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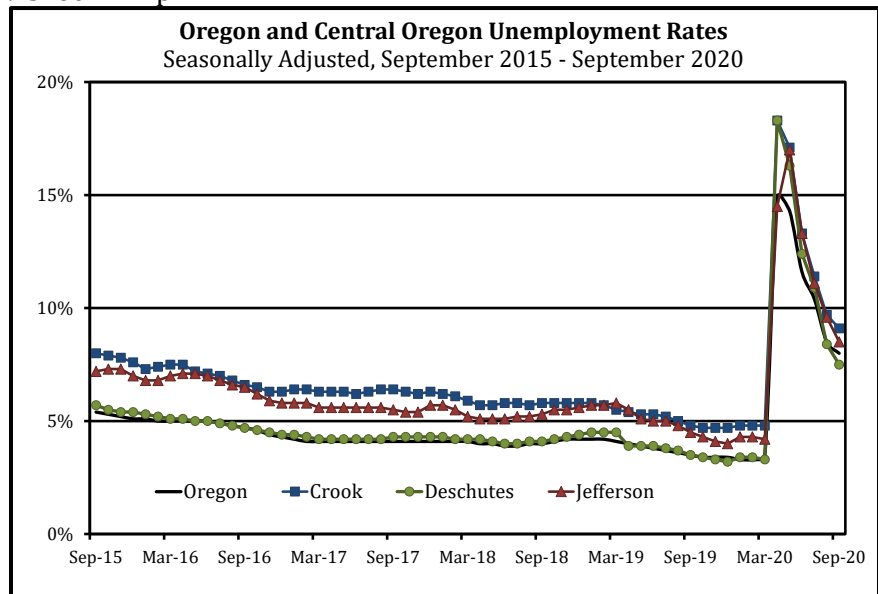
## Employment in Central Oregon: September 2020

This release of the September 2020 employment estimates is the last before a benchmark of the data using payroll records through June 2020, capturing the volatile labor market due to COVID-19. This will be a short release as we know there will be significant revisions, particularly for the rural communities in Central Oregon.

**Crook County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 9.1 percent in September, down from the revised rate of 9.7 percent in August. 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 September on a seasonally adjusted basis, continuing the recovery from the initial COVID-19 shock in April.

Crook County has recovered 250 of the 800 jobs lost during the COVID-19 crisis. As of September seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment levels remain down by around 8.3 percent compared with March 2020. The hardest hit industry remains leisure and hospitality with employment down 200 jobs from this time last year. Construction, information, and professional and business services all added jobs over the past year.



**Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA):** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.5 percent in September, down from a revised rate of 8.4 percent in August. 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 very strong gains in September. Deschutes County added 1,800 jobs (+2.2%) in September after a revised gain of 680 jobs in August.

Total nonfarm employment remains down roughly 7.6 percent from before the COVID-19 crisis in February 2020 (-6,080 jobs). The labor market remains far from recovered as Deschutes County has only regained 53 percent of the 14,540 jobs lost during the onset of the pandemic. Leisure and hospitality accounts for roughly 60 percent of the job losses over the past year. Construction remains the only major industry sector to add jobs over the past year (+240 jobs).

**Jefferson County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.5 percent in September, down from 9.6 percent in August. The rate remains up significantly from before the COVID-19 crisis; it was 4.2 percent in March 2020.

Jefferson County added 100 jobs in September on a seasonally adjusted basis, following a gain of 130 jobs in August.

