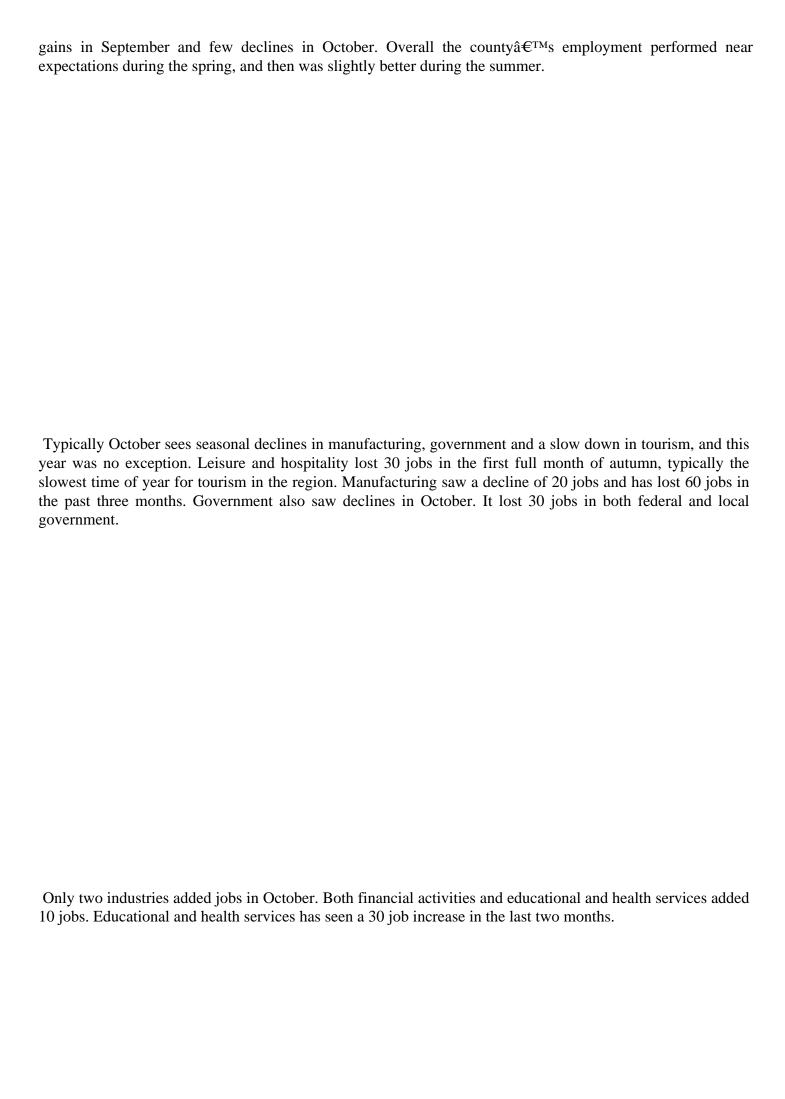
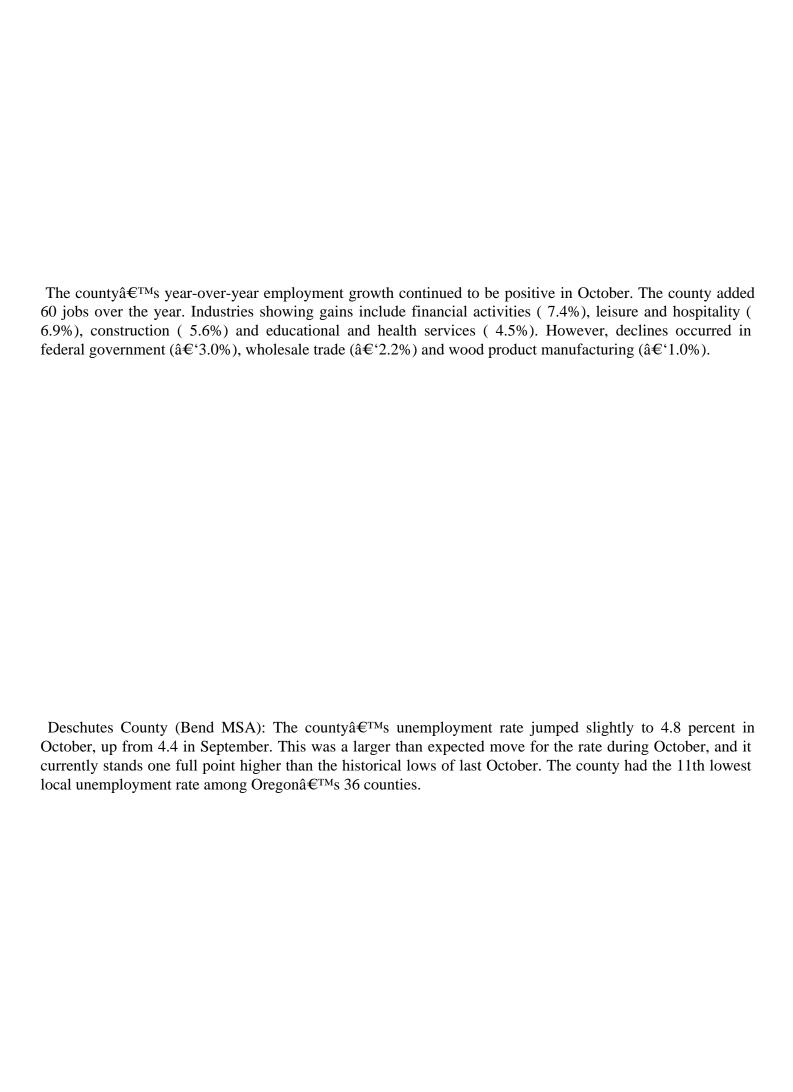
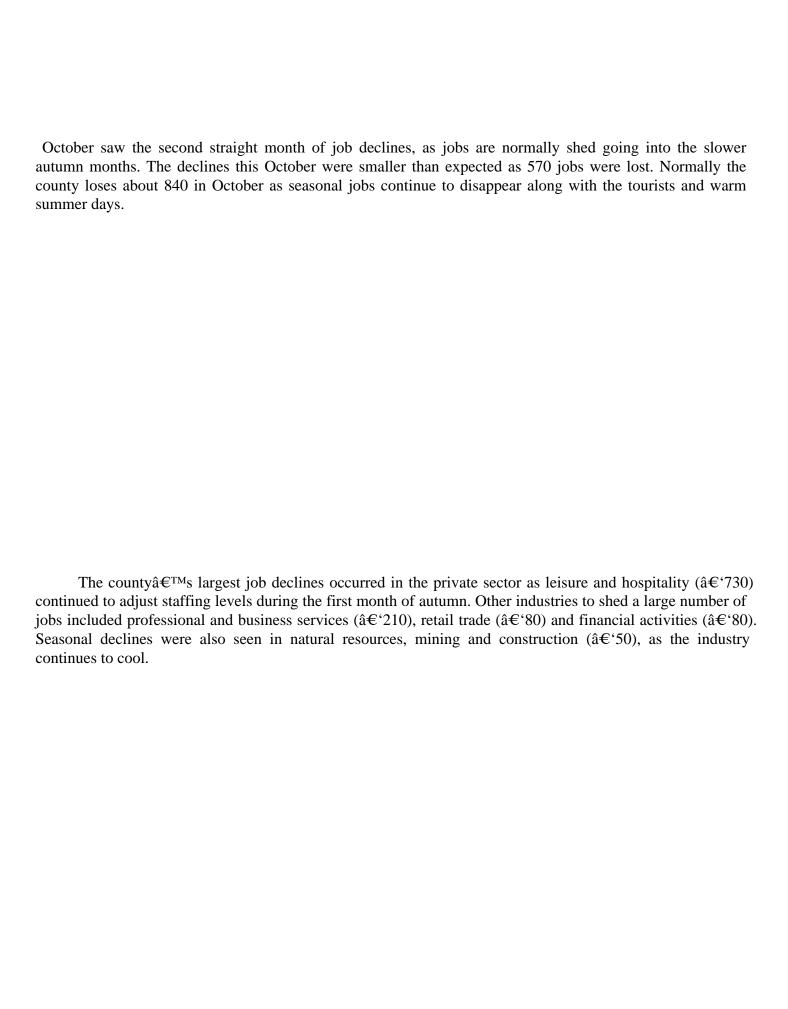
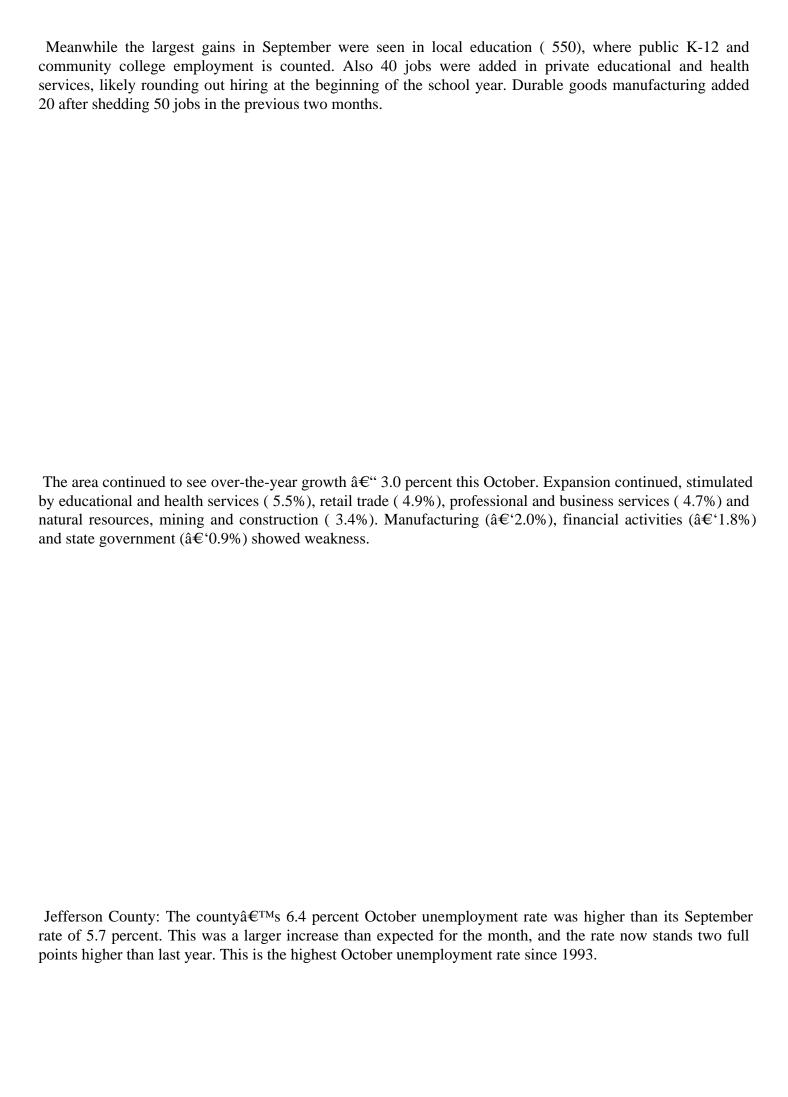
Central Oregon unemployment rate higher than expected by Bend_Weekly_News_Sources All three counties in Central Oregon -- Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson -- saw their unemployment rates increase from September to October, and each county's rate increased more than expected. Deschutes County had the lowest rate at 4.8 percent, while Jefferson County had the highest at 6.4 percent. Crook County: The county's unemployment rate climbed to 6.1 percent in October, up 0.6 percentage point from September. The increase was more than what was expected for the month, and the rate is back up to its level seen in July. The rate is higher than the historical lows of last year, and similar to its level in 2005. The county's civilian labor force declined for the past two months, as workers dropped out of the labor force for reasons such as returning to school or might be discouraged that the type of work they are looking for is not available. The county lost 130 jobs in October, after adding 30 jobs last month. The loss in October was about 40 jobs more than expected. Typically the county sees stronger job performance coming out of summer with more









Jefferson County lost 100 jobs in October at a time of year when job declines are normal. Normally the county sheds about 110 jobs during the first month of autumn, so this year the county performed slightly above expectations.
Local government added 20 jobs in October, following a 30 job gain in September that likely rounded out hiring at the beginning of the new school year. Wholesale trade saw the only other monthly gain in October as it added 10 jobs bringing it back up to its employment level seen in June.

