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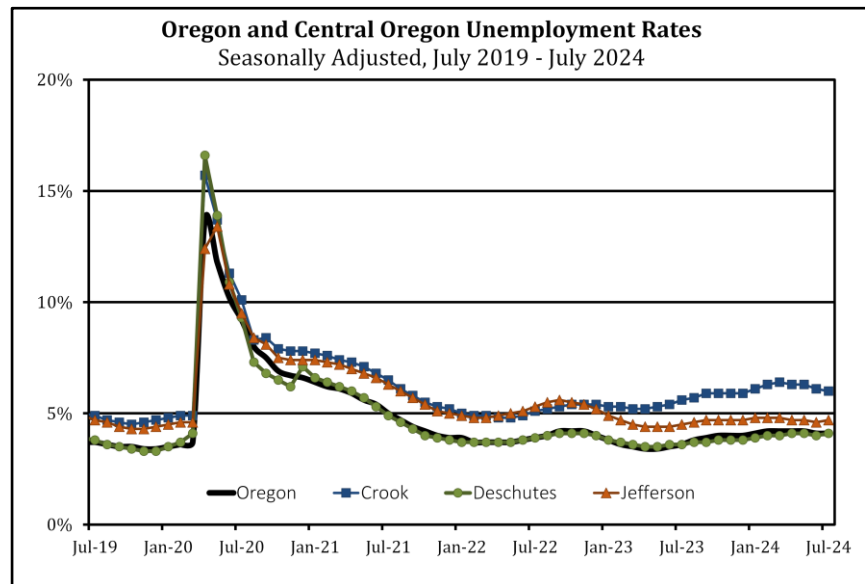
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Employment in Central Oregon: July 2024

Total nonfarm employment, throughout Central Oregon, followed its usual seasonal pattern in July, while seasonally adjusted unemployment rates saw little change over the month.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased over the month of July and is now 6.0%, down from 6.1% in June—in July of last year, it was 5.6%. The unemployment rate remains 1.6 percentage points above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.5%.

Crook County gained 80 jobs (+1.0%) in July, with most gains occurring in leisure and hospitality (+70 jobs) and most losses occurring in the public sector (-90 jobs). Employment levels in Crook County are now 14.5% above pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (+970 jobs).



The county gained 280 jobs in the last year (+3.7%). Notable job gains were seen in government (+120 jobs); construction (+50 jobs); information (+50 jobs); and private education and health services (+40 jobs). Job losses were concentrated in other services (-30 jobs) and wholesale trade (-20 jobs).

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly from a revised rate of 4.0% in June to 4.1% in July. July'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 lost 1,590 jobs (-1.6%) from June to July. Job losses are typical this time of year due to local schools going on summer break and were concentrated in local education (-2,920 jobs). Gains were seen primarily within leisure and hospitality (+550 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (+210 jobs); professional and business service (+180 jobs); and private education and health services (+140 jobs).

Total nonfarm employment is now 95,280 and declined by 0.4% (-370 jobs) from July 2023 to July 2024. Over the year, job losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-760 jobs) and local education (-530 jobs). Other notable job losses took place in retail trade (-390 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (-260 jobs). Most over-the-year gains occurred in private education and health services (+1,150 jobs), with smaller gains in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+90) and durable goods (+80).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased marginally over the month of July and is now 4.7%. Last year the unemployment rate was 4.5% in July and 4.4% from October 2019 to December 2019, shortly before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment shed 210 jobs in July (-3.1%) with most losses occurring in local government (-230 jobs), followed by manufacturing (-30 jobs). Private-sector job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (+30 jobs), with marginal gains in other services (+10 jobs), and financial activities (+10 jobs). Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now -1.0% (-70 jobs) below the pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment decreased by 30 jobs over the past year (-0.4%). Job gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+60 jobs); government (+50 jobs); other services (+10 jobs); and information (+10 jobs). Losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-130 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-20 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (-10 jobs).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, September 18.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,779	11,611	11,306	168	473
Unemployed	690	594	615	96	75
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.1%	5.4%	0.8	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.1%	5.6%	-0.1	0.4
Employed	11,089	11,017	10,691	72	398
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,780	7,700	7,500	80	280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,640	7,540	7,360	100	280
Total private	6,400	6,230	6,240	170	160
Mining, logging, and construction	970	940	910	30	60
Mining and logging	70	70	60	0	10
Construction	900	870	850	30	50
Manufacturing	720	720	730	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	370	360	370	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,260	1,250	1,270	10	-10
Wholesale trade	330	330	350	0	-20
Retail trade	680	680	660	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	240	260	10	-10
Information	570	530	520	40	50
Financial activities	230	230	230	0	0
Professional and business services	630	600	600	30	30
Private education and health services	850	860	810	-10	40
Leisure and hospitality	900	830	870	70	30
Other services	270	270	300	0	-30
Government	1,380	1,470	1,260	-90	120
Federal government	380	360	340	20	40
State government	150	140	130	10	20
Local government	850	970	790	-120	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

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	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	107,265	107,516	105,776	-251	1,489
Unemployed	4,465	3,946	3,761	519	704
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.7%	3.6%	0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	3.6%	0.1	0.5
Employed	102,800	103,570	102,015	-770	785
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	95,280	96,870	95,650	-1,590	-370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	95,930	95,940	94,330	-10	1,600
Total private	86,550	85,330	86,970	1,220	-420
Mining, logging, and construction	8,130	7,920	8,390	210	-260
Manufacturing	6,320	6,320	6,430	0	-110
Durable goods	4,000	4,000	3,920	0	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,820	16,750	17,170	70	-350
Wholesale trade	2,480	2,480	2,530	0	-50
Retail trade	11,800	11,740	12,190	60	-390
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,540	2,530	2,450	10	90
Information	1,830	1,820	1,800	10	30
Financial activities	5,330	5,330	5,400	0	-70
Professional and business services	11,750	11,570	11,820	180	-70
Private education and health services	17,310	17,170	16,160	140	1,150
Leisure and hospitality	15,530	14,980	16,290	550	-760
Accommodation and food services	12,730	12,290	13,120	440	-390
Other services	3,530	3,470	3,510	60	20
Government	8,730	11,540	8,680	-2,810	50
Federal government	1,130	1,100	1,050	30	80
State government	1,140	1,130	1,120	10	20
Local government	6,460	9,310	6,510	-2,850	-50
Local education	2,610	5,530	3,140	-2,920	-530

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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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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,427	10,521	10,354	-94	73
Unemployed	527	436	461	91	66
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.1%	4.5%	1.0	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	0.1	0.2
Employed	9,900	10,085	9,893	-185	7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,640	6,850	6,670	-210	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,640	6,620	6,670	20	-30
Total private	4,590	4,580	4,670	10	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	160	160	180	0	-20
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	150	150	170	0	-20
Manufacturing	1,170	1,200	1,300	-30	-130
Wood product manufacturing	870	900	980	-30	-110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	980	980	990	0	-10
Wholesale trade	180	180	180	0	0
Retail trade	690	680	700	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	120	110	-10	0
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	160	150	160	10	0
Professional and business services	260	260	260	0	0
Private education and health services	780	790	720	-10	60
Leisure and hospitality	790	760	790	30	0
Other services	240	230	230	10	10
Government	2,050	2,270	2,000	-220	50
Federal government	100	90	110	10	-10
State government	370	370	360	0	10
Local government	1,580	1,810	1,530	-230	50
Indian tribal	780	770	750	10	30

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