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## Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was Unchanged at 5.2% in February

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in both February and January. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.4% in February and 4.3% in January.

In February, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 5,400 jobs, following a gain of 1,600 jobs, as revised, in January. February's gains were largest in **financial activities** (+800 jobs). Losses were largest in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (-1,600 jobs); **leisure and hospitality** (-1,500); and **professional and business services** (-1,300).

Financial activities added 800 jobs in February, which was a rare monthly gain for the industry after persistent declines over the past three years. It employed 99,800 in February, which was down 1,100 jobs, or -1.1%, since February 2025.

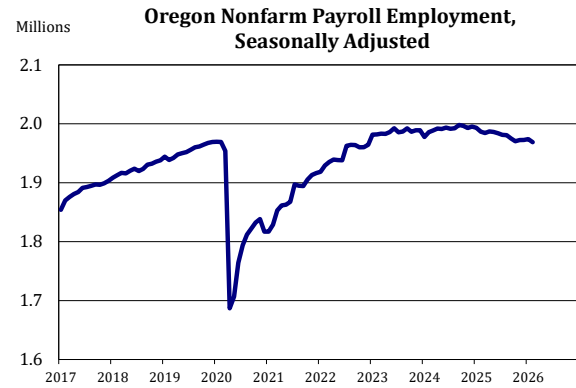
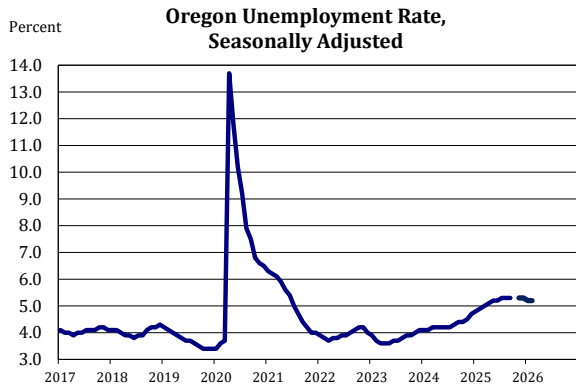
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment was choppy in recent months, cutting 1,600 jobs in February following a gain of 1,500 in January. It employed 78,400 in February, which was 400 jobs, or 0.5%, above its year-ago level and close to its average employment throughout much of the past five years.

Leisure and hospitality cut 1,500 jobs in February following a gain of 1,200 in January. During the prior three years, it was remarkably steady, averaging just over 207,000 jobs.

Professional and business services continued its downtrend of the past three years, cutting 1,300 jobs in February and another 2,000 jobs in January. In the most recent 12 months, it cut 8,700 jobs, or 3.4%. Since February 2025, each of its three component industries contracted by more than 2%: **administrative and waste services** (-4,200 jobs, or -4.3%); **professional and technical services** (-3,200 jobs, or -2.9%); and **management of companies and enterprises** (-1,300 jobs, or -2.7%).

