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## **Employment in Douglas County**

### **Douglas County Employers Add 60 Jobs in December**

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

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in December, there were gains in private education and health services (60); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30); and retail trade (20). There were losses in manufacturing (-30) and professional and business services (-20).

Government dropped 60 jobs in December, due to losses in federal and state government.

When comparing December 2024 with December 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).

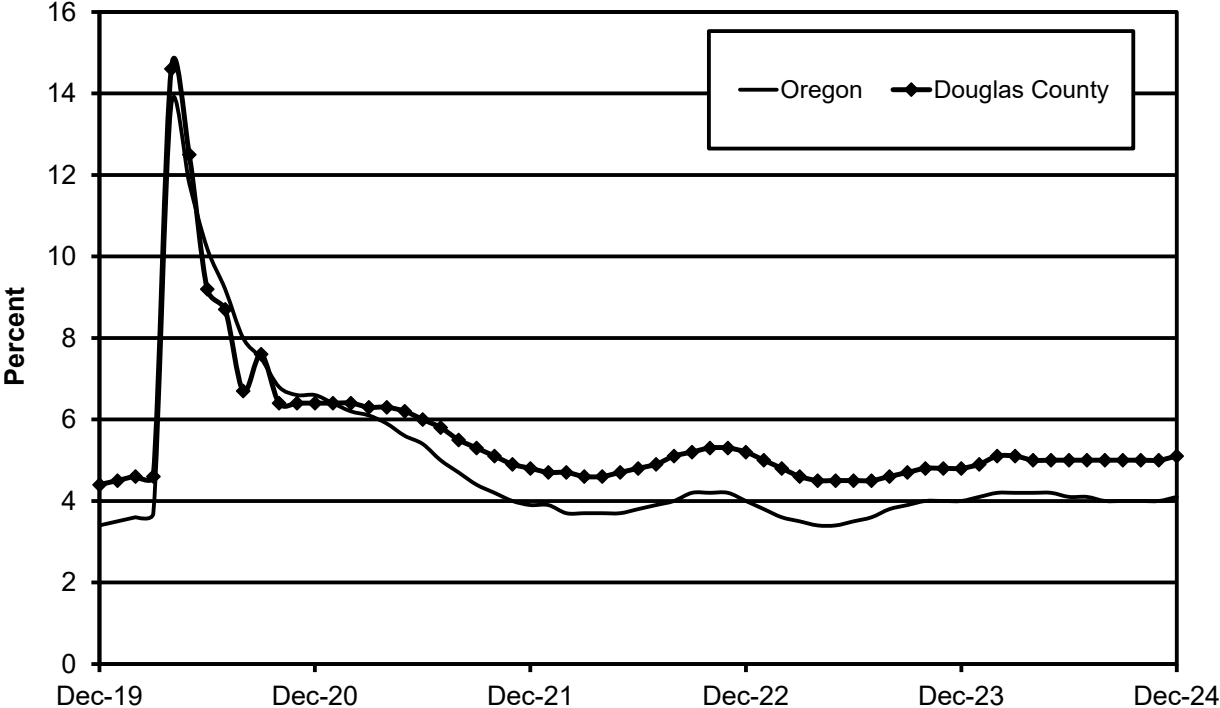
Government dropped 60 jobs over the year from losses in federal government (-40) and local government (-20).

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 5.1% in December compared with a revised 5.0% in November. The rate is up from 4.8% in December 2023. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.3%. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 4.1% and the U.S. rate was 4.1%.

#### **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 11<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	47,359	47,343	47,006	16	353
Unemployed	2,423	2,193	2,324	230	99
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.6%	4.9%	0.5	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%	0.1	0.3
Employed	44,936	45,150	44,682	-214	254
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	39,120	39,100	38,830	20	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,100	39,040	38,810	60	290
Total private	31,190	31,110	31,080	80	110
Mining, logging, and construction	2,610	2,620	2,630	-10	-20
Mining and logging	850	860	870	-10	-20
Construction	1,760	1,760	1,760	0	0
Manufacturing	4,620	4,650	4,520	-30	100
Durable goods	4,140	4,150	4,060	-10	80
Wood product manufacturing	2,740	2,740	2,620	0	120
Nondurable goods	480	500	460	-20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,370	7,310	7,420	60	-50
Wholesale trade	910	900	890	10	20
Retail trade	4,890	4,870	4,990	20	-100
Food and beverage retailers	1,130	1,120	1,200	10	-70
General merchandise retailers	1,210	1,190	1,200	20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,570	1,540	1,540	30	30
Information	330	330	320	0	10
Financial activities	1,430	1,420	1,390	10	40
Professional and business services	2,900	2,920	2,960	-20	-60
Private education and health services	6,980	6,920	6,960	60	20
Leisure and hospitality	3,660	3,660	3,640	0	20
Food services and drinking places	2,870	2,860	2,900	10	-30
Other services	1,290	1,280	1,240	10	50
Government	7,930	7,990	7,750	-60	180
Federal government	1,450	1,490	1,420	-40	30
State government	700	700	710	0	-10
Local government	5,780	5,800	5,620	-20	160
Indian tribal	1,160	1,140	1,090	20	70
Local education	3,060	3,160	3,020	-100	40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,560	1,500	1,510	60	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 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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