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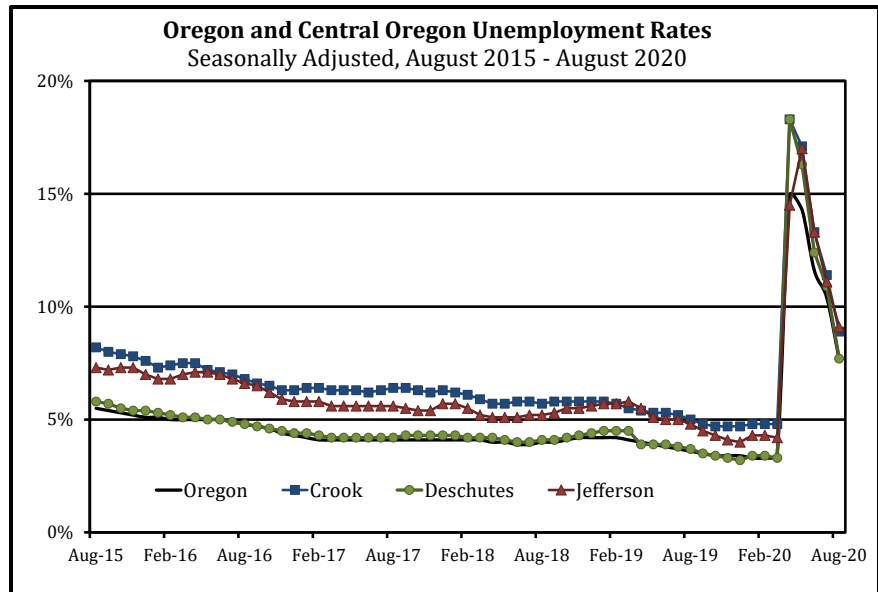
Employment in Central Oregon: August 2020

The employment recovery continued in August across Central Oregon; however, the pace of the recovery moderated dramatically since moving into Phase-2 of COVID-19 reopening in June.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.9 percent in August, down from 11.4 percent in July. The unemployment rate is much improved since May, but still higher than before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; it was 4.8 percent in March 2020.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 40 jobs in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, continuing the recovery from the initial COVID-19 shock in April.

Crook County has recovered 180 of the 800 jobs lost during the COVID-19 crisis. As of August seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain down by around 9.4 percent compared with March 2020. The hardest hit industry remains leisure and hospitality with employment down 230 jobs from this time last year. Construction and information were the only major industry sectors to add jobs over the past year.



Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in August, down from 10.9 percent in July. Despite the dramatic improvement over the past several months the rate remains significantly higher than before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 3.3 percent in March 2020.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment posted strong gains in August after stalling in July. Deschutes County added 580 jobs (+0.7%) in August after a revised gain of only 30 jobs in July.

Total nonfarm employment remains down roughly 10 percent from the peak before the COVID-19 crisis in February 2020 (-9,020 jobs). Although the labor market remains far from recovered, Deschutes County has regained roughly 40 percent of the 14,860 jobs lost during the onset of the pandemic. Recent revisions backed off some of the recovery initially reported in leisure and hospitality, which now shows a 3,630 job loss (-24%) since August 2019. Other hard hit industries include retail trade, education and health services, and manufacturing. Mining, logging, and construction was the only major industry sector to add jobs over the past year (+140 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in August, down from 11.1 percent in July. The rate remains up significantly from before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 4.2 percent in March 2020.

Jefferson County's recovery gained some momentum in August as the county added 130 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a gain of only 20 jobs in July.

