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## Employment in Douglas County

### Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 5.6% in December

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 5.6% in December compared with a revised 5.3% in November. Douglas County's record low unemployment rate was set in January 2019 at 4.4%. The rate is up from 5.1% in December 2021. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 4.5% and the U.S. rate was 3.5%.

Douglas County payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 190 jobs in December after a gain of 120 in November and a loss of 50 jobs in October. Douglas County has gained back 86% 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 retail trade (30). There were additional gains in leisure and hospitality (70), manufacturing (50), and professional and business services (30). There were seasonal losses in construction (-30) and leisure and hospitality (-20).

Government dropped 130 jobs from losses of 70 in local government and 60 in federal government.

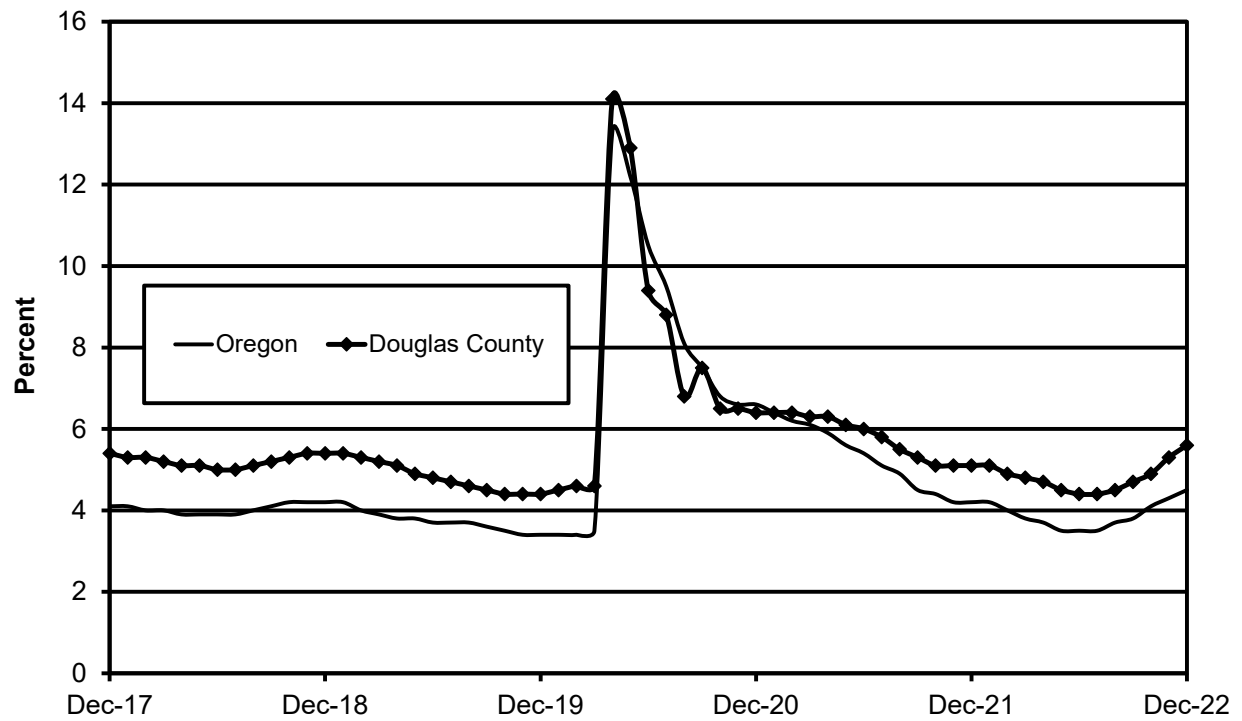
When comparing December 2022 with December 2021, total nonfarm employment increased by 400 jobs, or 1.0%. Large private-sector over-the-year gains were seen in education and health services (180), leisure and hospitality (70), and retail trade (50). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-110) and wood product manufacturing (-60).

Government gained 70 jobs over the year from gains in local government (100) and state government (10) that were countered by a loss of 40 in federal government.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	47,156	47,253	47,298	-97	-142
Unemployed	2,775	2,723	2,062	52	713
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.8%	4.4%	0.1	1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%	0.3	0.5
Employed	44,381	44,530	45,236	-149	-855
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,740	38,670	38,350	70	390
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,720	38,530	38,320	190	400
Total private	31,220	31,020	30,900	200	320
Mining, logging, and construction	2,690	2,720	2,700	-30	-10
Mining and logging	950	950	960	0	-10
Construction	1,740	1,770	1,740	-30	0
Manufacturing	4,680	4,630	4,690	50	-10
Durable goods	4,210	4,170	4,230	40	-20
Wood product manufacturing	2,800	2,770	2,860	30	-60
Nondurable goods	470	460	460	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	7,660	7,580	7,560	80	100
Wholesale trade	1,000	980	980	20	20
Retail trade	5,000	4,970	4,950	30	50
Food and beverage stores	1,130	1,120	1,100	10	30
General merchandise stores	1,150	1,130	1,160	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,660	1,630	1,630	30	30
Information	280	280	280	0	0
Financial activities	1,360	1,350	1,330	10	30
Professional and business services	3,140	3,110	3,210	30	-70
Education and health services	6,520	6,450	6,340	70	180
Leisure and hospitality	3,600	3,620	3,530	-20	70
Food services and drinking places	2,870	2,860	2,830	10	40
Other services	1,290	1,280	1,260	10	30
Government	7,520	7,650	7,450	-130	70
Federal government	1,380	1,440	1,420	-60	-40
State government	720	720	710	0	10
Local government	5,420	5,490	5,320	-70	100
Indian tribal	1,120	1,120	1,010	0	110
Local education	2,880	2,920	2,840	-40	40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,420	1,450	1,470	-30	-50

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 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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