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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 5.3% in April

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 5.3% in April compared with a revised 5.8% in March. The rate is up from 4.7% in April 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted April rate was 4.0% and the U.S. rate was 3.4%.

Douglas County payroll employment decreased a seasonally adjusted 90 jobs in April after a loss of 120 in March and a loss of 170 in February. Douglas County has gained back 73% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in April, there was a relatively large gain in leisure and hospitality (100). There were additional gains of 20 each in retail trade, financial activities, professional and business services, and other services. There were losses in manufacturing (-20), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-20).

Government gained 30 jobs from a gain of 30 in federal government.

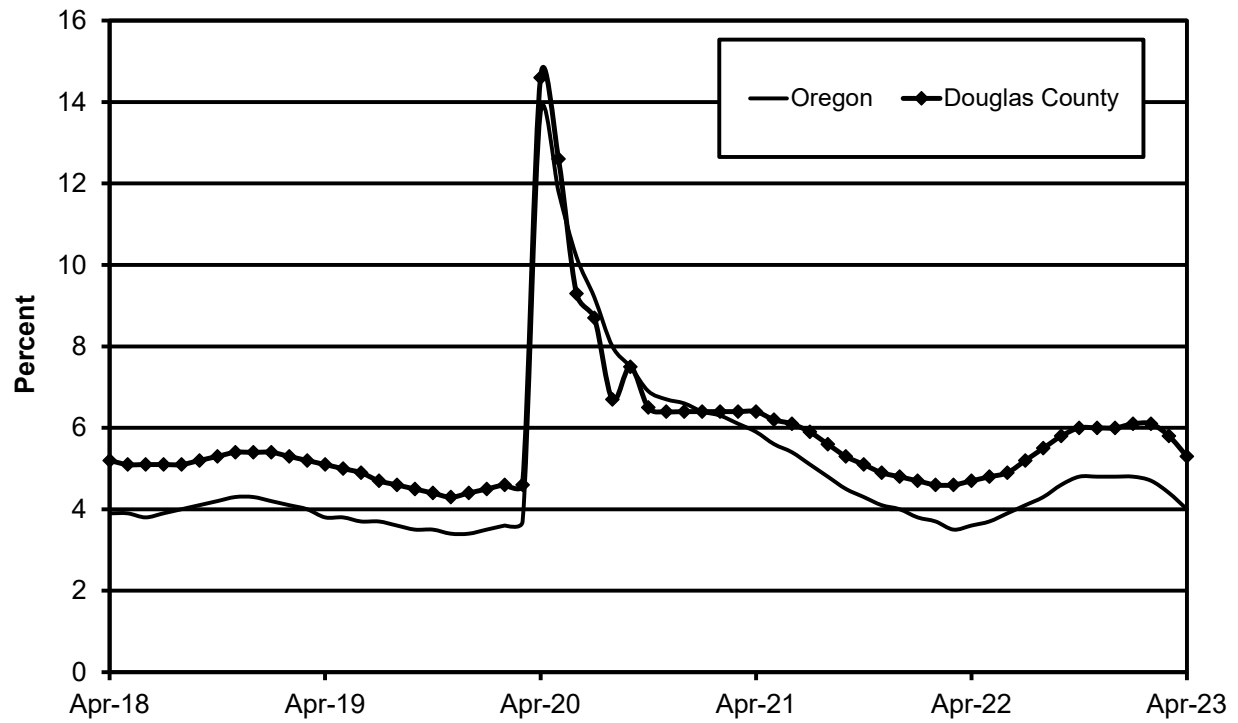
When comparing April 2023 with April 2022, total nonfarm employment decreased by 370 jobs, or 1.0%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (140), leisure and hospitality (120), and other services (90). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-350), retail trade (-170), and manufacturing (-100).

Government gained 50 jobs over the year from a gain of 90 jobs in local government that was countered by a loss of 40 in federal government.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 14th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	45,646	46,349	47,588	-703	-1,942
Unemployed	1,714	2,273	2,135	-559	-421
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.9%	4.5%	-1.1	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.8%	4.7%	-0.5	0.6
Employed	43,932	44,076	45,453	-144	-1,521
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,260	38,080	38,600	180	-340
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,230	38,320	38,600	-90	-370
Total private	30,760	30,610	31,150	150	-390
Mining, logging, and construction	2,660	2,650	2,740	10	-80
Mining and logging	930	930	970	0	-40
Construction	1,730	1,720	1,770	10	-40
Manufacturing	4,560	4,580	4,660	-20	-100
Durable goods	4,110	4,140	4,160	-30	-50
Wood product manufacturing	2,670	2,690	2,770	-20	-100
Nondurable goods	450	440	500	10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,280	7,280	7,450	0	-170
Wholesale trade	1,040	1,040	1,030	0	10
Retail trade	4,790	4,770	4,960	20	-170
Food and beverage retailers	1,140	1,130	1,110	10	30
General merchandise retailers	1,100	1,100	1,150	0	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,450	1,470	1,460	-20	-10
Information	280	280	280	0	0
Financial activities	1,360	1,340	1,400	20	-40
Professional and business services	3,050	3,030	3,400	20	-350
Private education and health services	6,530	6,530	6,390	0	140
Leisure and hospitality	3,680	3,580	3,560	100	120
Food services and drinking places	2,830	2,770	2,760	60	70
Other services	1,360	1,340	1,270	20	90
Government	7,500	7,470	7,450	30	50
Federal government	1,410	1,380	1,450	30	-40
State government	720	720	720	0	0
Local government	5,370	5,370	5,280	0	90
Indian tribal	1,060	1,060	1,010	0	50
Local education	2,830	2,840	2,840	-10	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,480	1,470	1,430	10	50

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 period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

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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