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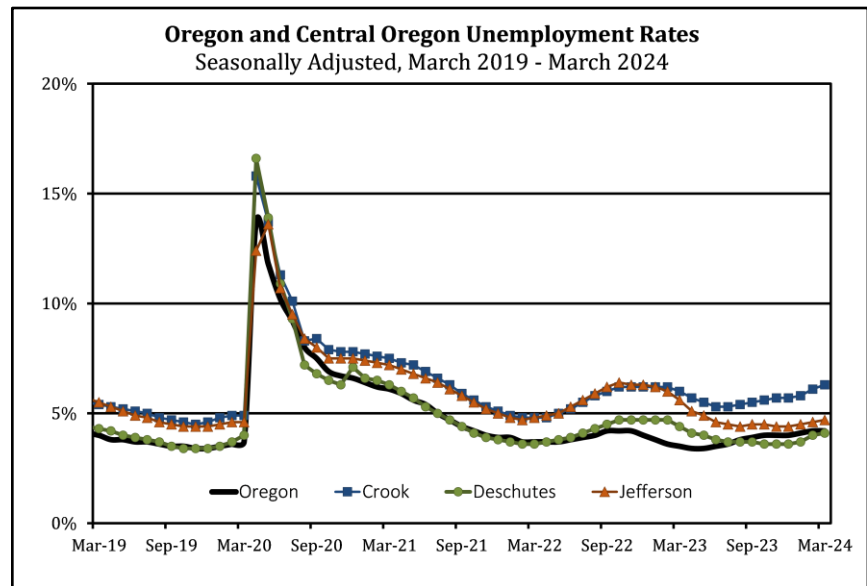
Employment in Central Oregon: March 2024

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates continue to increase in Central Oregon, with slight increases in all three Central Oregon counties. Total nonfarm employment also increased over the month of March, with marginal increases in each county.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month of March and is now 6.3%—in March of last year, it was 6.0%. The unemployment rate remains 1.8 percentage points above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.5%.

Crook County gained 50 jobs (+0.7%) in March, with most gains occurring in the public sector (+40 jobs) and most losses occurring in construction (-20 jobs). Employment levels in Crook County are now 6.1% above pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (+410 jobs).

The county lost 380 jobs in the last year (-5.2%). Job losses were concentrated in construction (-210 jobs) and information (-90 jobs). Marginal gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+30 jobs), and trade, transportation, and utilities (+30 jobs).



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.1% in March from 4.0% in February. The unemployment rate in March remains 0.7 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 600 jobs (+0.6%) from February to March. Most gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+220 jobs), followed by professional and business services (+130 jobs) and the public sector (+120 jobs). Total nonfarm employment is now 94,110.

Total nonfarm employment expanded by 2.5% (+2,320 jobs) from March 2023. Year-over-year job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+1,100 jobs) and private education and health services (+1,000 jobs). Other notable job gains took place in trade, transportation, and utilities (+190 jobs); other services (+160 jobs); and government (+160 jobs). Over-the-year losses occurred in information (-160 jobs) and professional and business services (-100 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly over the month of March and is now 4.7%, up from 4.6% in February. 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 40 jobs in March (+0.6%). Private-sector job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+20 jobs). Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now -2.4% (-160 jobs) below the pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment decreased by 100 over the past year (-1.5%). Job losses were concentrated in wood product manufacturing (-120 jobs); retail trade (-40 jobs); and government (-20 jobs). Gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+50 jobs); professional and business services (+10 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+10 jobs); and other services (+10 jobs).

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



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,176	11,283	11,138	-107	38
Unemployed	790	953	636	-163	154
Unemployment rate	7.1%	8.4%	5.7%	-1.3	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	10,386	10,330	10,502	56	-116
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,950	6,900	7,330	50	-380
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>7,100</i>	<i>7,080</i>	<i>7,490</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-390</i>
Total private	5,740	5,730	6,050	10	-310
Mining, logging, and construction	670	690	890	-20	-220
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	620	640	830	-20	-210
Manufacturing	750	750	760	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	370	370	400	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,230	1,210	1,200	20	30
Wholesale trade	340	330	330	10	10
Retail trade	650	650	660	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	230	210	10	30
Information	470	470	560	0	-90
Financial activities	220	220	240	0	-20
Professional and business services	510	510	530	0	-20
Private education and health services	890	880	860	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	730	730	740	0	-10
Other services	270	270	270	0	0
Government	1,210	1,170	1,280	40	-70
Federal government	290	260	260	30	30
State government	110	100	120	10	-10
Local government	810	810	900	0	-90

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 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,521	107,194	102,806	327	4,715
Unemployed	4,886	5,267	3,989	-381	897
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.9%	3.9%	-0.4	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.3</i>
Employed	102,635	101,927	98,817	708	3,818
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	94,110	93,510	91,790	600	2,320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>94,950</i>	<i>94,680</i>	<i>92,990</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>1,960</i>
Total private	83,420	82,940	81,260	480	2,160
Mining, logging, and construction	7,740	7,650	7,840	90	-100
Manufacturing	6,140	6,160	6,120	-20	20
Durable goods	3,870	3,880	3,840	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,710	16,750	16,520	-40	190
Wholesale trade	2,400	2,400	2,380	0	20
Retail trade	11,810	11,850	11,800	-40	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,500	2,500	2,340	0	160
Information	1,680	1,680	1,840	0	-160
Financial activities	5,080	5,080	5,030	0	50
Professional and business services	11,260	11,130	11,360	130	-100
Private education and health services	16,730	16,650	15,730	80	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	14,690	14,470	13,590	220	1,100
Accommodation and food services	11,550	11,360	10,890	190	660
Other services	3,390	3,370	3,230	20	160
Government	10,690	10,570	10,530	120	160
Federal government	1,000	970	870	30	130
State government	1,150	1,150	1,080	0	70
Local government	8,540	8,450	8,580	90	-40
Local education	4,880	4,740	5,000	140	-120

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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 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,323	10,293	10,243	30	80
Unemployed	565	605	520	-40	45
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.9%	5.1%	-0.4	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	5.6%	0.1	-0.9
Employed	9,758	9,688	9,723	70	35
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,490	6,450	6,590	40	-100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,570	6,550	6,670	20	-100
Total private	4,240	4,200	4,320	40	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	150	150	150	0	0
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	140	140	140	0	0
Manufacturing	1,170	1,180	1,290	-10	-120
Wood product manufacturing	850	870	970	-20	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	910	900	940	10	-30
Wholesale trade	180	180	170	0	10
Retail trade	630	620	670	10	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	100	0	0
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	150	140	150	10	0
Professional and business services	220	210	210	10	10
Private education and health services	740	740	690	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	650	630	640	20	10
Other services	210	210	200	0	10
Government	2,250	2,250	2,270	0	-20
Federal government	100	100	110	0	-10
State government	350	350	340	0	10
Local government	1,800	1,800	1,820	0	-20
Indian tribal	750	740	780	10	-30

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