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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Adds 6,900 Jobs in August

In August, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 6,900 jobs, following a revised gain of 100 jobs in July. August's gains were largest in **health care and social assistance** (+2,500 jobs); **leisure and hospitality** (+1,500); **government** (+1,100); and **other services** (+1,000). Losses were largest in **wholesale trade** (-1,100 jobs).

Health care and social assistance continued its rapid expansion of the past several years, adding 11,600 jobs, or 3.8%, during the past 12 months. **Nursing and residential care facilities** added 400 jobs in August and 3,900 jobs, or 6.8%, since August 2024. **Hospitals**, which added no jobs in August, grew the second fastest of health care's component industries in the past 12 months (+2,900 jobs, or 4.6%). **Social assistance** (+2,400 jobs, or 3.0%) and **ambulatory health care services** (+2,300 jobs, or 2.2%) had slower growth over the year.

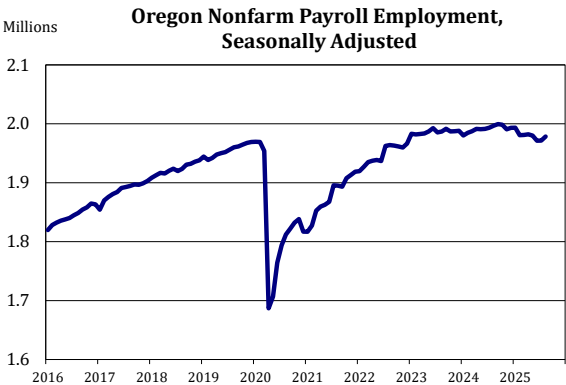
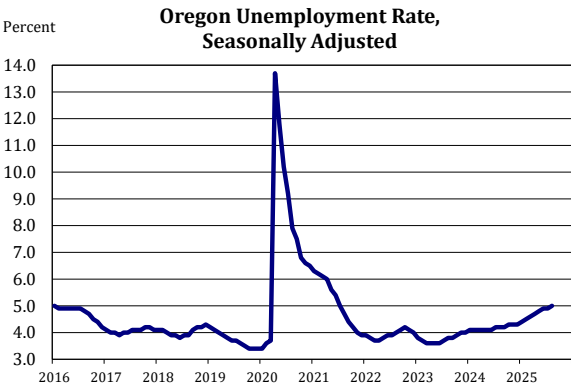
Leisure and hospitality grew 2.0% in the past 12 months, gaining 4,100 jobs, following little change the prior two years. Since last August, most of its published component industries added between 2% and 4%. **Amusement, gambling, and recreation** grew the fastest, adding 1,500 jobs, or 6.7%. In contrast, **full-service restaurants** cut 1,200 jobs, or 1.8%.

Wholesale trade declined rapidly in the past 12 months (-4,300 jobs, or -5.5%). All three wholesale component industries shrank substantially in that time: **merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods** (-1,500 jobs, or -4.9%); **merchant wholesalers, durable goods** (-1,000 jobs, or -2.5%); and **wholesale trade agents and brokers** (-900 jobs, or -13.0%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.0% in August and 4.9%, as revised, in July, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.2% in August 2024. Oregon's 5.0% unemployment rate was 1.4 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in July and 4.3% in August.

