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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employers Add 170 Jobs in December

Douglas County payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 170 jobs in December after a gain of 50 in November and a decrease of 240 in October. Douglas County has gained back 92% 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 December, there was a seasonal gain in retail trade of 40. There were additional gains in private education and health services (80), manufacturing (30), and leisure and hospitality (20). There was a relatively large loss in professional and business services of 60.

Government dropped 60 jobs in December, from losses in local education (-30), federal government (-10), state government (-10), and noneducation local government (-10).

When comparing December 2023 with December 2022, total nonfarm employment increased 320 jobs, or 0.8%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in private education and health services (340), retail trade (100), financial activities (70), information (40), and other services (40). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-140), manufacturing (-80), mining and logging (-60), wholesale trade (-50), and leisure and hospitality (-50).

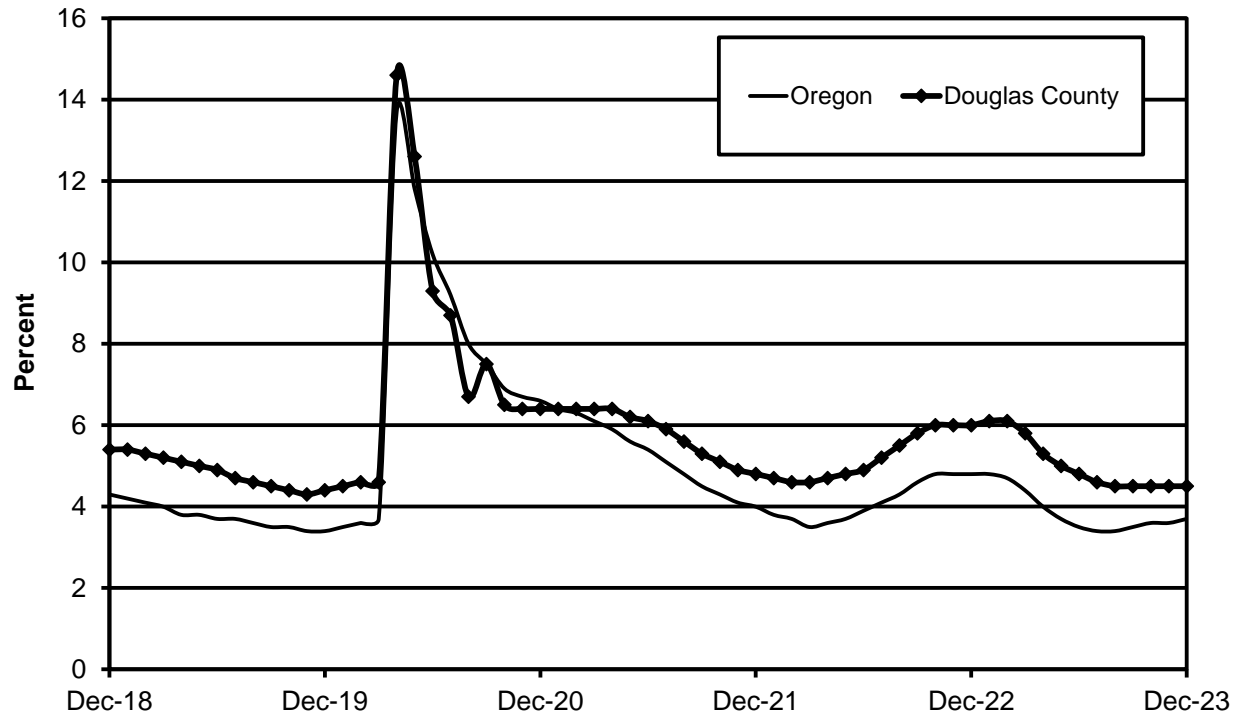
Government gained 140 jobs over the year from gains in local government (130) and federal government (40) that were countered by a loss in state government (-30).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.5% in December compared with a revised 4.5% in November. The rate is down from 6.0% in December 2022. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in January 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 3.7% and the U.S. rate was 3.7%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 5th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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| | December 2023 | November 2023 | December 2022 | November 2023 | December 2022 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 46,501 | 46,322 | 47,351 | 179 | -850 |
| Unemployed | 2,229 | 2,004 | 2,791 | 225 | -562 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.8% | 4.3% | 5.9% | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 4.5% | 4.5% | 6.0% | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| Employed | 44,272 | 44,318 | 44,560 | -46 | -288 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 38,970 | 38,900 | 38,650 | 70 | 320 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 38,950 | 38,780 | 38,630 | 170 | 320 |
| Total private | 31,310 | 31,180 | 31,130 | 130 | 180 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 2,630 | 2,640 | 2,690 | -10 | -60 |
| Mining and logging | 860 | 870 | 920 | -10 | -60 |
| Construction | 1,770 | 1,770 | 1,770 | 0 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 4,530 | 4,500 | 4,610 | 30 | -80 |
| Durable goods | 4,070 | 4,040 | 4,160 | 30 | -90 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 2,640 | 2,610 | 2,730 | 30 | -90 |
| Nondurable goods | 460 | 460 | 450 | 0 | 10 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 7,510 | 7,450 | 7,490 | 60 | 20 |
| Wholesale trade | 930 | 920 | 980 | 10 | -50 |
| Retail trade | 5,020 | 4,980 | 4,920 | 40 | 100 |
| Food and beverage retailers | 1,170 | 1,170 | 1,120 | 0 | 50 |
| General merchandise retailers | 1,200 | 1,180 | 1,170 | 20 | 30 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 1,560 | 1,550 | 1,590 | 10 | -30 |
| Information | 320 | 320 | 280 | 0 | 40 |
| Financial activities | 1,430 | 1,430 | 1,360 | 0 | 70 |
| Professional and business services | 3,020 | 3,080 | 3,160 | -60 | -140 |
| Private education and health services | 6,940 | 6,860 | 6,600 | 80 | 340 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,650 | 3,630 | 3,700 | 20 | -50 |
| Food services and drinking places | 2,900 | 2,890 | 2,920 | 10 | -20 |
| Other services | 1,280 | 1,270 | 1,240 | 10 | 40 |
| Government | 7,660 | 7,720 | 7,520 | -60 | 140 |
| Federal government | 1,420 | 1,430 | 1,380 | -10 | 40 |
| State government | 700 | 710 | 730 | -10 | -30 |
| Local government | 5,540 | 5,580 | 5,410 | -40 | 130 |
| Indian tribal | 1,080 | 1,080 | 1,060 | 0 | 20 |
| Local education | 2,960 | 2,990 | 2,890 | -30 | 70 |
| Local government excluding education and tribal | 1,500 | 1,510 | 1,460 | -10 | 40 |

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.

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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