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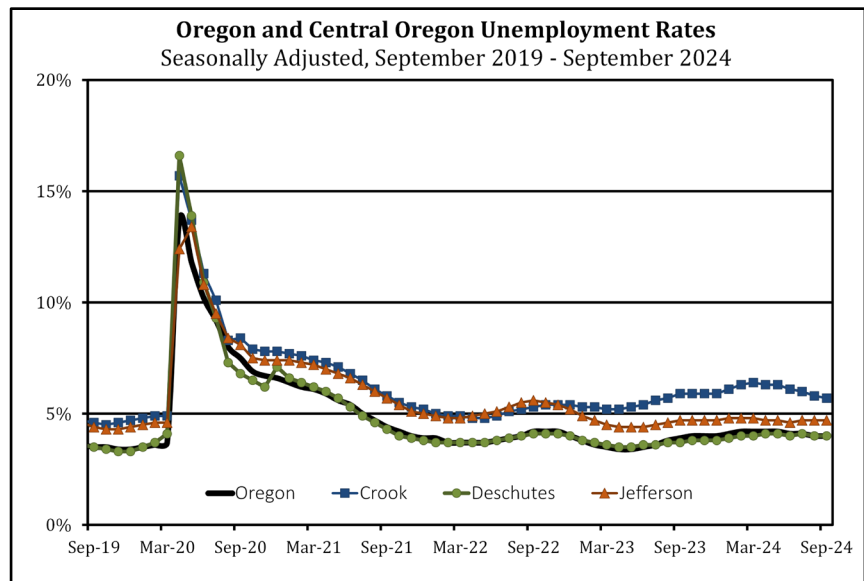
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## Employment in Central Oregon: September 2024

Central Oregon seasonally adjusted unemployment rates remain steady in September with little to no change.

**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased over the month of September and is now 5.7%, down from 5.8% in August—in September of last year, it was 5.9%. The unemployment rate remains 1.2 percentage points above the record low set before the pandemic when it was 4.5%.

Crook County lost 10 jobs (-0.1%) in September, with most losses occurring in professional and business services (-20 jobs); leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs); and retail trade (-20 jobs). Gains were minimal and concentrated in private education and health services (+40 jobs).



The county gained 250 jobs in the last year (+3.3%). Notable job gains were seen in construction (+130 jobs), government (+50 jobs), and information (+40 jobs). Job losses were concentrated in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-20 jobs).

**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from August to September at 4.0%. September's unemployment rate remains 0.6 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 880 jobs (+0.9%) from August to September and total nonfarm employment is now 96,470. Job losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-490 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-160 jobs); and professional and

business services (-100 jobs). Gains were seen primarily within public sector local education (+1,590 jobs).

Total nonfarm employment declined by 0.2% (-160 jobs) from September 2023 to September 2024. Over-the-year job losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-1,370 jobs); retail trade (-440 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (-380 jobs). Most over-the-year gains occurred in private education and health services (+1,210 jobs), with smaller gains in the public sector (+890 jobs).

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over the month of September, standing at 4.7%. Last year the unemployment rate was also 4.7% in September and it was 4.4% from October 2019 to December 2019, shortly before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment gained 140 jobs in September (+2.1%) with the majority of gains occurring in local government (+210 jobs). Over-the-month job losses were seen primarily within leisure and hospitality (-40 jobs). Total nonfarm seasonally adjusted employment is now -1.0% (-70 jobs) below the pre-pandemic employment level.

Jefferson County's total nonfarm employment increased by 50 jobs over the past year (+0.7%). Job gains were concentrated in private education and health services (+50 jobs). Losses were concentrated in manufacturing (-20 jobs), with minor losses in construction (-10 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-10 jobs). The public sector gained 10 jobs over the year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 14.



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## Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	11,589	11,735	11,223	-146	366
Unemployed	556	597	581	-41	-25
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.1%	5.2%	-0.3	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	-0.1	-0.2
Employed	11,033	11,138	10,642	-105	391
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	7,730	7,740	7,480	-10	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7,580	7,590	7,340	-10	240
Total private	6,350	6,370	6,150	-20	200
Mining, logging, and construction	980	980	850	0	130
Mining and logging	60	60	60	0	0
Construction	920	920	790	0	130
Manufacturing	730	730	730	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	380	370	380	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,260	1,270	1,270	-10	-10
Wholesale trade	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	670	690	660	-20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	240	270	10	-20
Information	550	550	510	0	40
Financial activities	230	230	220	0	10
Professional and business services	610	630	580	-20	30
Private education and health services	890	850	860	40	30
Leisure and hospitality	840	860	860	-20	-20
Other services	260	270	270	-10	-10
Government	1,380	1,370	1,330	10	50
Federal government	380	380	330	0	50
State government	150	150	130	0	20
Local government	850	840	870	10	-20

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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	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	107,148	107,685	106,001	-537	1,147
Unemployed	3,953	4,125	3,590	-172	363
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.8%	3.4%	-0.1	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	3.7%	0.0	0.3
Employed	103,195	103,560	102,411	-365	784
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	96,470	95,590	96,630	880	-160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	96,180	95,940	95,970	240	210
Total private	85,100	85,870	86,150	-770	-1,050
Mining, logging, and construction	7,950	8,110	8,330	-160	-380
Manufacturing	6,270	6,290	6,310	-20	-40
Durable goods	3,990	4,000	3,900	-10	90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,630	16,670	17,050	-40	-420
Wholesale trade	2,490	2,500	2,510	-10	-20
Retail trade	11,590	11,620	12,030	-30	-440
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,550	2,550	2,510	0	40
Information	1,810	1,810	1,800	0	10
Financial activities	5,290	5,300	5,270	-10	20
Professional and business services	11,700	11,800	11,760	-100	-60
Private education and health services	17,500	17,460	16,290	40	1,210
Leisure and hospitality	14,440	14,930	15,810	-490	-1,370
Accommodation and food services	12,080	12,480	12,900	-400	-820
Other services	3,510	3,500	3,530	10	-20
Government	11,370	9,720	10,480	1,650	890
Federal government	1,120	1,140	1,050	-20	70
State government	1,150	1,140	1,110	10	40
Local government	9,100	7,440	8,320	1,660	780
Local education	5,260	3,670	4,730	1,590	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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	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	10,435	10,401	10,315	34	120
Unemployed	427	481	430	-54	-3
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%	-0.5	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0	0.0
Employed	10,008	9,920	9,885	88	123
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,730	6,590	6,680	140	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,640	6,620	6,590	20	50
Total private	4,500	4,560	4,460	-60	40
Mining, logging, and construction	150	160	160	-10	-10
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	140	150	150	-10	-10
Manufacturing	1,190	1,160	1,210	30	-20
Wood product manufacturing	890	860	900	30	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	960	980	950	-20	10
Wholesale trade	180	180	180	0	0
Retail trade	670	690	660	-20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	110	110	0	0
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	150	150	150	0	0
Professional and business services	250	260	250	-10	0
Private education and health services	780	780	730	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	740	780	750	-40	-10
Other services	230	240	220	-10	10
Government	2,230	2,030	2,220	200	10
Federal government	100	100	100	0	0
State government	360	370	350	-10	10
Local government	1,770	1,560	1,770	210	0
Indian tribal	770	770	790	0	-20

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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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