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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 4.9% in October

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 4.9% in October compared with a revised 4.7% in September. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in November 2019 at 4.4%. The rate is down from 5.1% in October 2021. The Oregon seasonally adjusted October rate was 4.1% and the U.S. rate was 3.7%.

Douglas County payroll employment decreased a seasonally adjusted 30 jobs in October after gains of 60 in September and 100 jobs in August. Douglas County has gained back 79% 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 October, there was a relatively large gain in retail trade (40). There were seasonal losses in leisure and hospitality (-130) and construction (-30). There were additional losses in professional and business services (-80) and manufacturing (-30).

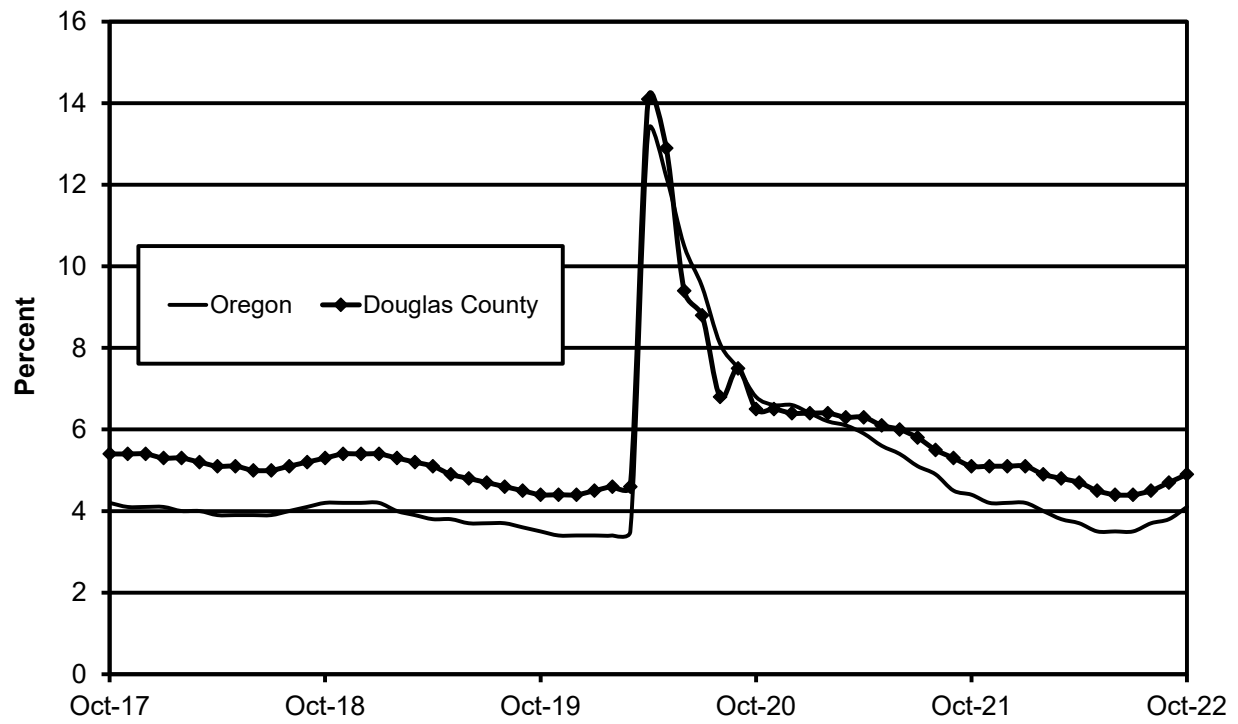
Government gained 140 jobs from a seasonal gain of 220 in local government education that was countered by losses of 70 in federal and 10 in state government.

When comparing October 2022 with October 2021, total nonfarm employment increased by 200 jobs, or 0.5%. Large over-the-year gains were seen in education and health services (260); leisure and hospitality (70); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (60). There were relatively large losses in manufacturing (-120); federal government (-90); and retail trade (-50).

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. 20th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 14th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,585	48,105	47,335	-520	250
Unemployed	2,440	2,424	2,130	16	310
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.0%	4.5%	0.1	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.7%	5.1%	0.2	-0.2
Employed	45,145	45,681	45,205	-536	-60
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,630	38,720	38,440	-90	190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,430	38,460	38,230	-30	200
Total private	31,030	31,260	30,880	-230	150
Mining, logging, and construction	2,760	2,800	2,790	-40	-30
Mining and logging	970	980	970	-10	0
Construction	1,790	1,820	1,820	-30	-30
Manufacturing	4,610	4,640	4,730	-30	-120
Durable goods	4,140	4,160	4,220	-20	-80
Wood product manufacturing	2,740	2,760	2,840	-20	-100
Nondurable goods	470	480	510	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,460	7,410	7,430	50	30
Wholesale trade	970	970	950	0	20
Retail trade	4,950	4,910	5,000	40	-50
Food and beverage stores	1,130	1,130	1,110	0	20
General merchandise stores	1,110	1,090	1,140	20	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,540	1,530	1,480	10	60
Information	280	270	280	10	0
Financial activities	1,360	1,370	1,320	-10	40
Professional and business services	3,140	3,220	3,280	-80	-140
Education and health services	6,460	6,470	6,200	-10	260
Leisure and hospitality	3,680	3,810	3,610	-130	70
Food services and drinking places	2,880	2,930	2,850	-50	30
Other services	1,280	1,270	1,240	10	40
Government	7,600	7,460	7,560	140	40
Federal government	1,420	1,490	1,510	-70	-90
State government	720	730	720	-10	0
Local government	5,460	5,240	5,330	220	130
Indian tribal	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local education	2,940	2,720	2,880	220	60
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,420	1,420	1,450	0	-30

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 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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