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Employment in Central Oregon: October 2021

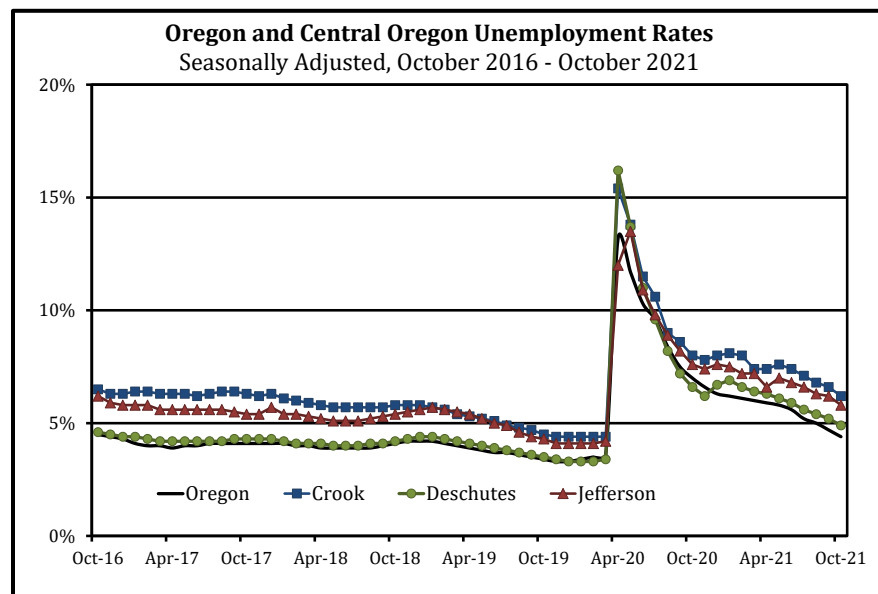
Recent revisions to the employment situation using payroll records through June revealed a much stronger job market for most of Central Oregon than was initially estimated. The highlight was a significant upward revision to Deschutes County with total nonfarm employment in October now above levels from before the pandemic in October 2019. Meanwhile, levels of unemployment continued their rapid decline across the region, fast approaching levels from before the pandemic.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 6.2% in October, down from 6.6% in September. The unemployment rate is now less than 2 percentage points higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.4%.

Crook County posted fewer job losses than typically expected in October, resulting in a seasonally adjusted gain of 80 jobs. Recent revisions using payroll records through June of 2021 revealed stronger hiring through the first half of the year than initially estimated. Employment levels in Crook County are up 5.3% from October 2019 (+360 jobs).

There was strong hiring over the past year with gains concentrated in businesses that support the Prineville data centers. Construction rose 140 jobs from last October and information was up 70. There was also a gain of 40 jobs in professional and business services. The only job losses from last year were a modest loss of 20 jobs in transportation, warehousing, and utilities.

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly in October to 4.9% from 5.2% in September. The unemployment rate remains higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was at a record low of 3.3%; however, levels of unemployment are well below the 10-year average of 6.9%.



The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that Deschutes County added 60 jobs in October. Typically the county posts seasonal losses in October. The result was a relatively strong seasonally adjusted monthly gain of 470 jobs (+0.5%) from September.

Recent revisions to Deschutes County's employment situation using payroll records through June revealed much stronger job growth through the first half of the year than first estimated. Total nonfarm employment was revised up by over 1,500 jobs. Employment levels in October 2021 exceeded October 2019 levels before the onset of the pandemic by 630 jobs (+0.7%). Put another way, total nonfarm employment has largely recovered from the pandemic shock.

Job gains over the past year were concentrated in the hard hit leisure sector, adding 1,410 jobs from October 2020 (+12.3%). Leisure and hospitality employment is now only 3.5% below 2019 levels after shedding 54% of its jobs during the initial stay-at-home order in spring 2020. There were also large gains in manufacturing (+660 jobs) and construction (+380) over the past year. Job losses were largely concentrated in retail trade (-520 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.8% in October, down from 6.2% in September. The unemployment rate is fast approaching levels in February 2020 when it was 4.1% before the first impacts from COVID-19.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 70 jobs in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. Recent revisions revealed that job growth was modestly slower than initially estimated through the first half of 2021. Despite these downward revisions Jefferson County is fast approaching an employment recovery from the pandemic shock with employment in October 2021 only down by 0.5% (-40 jobs) from levels in October 2019.