Jefferson County has added back roughly 35 percent of the total nonfarm jobs lost during the peak of the COVID-19 crisis. There remain 840 fewer seasonally adjusted jobs in September compared with February. Job losses over the past year are concentrated in leisure and hospitality (-230 jobs); Indian tribal government (-180 jobs); and manufacturing (-120 jobs). No major industry sector added jobs over the past year.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



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### Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,899	9,946	9,751	-47	148
Unemployed	779	883	368	-104	411
Unemployment rate	7.9%	8.9%	3.8%	-1.0	4.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.1%	9.7%	4.8%	-0.6	4.3
Employed	9,120	9,063	9,383	57	-263
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	6,220	6,150	6,550	70	-330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,010	5,970	6,330	40	-320
Total private	4,880	4,900	5,140	-20	-260
Mining, logging, and construction	790	800	630	-10	160
Mining and logging	50	50	70	0	-20
Construction	740	750	560	-10	180
Manufacturing	590	590	700	0	-110
Wood product manufacturing	320	330	400	-10	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	990	990	1,110	0	-120
Wholesale trade	290	280	330	10	-40
Retail trade	510	520	560	-10	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	190	190	220	0	-30
Information	270	270	240	0	30
Financial activities	180	190	210	-10	-30
Professional and business services	450	460	430	-10	20
Education and health services	710	690	740	20	-30
Leisure and hospitality	640	650	840	-10	-200
Other services	260	260	240	0	20
Government	1,340	1,250	1,410	90	-70
Federal government	350	360	340	-10	10
State government	130	130	180	0	-50
Local government	860	760	890	100	-30

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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.

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

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<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	94,150	94,530	96,932	-380	-2,782
Unemployed	6,347	7,667	2,823	-1,320	3,524
Unemployment rate	6.7%	8.1%	2.9%	-1.4	3.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.5%	8.4%	3.5%	-0.9	4.0
Employed	87,803	86,863	94,109	940	-6,306
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	82,530	81,240	87,790	1,290	-5,260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	81,760	79,960	87,160	1,800	-5,400
Total private	73,720	73,450	78,460	270	-4,740
Mining, logging, and construction	7,690	7,760	7,450	-70	240
Manufacturing	5,420	5,310	5,730	110	-310
Durable goods	3,320	3,330	3,480	-10	-160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,560	15,470	16,330	90	-770
Wholesale trade	2,200	2,190	2,300	10	-100
Retail trade	11,210	11,130	11,780	80	-570
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,150	2,150	2,250	0	-100
Information	1,650	1,680	1,690	-30	-40
Financial activities	4,800	4,790	5,030	10	-230
Professional and business services	10,890	10,610	10,630	280	260
Education and health services	13,900	13,650	14,380	250	-480
Leisure and hospitality	10,980	11,330	14,120	-350	-3,140
Accommodation and food services	8,780	8,840	11,770	-60	-2,990
Other services	2,830	2,850	3,100	-20	-270
Government	8,810	7,790	9,330	1,020	-520
Federal government	1,180	1,230	1,070	-50	110
State government	970	920	890	50	80
Local government	6,660	5,640	7,370	1,020	-710
Local education	3,640	2,740	3,940	900	-300

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### Jefferson County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	9,619	9,725	10,118	-106	-499
Unemployed	712	883	356	-171	356
Unemployment rate	7.4%	9.1%	3.5%	-1.7	3.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>9.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>
Employed	8,907	8,842	9,762	65	-855
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	5,930	5,780	6,680	150	-750
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,840</i>	<i>5,740</i>	<i>6,570</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-730</i>
Total private	3,720	3,750	4,300	-30	-580
Mining, logging, and construction	130	130	150	0	-20
Mining and logging	10	10	20	0	-10
Construction	120	120	130	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,140	1,150	1,260	-10	-120
Wood product manufacturing	840	840	870	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	810	820	890	-10	-80
Wholesale trade	160	160	190	0	-30
Retail trade	560	560	600	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	90	100	100	-10	-10
Information	20	20	40	0	-20
Financial activities	130	130	130	0	0
Professional and business services	190	190	210	0	-20
Education and health services	610	600	690	10	-80
Leisure and hospitality	490	510	720	-20	-230
Other services	200	200	210	0	-10
Government	2,210	2,030	2,380	180	-170
Federal government	150	150	120	0	30
State government	300	300	310	0	-10
Local government	1,760	1,580	1,950	180	-190
Indian tribal	780	790	950	-10	-170

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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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