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Employment in Douglas County

COVID-19 Leads to a Near Record High April Unemployment Rate

Public health measures implemented in March to combat the spread of COVID-19 are having an unprecedented economic impact on Douglas County. April provides the first full month of data measuring that impact on workers and businesses.

April seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Douglas County due to processing delays caused by large increases in unemployment. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect April's increase in unemployment related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for April will be available on Qualityinfo.org or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Douglas County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from a record low March rate of 5.0 percent to a near record high April rate of 16.7 percent. The record April rate was 17.2 percent in 2009. The Oregon not seasonally adjusted April rate was 14.8 percent and the U.S. rate was 14.4 percent.

Douglas County's payroll employers shed 4,310 jobs in April for an 11.2 percent decline. This compares with a loss of 13.0 percent statewide. The largest private-sector losses in Douglas County were in leisure and hospitality (-1,170), government (-890), and other services (-550). No sector gained jobs. Other sectors with large losses included professional and business services (-290), retail trade (-260), and manufacturing (-230).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on June, 23rd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 16th.



Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	March 2020	April 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,674	46,322	45,817	1,352	1,857
Unemployed	7,946	2,322	2,393	5,624	5,553
Unemployment rate	16.7%	5.0%	5.2%	11.7	11.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	39,728	44,000	43,424	-4,272	-3,696
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	34,150	38,180	38,010	-4,030	-3,860
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	34,280	38,590	38,140	-4,310	-3,860
Total private	27,340	30,480	30,290	-3,140	-2,950
Mining, logging, and construction	2,550	2,790	2,650	-240	-100
Mining and logging	980	1,030	990	-50	-10
Construction	1,570	1,760	1,660	-190	-90
Manufacturing	4,460	4,690	4,820	-230	-360
Durable goods	4,000	4,190	4,400	-190	-400
Wood product manufacturing	2,830	2,880	3,100	-50	-270
Non durable goods	460	500	420	-40	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,570	6,950	6,850	-380	-280
Wholesale trade	580	620	640	-40	-60
Retail trade	4,500	4,760	4,640	-260	-140
Food and beverage stores	1,070	1,050	1,040	20	30
General merchandise stores	1,020	1,110	1,080	-90	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,490	1,570	1,570	-80	-80
Information	250	260	280	-10	-30
Financial activities	1,420	1,440	1,470	-20	-50
Professional and business services	3,320	3,610	3,610	-290	-290
Education and health services	5,680	5,930	5,820	-250	-140
Leisure and hospitality	2,290	3,460	3,440	-1,170	-1,150
Food services and drinking places	1,750	2,720	2,700	-970	-950
Other services	800	1,350	1,350	-550	-550
Government	6,810	7,700	7,720	-890	-910
Federal government	1,440	1,430	1,490	10	-50
State government	680	680	680	0	0
Local government	4,690	5,590	5,550	-900	-860
Indian tribal	400	1,060	1,030	-660	-630
Local education	2,930	3,090	3,070	-160	-140
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,360	1,440	1,450	-80	-90

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.

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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