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## Employment in Central Oregon: May 2024

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remained unchanged in Central Oregon over the month of May. All three Central Oregon counties saw total nonfarm employment increase in May, while year-over-year, total nonfarm employment increased in the counties of Deschutes and Jefferson.

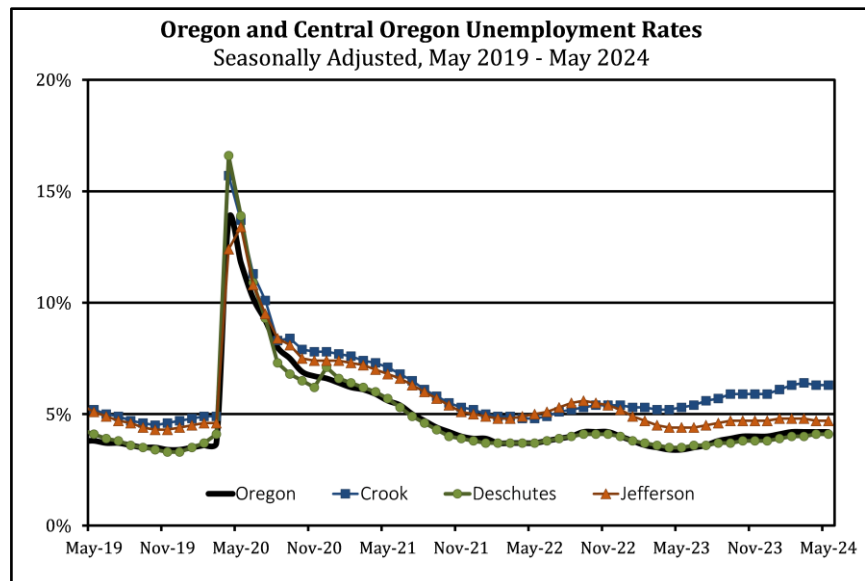
**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate did not change over the month of May and remains 6.3%—in May of last year, it was 5.3%. The unemployment rate remains 1.8 percentage points above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.5%.

Crook County gained 80 jobs (+1.1%) in May, with most gains occurring in the public sector (+30 jobs) and most losses occurring in leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs). Employment levels in Crook County are now 7.8% above pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (+520 jobs).

The county lost 230 jobs in the last year (-3.1%). Job losses were concentrated in construction (-180 jobs), information (-60 jobs), and government (-60 jobs). Marginal gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+40 jobs).

**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.1%. May's unemployment rate 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 1,010 jobs (+1.1%) from April to May. Most gains were concentrated in accommodation and food services (+500 jobs); followed by the public sector (+170 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+130 jobs); and professional and business services (+90 jobs). Total nonfarm employment is now 94,690.



Total nonfarm employment expanded by 0.1% (+110 jobs) from May 2023 to May 2024. Over the year, job gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+710 jobs). Other notable job gains took place in government (+190 jobs) and financial activities (+90 jobs). Over-the-year losses occurred in retail trade (-250 jobs); professional and business services (-220 jobs); manufacturing (-130 jobs); information (-100 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-90 jobs).

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate saw no change over the month of May, holding steady at 4.7%. 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 130 jobs in May (+1.9%). Private-sector job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+60 jobs), professional and business services (+20 jobs), and manufacturing (+20 jobs). Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now +0.3% (+20 jobs) above the pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment increased by 30 over the past year (+0.4%). Job gains were concentrated in the public sector (+60 jobs); private education and health services (+40 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+30 jobs); and professional and business services (+20 jobs). Losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-100 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 17.



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	11,227	11,213	11,127	14	100
Unemployed	603	616	522	-13	81
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.5%	4.7%	-0.1	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.3%	5.3%	0.0	1.0
Employed	10,624	10,597	10,605	27	19
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	7,240	7,160	7,470	80	-230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,190	7,210	7,420	-20	-230
Total private	5,960	5,910	6,130	50	-170
Mining, logging, and construction	670	650	850	20	-180
Mining and logging	50	50	50	0	0
Construction	620	600	800	20	-180
Manufacturing	750	750	740	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	380	380	390	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,260	1,240	1,250	20	10
Wholesale trade	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	670	660	660	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	240	250	10	0
Information	510	500	570	10	-60
Financial activities	240	240	230	0	10
Professional and business services	570	560	560	10	10
Private education and health services	890	880	850	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	810	830	810	-20	0
Other services	260	260	270	0	-10
Government	1,280	1,250	1,340	30	-60
Federal government	330	310	310	20	20
State government	120	120	120	0	0
Local government	830	820	910	10	-80

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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	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,116	106,946	103,540	170	3,576
Unemployed	3,874	3,908	3,302	-34	572
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	3.2%	-0.1	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	3.5%	0.0	0.6
Employed	103,242	103,038	100,238	204	3,004
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	94,690	93,680	94,580	1,010	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>95,040</i>	<i>94,770</i>	<i>93,740</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>1,300</i>
Total private	83,730	82,890	83,810	840	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	8,170	8,040	8,260	130	-90
Manufacturing	6,180	6,170	6,310	10	-130
Durable goods	3,940	3,920	3,920	20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,480	16,440	16,720	40	-240
Wholesale trade	2,410	2,420	2,410	-10	0
Retail trade	11,580	11,540	11,830	40	-250
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,490	2,480	2,480	10	10
Information	1,730	1,700	1,830	30	-100
Financial activities	5,160	5,120	5,070	40	90
Professional and business services	11,370	11,280	11,590	90	-220
Private education and health services	16,940	16,890	16,230	50	710
Leisure and hospitality	14,320	13,890	14,400	430	-80
Accommodation and food services	11,680	11,180	11,750	500	-70
Other services	3,380	3,360	3,400	20	-20
Government	10,960	10,790	10,770	170	190
Federal government	1,120	1,040	1,000	80	120
State government	1,130	1,150	1,080	-20	50
Local government	8,710	8,600	8,690	110	20
Local education	4,960	4,900	5,040	60	-80

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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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	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,636	10,557	10,425	79	211
Unemployed	421	419	401	2	20
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.0%	3.8%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.4%	0.0	0.3
Employed	10,215	10,138	10,024	77	191
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,900	6,770	6,870	130	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,730	6,680	6,700	50	30
Total private	4,530	4,410	4,560	120	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	170	170	180	0	-10
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	160	160	170	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,190	1,170	1,290	20	-100
Wood product manufacturing	890	880	970	10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	940	940	960	0	-20
Wholesale trade	180	180	180	0	0
Retail trade	650	650	680	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	100	0	10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	150	150	150	0	0
Professional and business services	280	260	260	20	20
Private education and health services	750	740	710	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	770	710	740	60	30
Other services	230	220	220	10	10
Government	2,370	2,360	2,310	10	60
Federal government	90	100	110	-10	-20
State government	360	360	350	0	10
Local government	1,920	1,900	1,850	20	70
Indian tribal	860	840	800	20	60

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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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