Job gains over the past year were diverse with strong gains in local government (+100 jobs); retail trade (+60 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+50 jobs); and manufacturing (+50 jobs). The only notable job losses were in private education and health services that shed 30 jobs from October 2020.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, Dec. 14.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,948	11,063	10,578	-115	370
Unemployed	483	582	766	-99	-283
Unemployment rate	4.4%	5.3%	7.2%	-0.9	-2.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.6%	8.0%	-0.4	-1.8
Employed	10,465	10,481	9,812	-16	653
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	7,030	7,070	6,690	-40	340
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,920	6,840	6,580	80	340
Total private	5,710	5,720	5,380	-10	330
Mining, logging, and construction	1,000	970	840	30	160
Mining and logging	70	70	50	0	20
Construction	930	900	790	30	140
Manufacturing	660	670	650	-10	10
Wood product manufacturing	370	370	360	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,100	1,100	1,110	0	-10
Wholesale trade	310	300	310	10	0
Retail trade	580	580	570	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	220	230	-10	-20
Information	350	350	280	0	70
Financial activities	220	220	210	0	10
Professional and business services	580	590	540	-10	40
Education and health services	790	770	780	20	10
Leisure and hospitality	740	780	720	-40	20
Other services	270	270	250	0	20
Government	1,320	1,350	1,310	-30	10
Federal government	310	330	310	-20	0
State government	140	150	140	-10	0
Local government	870	870	860	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.



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

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	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	100,699	101,341	100,072	-642	627
Unemployed	3,415	4,087	6,045	-672	-2,630
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.0%	6.0%	-0.6	-2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.2%	6.6%	-0.3	-1.7
Employed	97,284	97,254	94,027	30	3,257
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,130	89,070	85,050	60	4,080
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	87,670	87,200	84,510	470	3,160
Total private	79,100	79,240	75,800	-140	3,300
Mining, logging, and construction	8,160	8,100	7,780	60	380
Manufacturing	5,980	5,920	5,320	60	660
Durable goods	3,490	3,490	3,190	0	300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	15,780	15,700	16,310	80	-530
Wholesale trade	2,360	2,340	2,290	20	70
Retail trade	11,210	11,160	11,730	50	-520
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,210	2,200	2,290	10	-80
Information	1,800	1,800	1,660	0	140
Financial activities	5,370	5,440	5,040	-70	330
Professional and business services	10,780	10,680	10,550	100	230
Education and health services	15,130	15,050	14,820	80	310
Leisure and hospitality	12,900	13,360	11,490	-460	1,410
Accommodation and food services	11,060	11,350	9,860	-290	1,200
Other services	3,200	3,190	2,830	10	370
Government	10,030	9,830	9,250	200	780
Federal government	980	1,020	1,080	-40	-100
State government	950	940	910	10	40
Local government	8,100	7,870	7,260	230	840
Local education	4,740	4,600	4,070	140	670

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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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	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,580	10,669	10,497	-89	83
Unemployed	435	525	703	-90	-268
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.9%	6.7%	-0.8	-2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	6.2%	7.6%	-0.4	-1.8
Employed	10,145	10,144	9,794	1	351
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,660	6,660	6,420	0	240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,620	6,550	6,390	70	230
Total private	4,280	4,310	4,130	-30	150
Mining, logging, and construction	160	170	150	-10	10
Mining and logging	20	30	20	-10	0
Construction	140	140	130	0	10
Manufacturing	1,210	1,220	1,160	-10	50
Wood product manufacturing	850	860	820	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	950	940	890	10	60
Wholesale trade	180	170	180	10	0
Retail trade	670	670	610	0	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	100	0	0
Information	40	30	30	10	10
Financial activities	150	150	150	0	0
Professional and business services	220	220	220	0	0
Education and health services	700	690	730	10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	650	690	600	-40	50
Other services	200	200	200	0	0
Government	2,380	2,350	2,290	30	90
Federal government	120	120	140	0	-20
State government	300	310	290	-10	10
Local government	1,960	1,920	1,860	40	100
Indian tribal	950	950	880	0	70

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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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