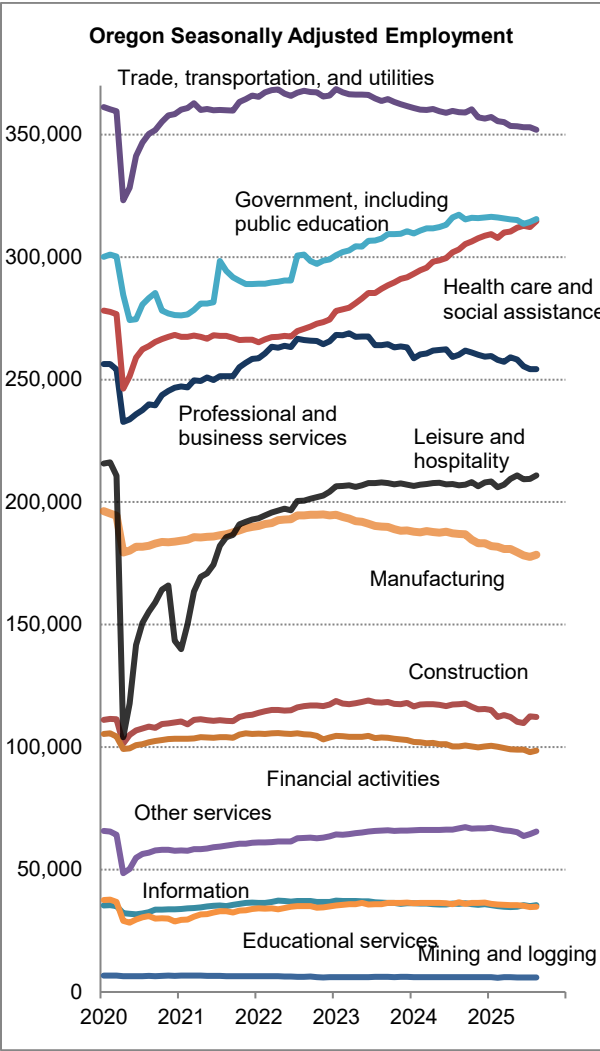
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15.



**Seasonal Expectations and
Over-the-Month Employment Changes
July to August 2025**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	7,100	14,000	6,900
Total private	5,500	11,300	5,800
Mining and logging	0	0	0
Construction	1,500	1,300	-200
Manufacturing	-100	800	900
Wholesale trade	600	-500	-1,100
Retail trade	100	-300	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	700	1,200	500
Information	0	300	300
Financial activities	-100	600	700
Professional and business services	2,000	2,000	0
Private educational services	1,000	1,100	100
Health care and social assistance	900	3,400	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	-1,300	200	1,500
Other services	200	1,200	1,000
Government	1,600	2,700	1,100



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the component industries within health care and social assistance, leisure and hospitality, and wholesale trade.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly Oregon payroll employment and labor force data. 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 publishes payroll employment estimates that are revised quarterly by using employment counts from employer unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use this Official Oregon Series data unless noted otherwise. This month's release incorporates the January, February, and March 2025 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	Change From July 2025	Change From August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,242,655	2,235,027	2,213,145	7,628	29,510
Unemployed	123,886	120,318	96,749	3,568	27,137
Unemployment rate	5.5	5.4	4.4	0.1	1.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.0	4.9	4.2	0.1	0.8
Employed	2,118,769	2,114,709	2,116,396	4,060	2,373
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.9	62.8	62.7	0.1	0.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.3	9.2	7.8	0.1	1.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,981,700	1,967,700	1,987,200	14,000	-5,500
Total private	1,686,500	1,675,200	1,692,500	11,300	-6,000
Mining and logging	6,000	6,000	6,400	0	-400
Logging	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Construction	118,300	117,000	121,300	1,300	-3,000
Construction of buildings	33,300	32,300	33,400	1,000	-100
Residential building construction	21,100	20,400	21,200	700	-100
Nonresidential building construction	12,200	11,900	12,200	300	0
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12,700	12,500	12,200	200	500
Specialty trade contractors	72,300	72,200	75,700	100	-3,400
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,300	13,100	13,800	200	-500
Building equipment contractors	33,300	33,200	35,500	100	-2,200
Building finishing contractors	15,300	15,700	15,900	-400	-600
Other specialty trade contractors	10,400	10,200	10,500	200	-100
Manufacturing	182,900	182,100	189,100	800	-6,200
Durable goods	127,400	126,800	131,800	600	-4,400
Wood product manufacturing	22,100	22,100	22,400	0	-300
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	-400
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,700	8,500	0	200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,700	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,300	15,300	15,500	0	-200
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,900	13,700	0	200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	35,800	35,800	40,200	0	-4,400
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,400	29,300	33,500	100	-4,100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,600	10,500	11,000	100	-400
Nondurable goods	55,500	55,300	57,300	200	-1,800
Food manufacturing	29,000	29,100	29,300	-100	-300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,100	9,200	10,200	-100	-1,100
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	352,600	352,200	358,800	400	-6,200
Wholesale trade	74,200	74,700	77,600	-500	-3,400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,200	39,100	40,200	100	-1,000
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,000	29,600	30,500	-600	-1,500
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	6,000	6,000	6,900	0	-900
Retail trade	200,600	200,900	204,500	-300	-3,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,200	26,100	26,300	100	-100
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,200	17,600	17,800	-400	-600
Food and beverage retailers	47,300	47,400	47,400	-100	-100
General merchandise retailers	39,700	39,500	39,300	200	400
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,800	14,700	15,500	100	-700
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	26,800	27,400	29,500	-600	-2,700

