increases in their unemployment rate.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly over the month of September and is now 5.5%—in September of last year, it was 6.0%. The unemployment rate remains 1.0 percentage point above the record low set before the pandemic, when it was 4.5%.

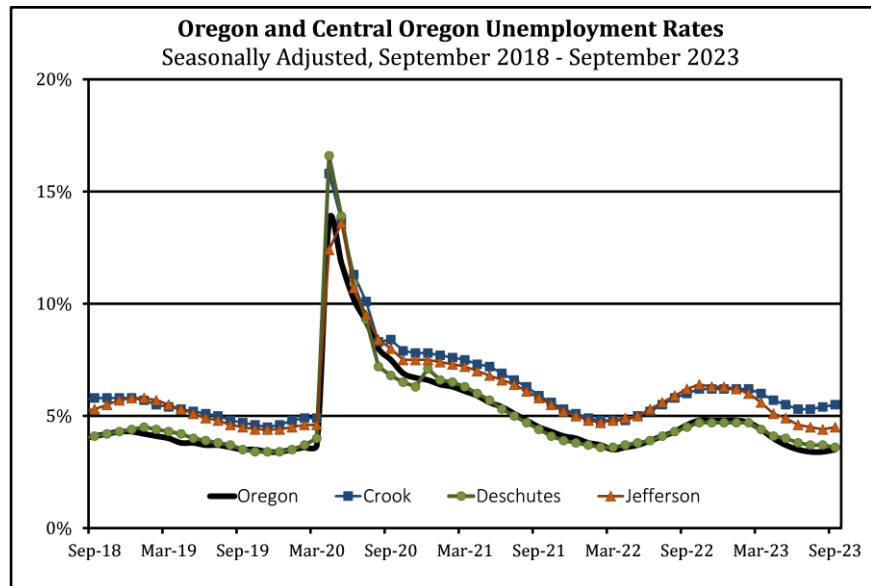
Crook County lost 60 jobs in September, with most losses occurring in leisure and hospitality (-30 jobs). Employment levels in Crook County are now 6.6% above pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (+440 jobs).

The county lost 260 jobs in the last year (-3.4%). Job losses were concentrated in

construction (-230 jobs), professional and business services (-70 jobs), government (-70 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (-60 jobs). These losses were slightly offset by job gains concentrated in private education and health services (+80 jobs), other services (+60 jobs), and retail trade (+50 jobs).

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined over the month of September and is now 3.6%. The unemployment rate in September remains 0.2 percentage point above its record low of 3.4% before the onset of the pandemic.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County gained 910 jobs (+1.0%) in September, and total nonfarm employment is now 93,640. Employment levels remain around 3,910 jobs (+4.4%) above February 2020 levels, before the onset of the pandemic.



Total nonfarm employment expanded by 1.8% (+1,700 jobs) from September 2022. Government led private industry growth with an over-the-year gain of 1,070 jobs (+10.9%), with most gains (+610 jobs) registered in local education. Other notable gains were in private education and health services (+720 jobs); professional and business services (+80 jobs); information (+70 jobs); and other services (+60 jobs). Over-the-year losses occurred primarily in financial activities (-190 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-130 jobs); and manufacturing (-60 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month of September and is now 4.5%, up from the revised rate of 4.4% in August. The unemployment rate was 4.4% from October 2019 to December 2019, shortly before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 80 jobs in September (+1.2%), slower growth than typical this time of year. Employment gains were concentrated in local government (+210 jobs), while job losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-60 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-50 jobs). All other industries registered little to no change over the month. Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now at its pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment increased by 260 over the past year (4.0%). Job gains were concentrated in the public sector (+320 jobs), other services (+40 jobs), and private education and health services (+30 jobs). Losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-80 jobs); retail trade (-30 jobs); construction (-30 jobs); and professional and business services (-20 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 15.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	--Change From--	
				August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,897	11,048	11,431	-151	-534
Unemployed	569	620	597	-51	-28
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.6%	5.2%	-0.4	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.4%	6.0%	0.1	-0.5
Employed	10,328	10,428	10,834	-100	-506
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,320	7,380	7,580	-60	-260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,110	7,200	7,350	-90	-240
Total private	6,020	6,100	6,210	-80	-190
Mining, logging, and construction	750	770	990	-20	-240
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	700	720	930	-20	-230
Manufacturing	760	750	750	10	10
Wood product manufacturing	390	390	410	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,220	1,220	1,170	0	50
Wholesale trade	320	320	320	0	0
Retail trade	670	670	620	0	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	230	230	0	0
Information	560	570	590	-10	-30
Financial activities	220	230	210	-10	10
Professional and business services	540	560	610	-20	-70
Private education and health services	880	880	800	0	80
Leisure and hospitality	770	800	830	-30	-60
Other services	320	320	260	0	60
Government	1,300	1,280	1,370	20	-70
Federal government	340	340	330	0	10
State government	140	150	160	-10	-20
Local government	820	790	880	30	-60

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

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	101,844	102,101	104,106	-257	-2,262
Unemployed	3,473	3,781	4,311	-308	-838
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.7%	4.1%	-0.3	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.7%	4.5%	-0.1	-0.9
Employed	98,371	98,320	99,795	51	-1,424
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	93,640	92,730	91,940	910	1,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>92,620</i>	<i>92,120</i>	<i>91,630</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>990</i>
Total private	82,740	83,600	82,110	-860	630
Mining, logging, and construction	8,410	8,570	8,360	-160	50
Manufacturing	6,210	6,240	6,270	-30	-60
Durable goods	3,850	3,860	3,760	-10	90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,470	16,310	16,440	160	30
Wholesale trade	2,370	2,360	2,380	10	-10
Retail trade	11,790	11,640	11,750	150	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,310	2,310	2,310	0	0
Information	1,900	1,910	1,830	-10	70
Financial activities	5,200	5,190	5,390	10	-190
Professional and business services	11,480	11,500	11,400	-20	80
Private education and health services	15,890	15,940	15,170	-50	720
Leisure and hospitality	13,960	14,720	14,090	-760	-130
Accommodation and food services	11,900	12,540	11,830	-640	70
Other services	3,220	3,220	3,160	0	60
Government	10,900	9,130	9,830	1,770	1,070
Federal government	1,040	1,030	990	10	50
State government	1,020	1,040	880	-20	140
Local government	8,840	7,060	7,960	1,780	880
Local education	5,150	3,480	4,540	1,670	610

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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,172	10,170	10,313	2	-141
Unemployed	418	445	548	-27	-130
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.4%	5.3%	-0.3	-1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.4%	6.2%	0.1	-1.7
Employed	9,754	9,725	9,765	29	-11
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,790	6,710	6,530	80	260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,710	6,750	6,450	-40	260
Total private	4,360	4,500	4,420	-140	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	160	170	190	-10	-30
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	140	150	170	-10	-30
Manufacturing	1,230	1,290	1,310	-60	-80
Wood product manufacturing	920	980	990	-60	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	940	940	970	0	-30
Wholesale trade	170	170	170	0	0
Retail trade	670	670	700	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	100	0	0
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	160	160	150	0	10
Professional and business services	190	200	210	-10	-20
Private education and health services	710	710	680	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	680	730	670	-50	10
Other services	240	250	200	-10	40
Government	2,430	2,210	2,110	220	320
Federal government	100	90	110	10	-10
State government	340	340	310	0	30
Local government	1,990	1,780	1,690	210	300
Indian tribal	1,000	990	690	10	310

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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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