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Employment in Central Oregon: November 2021

Unemployment levels continued to tumble across Central Oregon in November with rates only 1.5 percentage points or less off their historic low levels before the pandemic. The improvement to the unemployment rate is due to rapid hiring with a recovery of total nonfarm employment levels across the region.

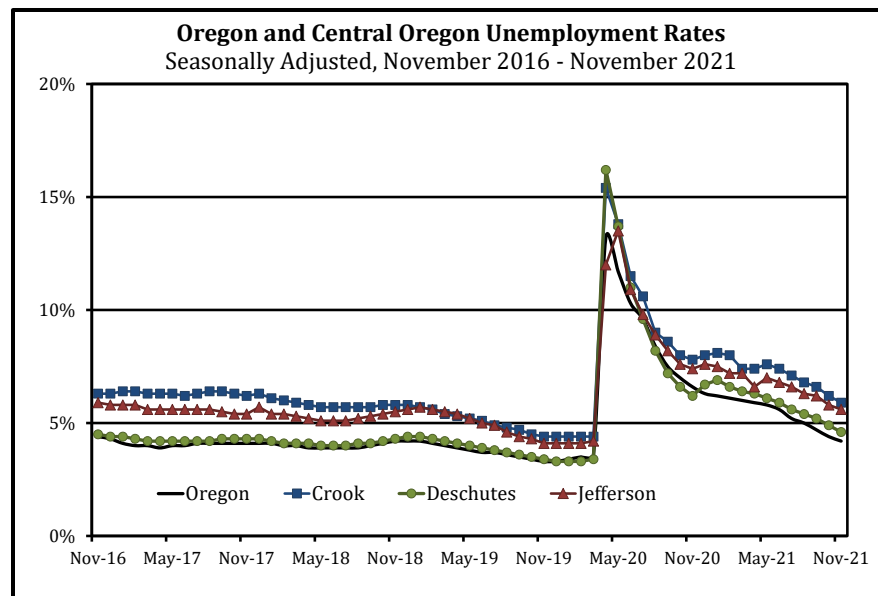
Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly to 5.9% in November, down from 6.2% in October. The unemployment rate is now only 1.5 percentage points higher than before the first impacts from COVID-19 in February 2020 when it was 4.4%.

Crook County continued to post seasonally adjusted job gains in November, losing 40 fewer jobs than typically expected this time of year. Employment levels in Crook County are up 5% from pre-pandemic levels in November 2019 (+330 jobs).

Strong hiring over the past year remains concentrated in businesses that support the Prineville data centers. Construction added 200 jobs from last November and information was up 60. There

was also a gain of 40 jobs in professional and business services. Leisure and hospitality added 40 jobs from November 2020, but the industry still remains down around 6% from 2019 levels.

Deschutes County (Bend-Redmond MSA): The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped significantly in November to 4.6% from 4.9% in October. 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 posted very strong hiring in November. The county added 160 jobs in November at a time when a loss of 300 would be more typical based on normal seasonal patterns.

Employment levels in November 2021 exceeded November 2019 levels before the onset of the pandemic by 870 jobs (+1%). Total nonfarm employment in local businesses has recovered from the pandemic shock.

The leisure sector continues its fast recovery, adding 80 jobs in November and 2,130 in the past year (+19.7%). Leisure and hospitality employment is now only 1.4% 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 (+850 jobs); local government education (+830 jobs); and construction (+390) over the past year. Job losses were largely concentrated in retail trade (-370 jobs).

Jefferson County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.6% in November, down from 5.8% in October. 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 fell by 90 jobs in November, which represents fairly typical seasonal losses for this time of year. Jefferson County is nearing an employment recovery from the pandemic shock with employment in November 2021 only down by 0.6% (-40 jobs) from levels in November 2019.