Jefferson County has only added back around 25 percent of the total nonfarm jobs lost during the peak of the COVID-19 crisis. There remain 940 fewer seasonally adjusted jobs in August compared with February. Leisure and hospitality remains the hardest hit industry with employment down by 250 jobs compared with this time last year. Other hard hit sectors include Indian tribal government (-180 jobs) and manufacturing (-150 jobs). No major industry sector added jobs over the past year.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 20th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 13th.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,869	9,835	9,837	34	32
Unemployed	818	1,121	464	-303	354
Unemployment rate	8.3%	11.4%	4.7%	-3.1	3.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.9%	11.4%	5.0%	-2.5	3.9
Employed	9,051	8,714	9,373	337	-322
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,120	6,040	6,410	80	-290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,940	5,900	6,220	40	-280
Total private	4,870	4,820	5,110	50	-240
Mining, logging, and construction	790	770	600	20	190
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	740	720	540	20	200
Manufacturing	590	600	700	-10	-110
Wood product manufacturing	330	330	400	0	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	990	990	1,120	0	-130
Wholesale trade	280	290	330	-10	-50
Retail trade	520	510	570	10	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	220	0	-30
Information	270	260	240	10	30
Financial activities	190	180	210	10	-20
Professional and business services	460	460	450	0	10
Education and health services	690	680	690	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	630	630	860	0	-230
Other services	260	250	240	10	20
Government	1,250	1,220	1,300	30	-50
Federal government	360	350	350	10	10
State government	130	130	180	0	-50
Local government	760	740	770	20	-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.



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Bend-Redmond MSA (Deschutes County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	93,722	93,969	97,993	-247	-4,271
Unemployed	6,896	10,055	3,524	-3,159	3,372
Unemployment rate	7.4%	10.7%	3.6%	-3.3	3.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.7%	10.9%	3.7%	-3.2	4.0
Employed	86,826	83,914	94,469	2,912	-7,643
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	81,180	80,360	88,240	820	-7,060
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	79,860	79,280	86,980	580	-7,120
Total private	73,500	72,830	80,350	670	-6,850
Mining, logging, and construction	7,730	7,770	7,590	-40	140
Manufacturing	5,310	5,340	5,880	-30	-570
Durable goods	3,340	3,320	3,520	20	-180
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,420	15,600	16,480	-180	-1,060
Wholesale trade	2,190	2,200	2,330	-10	-140
Retail trade	11,080	11,280	11,930	-200	-850
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,150	2,120	2,220	30	-70
Information	1,680	1,680	1,770	0	-90
Financial activities	4,800	4,770	5,170	30	-370
Professional and business services	10,730	10,330	11,050	400	-320
Education and health services	13,650	13,610	14,370	40	-720
Leisure and hospitality	11,330	10,900	14,960	430	-3,630
Accommodation and food services	8,870	8,640	12,370	230	-3,500
Other services	2,850	2,830	3,080	20	-230
Government	7,680	7,530	7,890	150	-210
Federal government	1,090	1,070	1,090	20	0
State government	920	920	900	0	20
Local government	5,670	5,540	5,900	130	-230
Local education	2,740	2,630	2,630	110	110

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Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. 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.



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Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	9,663	9,588	10,272	75	-609
Unemployed	825	1,020	464	-195	361
Unemployment rate	8.5%	10.6%	4.5%	-2.1	4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.1%	11.1%	4.8%	-2.0	4.3
Employed	8,838	8,568	9,808	270	-970
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,780	5,730	6,570	50	-790
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,740	5,610	6,520	130	-780
Total private	3,740	3,700	4,370	40	-630
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	150	0	-20
Mining and logging	10	10	20	0	-10
Construction	120	120	130	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,150	1,120	1,300	30	-150
Wood product manufacturing	840	810	890	30	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	820	820	900	0	-80
Wholesale trade	160	160	180	0	-20
Retail trade	560	560	620	0	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	100	0	0
Information	20	20	30	0	-10
Financial activities	130	140	130	-10	0
Professional and business services	190	170	220	20	-30
Education and health services	600	610	660	-10	-60
Leisure and hospitality	510	500	760	10	-250
Other services	190	190	220	0	-30
Government	2,040	2,030	2,200	10	-160
Federal government	150	130	130	20	20
State government	310	310	310	0	0
Local government	1,580	1,590	1,760	-10	-180
Indian tribal	790	790	970	0	-180

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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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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