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## Employment in Douglas County

### Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Holds Steady at 5.0% in November

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0% in November compared with a revised 5.0% in October. The rate is up from 4.8% in November 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in October 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted November rate was 4.1% and the U.S. rate was 4.2%.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment rose by 10 jobs in November after a gain of 60 in October and a gain of 280 in September.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in November, there was a seasonal gain in retail trade of 60. There were additional relatively large gains in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (70) and private education and health services (30). There were seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality (-70) and construction (-40). There were additional losses in professional and business services (-30) and manufacturing (-20).

Government dropped 20 jobs in November, due to losses of 10 each in federal and state government.

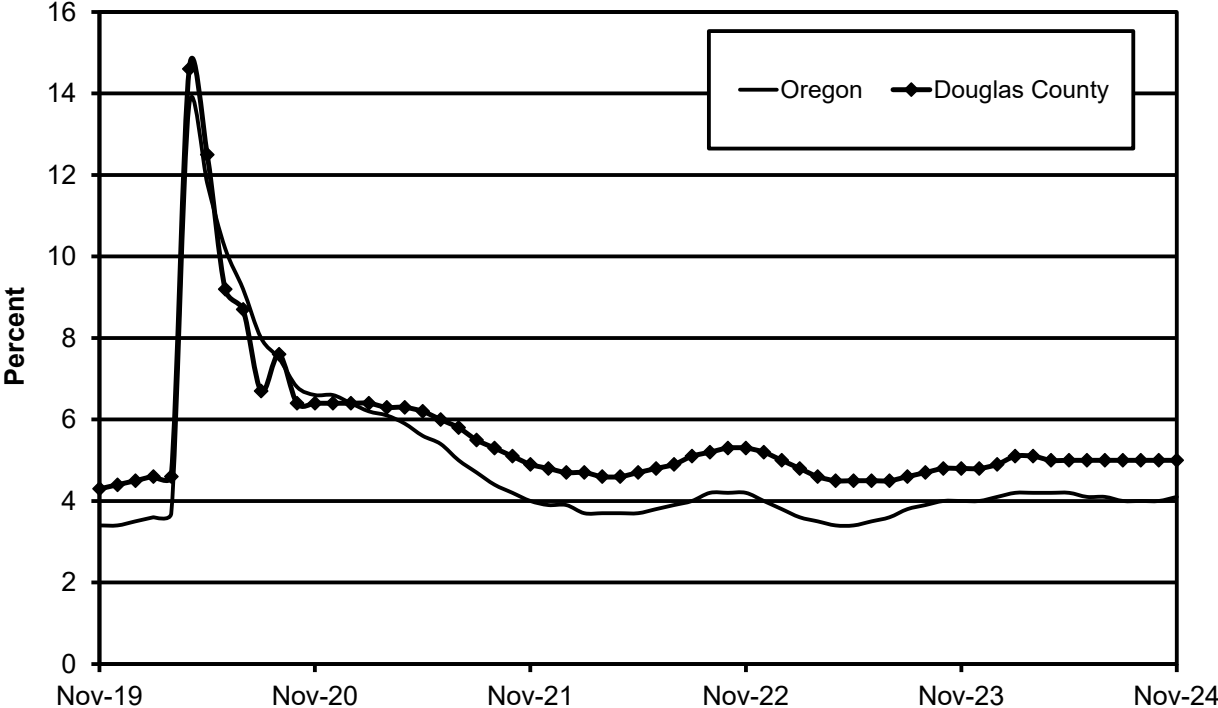
When comparing November 2024 with November 2023, total nonfarm employment increased 190 jobs, or 0.5%. Private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in manufacturing (130), other services (50), financial activities (40), and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30). There were relatively large losses in retail trade (-120), professional and business services (-90), and leisure and hospitality (-70).

Government gained 200 jobs over the year from gains in local education (110), federal government (60), Indian tribal (40), and noneducation local government (10). These gains were countered by a loss of 20 in state government.

#### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	47,466	47,644	46,985	-178	481
Unemployed	2,200	2,215	2,124	-15	76
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.0%	4.8%	0.0	0.2
Employed	45,266	45,429	44,861	-163	405
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	39,120	39,150	38,940	-30	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,060	39,050	38,870	10	190
Total private	31,140	31,150	31,160	-10	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	2,620	2,670	2,640	-50	-20
Mining and logging	860	870	880	-10	-20
Construction	1,760	1,800	1,760	-40	0
Manufacturing	4,640	4,660	4,510	-20	130
Durable goods	4,150	4,140	4,050	10	100
Wood product manufacturing	2,730	2,720	2,620	10	110
Nondurable goods	490	520	460	-30	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,350	7,220	7,420	130	-70
Wholesale trade	910	910	890	0	20
Retail trade	4,890	4,830	5,010	60	-120
Food and beverage retailers	1,120	1,120	1,210	0	-90
General merchandise retailers	1,200	1,160	1,160	40	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,550	1,480	1,520	70	30
Information	330	320	320	10	10
Financial activities	1,420	1,430	1,380	-10	40
Professional and business services	2,910	2,940	3,000	-30	-90
Private education and health services	6,930	6,900	6,930	30	0
Leisure and hospitality	3,660	3,730	3,730	-70	-70
Food services and drinking places	2,860	2,890	2,930	-30	-70
Other services	1,280	1,280	1,230	0	50
Government	7,980	8,000	7,780	-20	200
Federal government	1,490	1,500	1,430	-10	60
State government	690	700	710	-10	-20
Local government	5,800	5,800	5,640	0	160
Indian tribal	1,140	1,130	1,100	10	40
Local education	3,160	3,170	3,050	-10	110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,500	1,500	1,490	0	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 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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