Job gains over the past year were concentrated in local government (+120 jobs); manufacturing (+60 jobs); and leisure and hospitality (+30 jobs). There were notable job losses in private education and health services, shedding 50 jobs from November 2020, and professional and businesses services (-40 jobs).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19.



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Crook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	--Change From--	
				October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,867	10,959	10,573	-92	294
Unemployed	515	482	779	33	-264
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.4%	7.4%	0.3	-2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	6.2%	7.8%	-0.3	-1.9
Employed	10,352	10,477	9,794	-125	558
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,930	7,030	6,540	-100	390
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,960	6,920	6,570	40	390
Total private	5,670	5,710	5,300	-40	370
Mining, logging, and construction	1,010	1,000	790	10	220
Mining and logging	70	70	50	0	20
Construction	940	930	740	10	200
Manufacturing	660	660	650	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	370	370	360	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,110	1,100	1,100	10	10
Wholesale trade	320	310	310	10	10
Retail trade	580	580	570	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	210	210	220	0	-10
Information	350	350	290	0	60
Financial activities	210	220	210	-10	0
Professional and business services	570	580	530	-10	40
Education and health services	770	790	790	-20	-20
Leisure and hospitality	720	740	680	-20	40
Other services	270	270	260	0	10
Government	1,260	1,320	1,240	-60	20
Federal government	260	310	260	-50	0
State government	140	140	130	0	10
Local government	860	870	850	-10	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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	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	100,696	100,768	100,371	-72	325
Unemployed	3,467	3,431	5,906	36	-2,439
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.4%	5.9%	0.0	-2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.9%	6.2%	-0.3	-1.6
Employed	97,229	97,337	94,465	-108	2,764
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	89,270	89,110	84,420	160	4,850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>88,250</i>	<i>87,790</i>	<i>84,320</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>3,930</i>
Total private	79,110	79,090	75,250	20	3,860
Mining, logging, and construction	8,060	8,160	7,670	-100	390
Manufacturing	6,160	5,990	5,310	170	850
Durable goods	3,510	3,490	3,210	20	300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	16,070	15,790	16,450	280	-380
Wholesale trade	2,370	2,370	2,280	0	90
Retail trade	11,460	11,210	11,830	250	-370
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,240	2,210	2,340	30	-100
Information	1,810	1,800	1,660	10	150
Financial activities	5,380	5,390	5,070	-10	310
Professional and business services	10,300	10,780	10,440	-480	-140
Education and health services	15,160	15,090	14,950	70	210
Leisure and hospitality	12,960	12,880	10,830	80	2,130
Accommodation and food services	11,090	11,040	9,380	50	1,710
Other services	3,210	3,210	2,870	0	340
Government	10,160	10,020	9,170	140	990
Federal government	890	980	950	-90	-60
State government	950	940	910	10	40
Local government	8,320	8,100	7,310	220	1,010
Local education	4,970	4,740	4,140	230	830

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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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	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	10,403	10,589	10,402	-186	1
Unemployed	443	437	710	6	-267
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.1%	6.8%	0.2	-2.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.8%	7.4%	-0.2	-1.8
Employed	9,960	10,152	9,692	-192	268
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	6,570	6,660	6,470	-90	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6,630	6,620	6,520	10	110
Total private	4,170	4,280	4,190	-110	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	150	160	160	-10	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	130	140	140	-10	-10
Manufacturing	1,220	1,210	1,160	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	850	850	820	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	940	950	920	-10	20
Wholesale trade	180	180	170	0	10
Retail trade	660	670	650	-10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	100	0	0
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	140	150	160	-10	-20
Professional and business services	200	220	240	-20	-40
Education and health services	670	700	720	-30	-50
Leisure and hospitality	620	650	590	-30	30
Other services	190	200	200	-10	-10
Government	2,400	2,380	2,280	20	120
Federal government	120	120	130	0	-10
State government	300	300	290	0	10
Local government	1,980	1,960	1,860	20	120
Indian tribal	960	950	890	10	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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