	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	Change From July 2025	Change From August 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,800	76,600	76,700	1,200	1,100
Utilities	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	72,400	71,200	71,500	1,200	900
Truck transportation	18,100	17,800	18,800	300	-700
Couriers and messengers	13,400	13,100	13,600	300	-200
Warehousing and storage	17,700	17,500	17,200	200	500
Information	36,700	36,400	35,900	300	800
Publishing industries	15,800	15,700	15,900	100	-100
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Software publishers	13,600	13,500	13,700	100	-100
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Financial activities	99,900	99,300	101,400	600	-1,500
Finance and insurance	53,200	52,800	53,200	400	0
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,300	21,000	21,300	300	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,200	25,100	25,100	100	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,700	46,500	48,200	200	-1,500
Real estate	40,800	40,600	41,900	200	-1,100
Professional and business services	255,900	253,900	260,100	2,000	-4,200
Professional and technical services	109,000	108,700	111,100	300	-2,100
Legal services	12,300	12,400	12,200	-100	100
Architectural and engineering services	19,400	19,300	19,400	100	0
Computer systems design and related services	18,200	17,900	17,800	300	400
Management of companies and enterprises	47,600	47,700	49,100	-100	-1,500
Administrative and waste services	99,300	97,500	99,900	1,800	-600
Administrative and support services	92,000	90,300	92,800	1,700	-800
Employment services	38,200	36,300	36,400	1,900	1,800
Business support services	6,100	6,100	6,500	0	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	27,900	27,600	28,600	300	-700
Private education and health services	346,200	341,700	334,900	4,500	11,300
Private educational services	32,000	30,900	32,200	1,100	-200
Health care and social assistance	314,200	310,800	302,700	3,400	11,500
Ambulatory health care services	106,500	105,200	104,200	1,300	2,300
Hospitals	65,300	65,300	62,400	0	2,900
Nursing and residential care facilities	60,900	60,500	57,000	400	3,900
Social assistance	81,500	79,800	79,100	1,700	2,400
Leisure and hospitality	222,300	222,100	217,300	200	5,000
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	33,000	33,100	31,300	-100	1,700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	23,800	24,000	22,300	-200	1,500
Accommodation and food services	189,300	189,000	186,000	300	3,300
Accommodation	27,800	27,400	26,800	400	1,000
Food services and drinking places	161,500	161,600	159,200	-100	2,300
Full-service restaurants	64,300	64,200	65,500	100	-1,200
Limited-service eating places	77,100	77,900	75,600	-800	1,500
Other services	65,700	64,500	67,300	1,200	-1,600
Repair and maintenance	20,000	20,000	20,800	0	-800
Personal and laundry services	15,400	15,300	15,900	100	-500
Membership associations and organizations	30,300	29,200	30,600	1,100	-300
Religious organizations	14,300	14,100	14,100	200	200
Government	295,200	292,500	294,700	2,700	500
Federal government	29,300	29,600	30,500	-300	-1,200
State government	49,300	49,400	48,600	-100	700
State education	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Local government	216,600	213,500	215,600	3,100	1,000
Indian tribal	9,000	9,100	8,900	-100	100
Local education	110,900	108,500	112,800	2,400	-1,900
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

U-6 is the total unemployed plus all persons marginally attached to the labor force plus total employed part-time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force plus all persons marginally attached to the 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. These survey-based estimates are revised quarterly, based on more complete information from employer tax records.