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## **Employment in Douglas County**

## Douglas County Employers Add 120 Jobs in October

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment rose by 120 jobs in October after a gain of 280 in September and a gain of 90 in August.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in October, there was a relatively large gain in private education and health services (80). There was a seasonal loss in leisure and hospitality of 100 and additional losses of 50 in professional and business services and 30 in transportation, warehousing and utilities.

Government gained 110 jobs in October, due to a seasonal gain of 140 in local education from the beginning of a new school year. This gain was countered by losses of 20 in noneducation local government and 10 in federal government.

When comparing October 2024 with October 2023, total nonfarm employment increased 170 jobs, or 0.4%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in manufacturing (120), private education and health services (50), and other services (50). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-90), professional and business services (-90), and leisure and hospitality (-80).

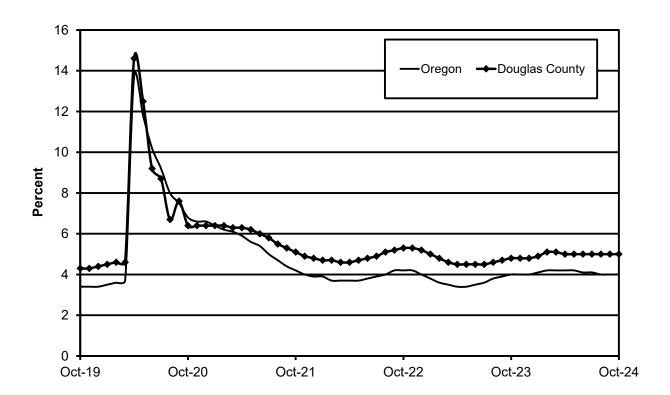
Government gained 200 jobs over the year from gains in local education (140), Indian tribal (40), and federal government (40). These gains were countered by losses of 10 each in state government and noneducation local government.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0% in October compared with a revised 5.0% in September. The rate is up from 4.8% in October 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted October rate was 4.0% and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates**





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

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				Change From	
		September		September	October
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,814	47,988	46,761	-174	1,053
Unemployed	2,224	2,246	2,004	-22	220
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%	0.0	0.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%	0.0	0.2
Employed	45,590	45,742	44,757	-152	833
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	39,210	39,240	39,070	-30	140
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	39,110	38,990	38,940	120	170
Total private	31,190	31,330	31,250	-140	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	2,670	2,690	2,680	-20	-10
Mining and logging	870	880	890	-10	-20
Construction	1,800	1,810	1,790	-10	10
Manufacturing	4,660	4,680	4,540	-20	120
Durable goods	4,140	4,160	4,050	-20	90
Wood product manufacturing	2,720	2,710	2,640	10	80
Nondurable goods	520	520	490	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,200	7,220	7,310	-20	-110
Wholesale trade	910	900	900	10	10
Retail trade	4,850	4,850	4,940	0	-90
Food and beverage retailers	1,120	1,140	1,120	-20	0
General merchandise retailers	1,160	1,160	1,160	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,440	1,470	1,470	-30	-30
Information	320	320	320	0	0
Financial activities	1,430	1,430	1,420	0	10
Professional and business services	2,940	2,990	3,030	-50	-90
Private education and health services	6,960	6,880	6,910	80	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,730	3,830	3,810	-100	-80
Food services and drinking places	2,890	2,920	2,980	-30	-90
Other services	1,280	1,290	1,230	-10	50
Government	8,020	7,910	7,820	110	200
Federal government	1,500	1,510	1,460	-10	40
State government	700	700	710	0	-10
Local government	5,820	5,700	5,650	120	170
Indian tribal	1,130	1,130	1,090	0	40
Local education	3,190	3,050	3,050	140	140
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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.

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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.

Local government excluding education and tribal

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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