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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Continues to Decline in December

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.9% in December compared with a revised 5.1% in November. This was the eighth monthly decline of the rate going back to March 2021. The rate is down from 6.6% in December 2020. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 4.1% and the U.S. rate was 3.9% in December.

Douglas County payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 70 jobs in December after a gain of 110 in November and a loss of 110 in October. Douglas County has gained back 71% 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 December, there was a seasonal gain in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (30). There were additional gains in private education and health services (80) and professional and business services (30). There were seasonal losses in construction (-40) and leisure and hospitality (-20).

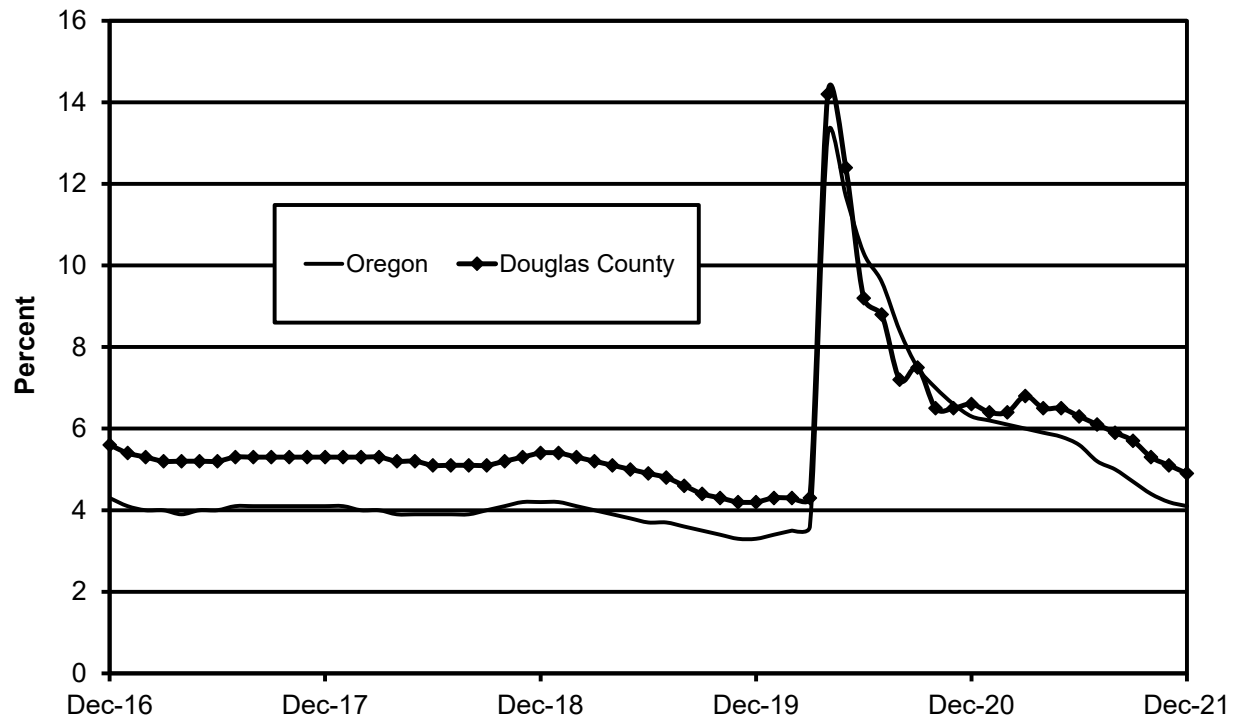
Government lost 140 jobs from losses in local education (-70), federal government (-40), and Indian tribal (-30).

When comparing December 2021 with December 2020, total nonfarm employment is up 770 jobs, or 2.1%. Large over-the-year gains were seen in leisure and hospitality (650); other services (130); manufacturing (90); and construction (60). There were losses in professional and business services (-220); financial activities (-70); wholesale trade (-50); and mining and logging (-30).

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,583	47,664	48,407	-81	-824
Unemployed	2,086	1,953	3,082	133	-996
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.1%	6.4%	0.3	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.1%	6.6%	-0.2	-1.7
Employed	45,497	45,711	45,325	-214	172
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,230	38,270	37,460	-40	770
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,140	38,070	37,370	70	770
Total private	30,750	30,650	30,080	100	670
Mining, logging, and construction	2,800	2,850	2,770	-50	30
Mining and logging	950	960	980	-10	-30
Construction	1,850	1,890	1,790	-40	60
Manufacturing	4,650	4,650	4,560	0	90
Durable goods	4,150	4,150	4,170	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	2,810	2,790	2,890	20	-80
Nondurable goods	500	500	390	0	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,450	7,410	7,430	40	20
Wholesale trade	890	890	940	0	-50
Retail trade	4,950	4,940	4,880	10	70
Food and beverage stores	1,100	1,100	1,110	0	-10
General merchandise stores	1,220	1,210	1,160	10	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,610	1,580	1,610	30	0
Information	290	280	280	10	10
Financial activities	1,280	1,270	1,350	10	-70
Professional and business services	3,210	3,180	3,430	30	-220
Education and health services	6,370	6,290	6,340	80	30
Leisure and hospitality	3,430	3,450	2,780	-20	650
Food services and drinking places	2,810	2,800	2,210	10	600
Other services	1,270	1,270	1,140	0	130
Government	7,480	7,620	7,380	-140	100
Federal government	1,460	1,500	1,500	-40	-40
State government	710	710	730	0	-20
Local government	5,310	5,410	5,150	-100	160
Indian tribal	990	1,020	1,010	-30	-20
Local education	2,840	2,910	2,720	-70	120
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,480	1,480	1,420	0	60

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.

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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