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## **Employment in Douglas County**

## Douglas County Employers Add 230 Jobs in September

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment rose by 230 jobs in September after a gain of 100 in August and a loss of 110 in July.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in September, there were relatively large gains in private education and health services (40), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (20). There was a seasonal loss in leisure and hospitality of 100 and an additional loss of 40 in professional and business services.

Government gained 500 jobs in September, due to a seasonal gain of 560 in local education from the beginning of a new school year, and an additional gain of 10 in federal government. These gains were countered by losses of 60 in noneducation local government and 10 in state government.

When comparing September 2024 with September 2023, total nonfarm employment increased 240 jobs, or 0.6%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in manufacturing (80); retail trade (80); financial activities (60); other services (60); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (50). There were relatively large losses in private education and health services (-110) and professional and business services (-90).

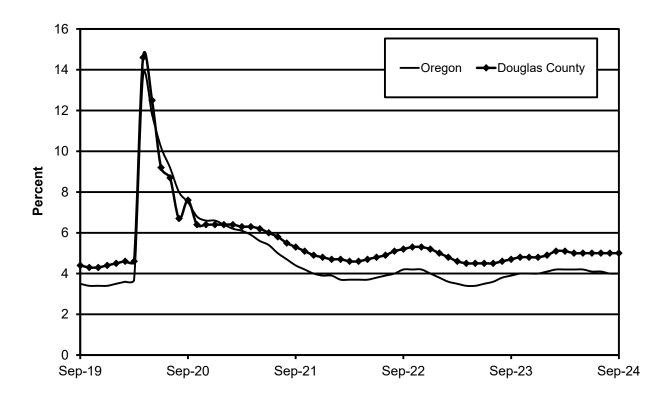
Government gained 200 jobs over the year from gains in local government (180) and federal government (20).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0% in September compared with a revised 5.0% in August. The rate is up from 4.7% in September 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in October 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted September rate was 4.0% and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

#### **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<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

# **Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**





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### **Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

				Change From		
	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	August 2024	September 2023	
Labor Force Status						
Civilian labor force	47,868	48,024	47,140	-156	728	
Unemployed	2,256	2,447	2,034	-191	222	
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.1%	4.3%	-0.4	0.4	
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%	0.0	0.3	
Employed	45,612	45,577	45,106	35	506	
Nonfarm Payroll Employment						
Total nonfarm employment	39,270	38,870	39,010	400	260	
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	39,020	38,790	38,780	230	240	
Total private	31,360	31,460	31,300	-100	60	
Mining, logging, and construction	2,700	2,710	2,760	-10	-60	
Mining and logging	880	890	910	-10	-30	
Construction	1,820	1,820	1,850	0	-30	
Manufacturing	4,650	4,660	4,570	-10	80	
Durable goods	4,150	4,140	4,100	10	50	
Wood product manufacturing	2,680	2,680	2,680	0	0	
Nondurable goods	500	520	470	-20	30	
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,340	7,300	7,200	40	140	
Wholesale trade	920	910	910	10	10	
Retail trade	4,910	4,900	4,830	10	80	
Food and beverage retailers	1,180	1,180	1,070	0	110	
General merchandise retailers	1,160	1,160	1,120	0	40	
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,510	1,490	1,460	20	50	
Information	320	320	320	0	0	
Financial activities	1,450	1,450	1,390	0	60	
Professional and business services	2,970	3,010	3,060	-40	-90	
Private education and health services	6,790	6,750	6,900	40	-110	
Leisure and hospitality	3,860	3,960	3,880	-100	-20	
Food services and drinking places	2,980	3,030	3,010	-50	-30	
Other services	1,280	1,300	1,220	-20	60	
Government	7,910	7,410	7,710	500	200	
Federal government	1,520	1,510	1,500	10	20	
State government	720	730	720	-10	0	
Local government	5,670	5,170	5,490	500	180	
Indian tribal	1,120	1,120	1,120	0	0	
Local education	3,050	2,490	2,860	560	190	
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,500	1,560	1,510	-60	-10	

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 w orkers, 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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