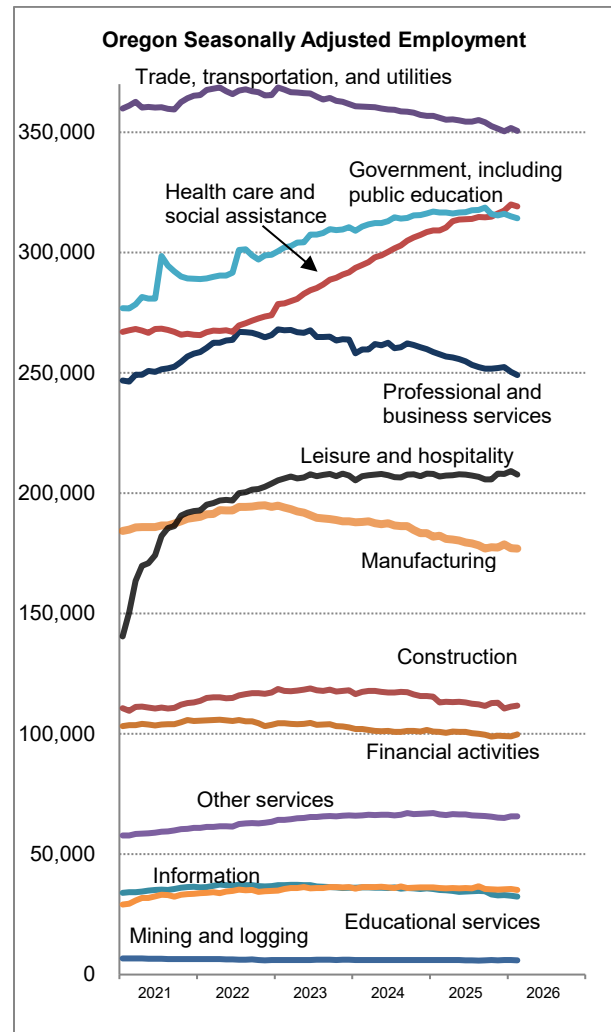
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, April 21, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Friday, May 1.



### Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes January to February 2026

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	3,700	-1,700	-5,400
Total private	600	-4,000	-4,600
Mining and logging	0	-100	-100
Construction	1,300	1,600	300
Manufacturing	-100	-300	-200
Wholesale trade	-300	-400	-100
Retail trade	-700	-100	600
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-900	-2,500	-1,600
Information	-300	-700	-400
Financial activities	-500	300	800
Professional and business services	1,900	600	-1,300
Private educational services	1,100	800	-300
Health care and social assistance	900	100	-800
Leisure and hospitality	-1,700	-3,200	-1,500
Other services	-100	-100	0
Government	3,100	2,300	-800



**Notes:**

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted.

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.

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### Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	Change From January 2026	Change From February 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,195,299	2,187,602	2,200,243	7,697	-4,944
Unemployed	124,619	128,831	117,024	-4,212	7,595
Unemployment rate	5.7	5.9	5.3	-0.2	0.4
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.0	0.3
Employed	2,070,680	2,058,771	2,083,219	11,909	-12,539
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.8	62.9	62.8	-0.1	0.0
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.0	9.0	8.9	0.0	0.1
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,950,500	1,952,200	1,973,800	-1,700	-23,300
Total private	1,631,800	1,635,800	1,651,700	-4,000	-19,900
Mining and logging	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Logging	3,900	4,000	3,900	-100	0
Construction	108,100	106,500	109,500	1,600	-1,400
Construction of buildings	29,700	29,200	30,200	500	-500
Residential building construction	18,900	18,600	19,200	300	-300
Nonresidential building construction	10,800	10,600	11,000	200	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,300	11,100	11,100	200	200
Specialty trade contractors	67,100	66,200	68,200	900	-1,100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,000	11,800	12,100	200	-100
Building equipment contractors	33,400	33,000	33,400	400	0
Building finishing contractors	12,300	12,200	13,600	100	-1,300
Other specialty trade contractors	9,400	9,200	9,100	200	300
Manufacturing	174,400	174,700	180,300	-300	-5,900
Durable goods	120,900	121,900	127,700	-1,000	-6,800
Wood product manufacturing	21,500	21,500	22,300	0	-800
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,400	8,400	8,600	0	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,800	0	-500
Primary metal manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	14,800	14,900	15,300	-100	-500
Machinery manufacturing	13,400	13,500	14,000	-100	-600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	31,600	32,100	37,300	-500	-5,700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	25,500	25,900	30,800	-400	-5,300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,300	4,400	4,500	-100	-200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,700	0	-100
Nondurable goods	53,500	52,800	52,600	700	900
Food manufacturing	27,700	27,500	26,500	200	1,200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	348,100	351,100	352,400	-3,000	-4,300
Wholesale trade	73,500	73,900	76,300	-400	-2,800
Retail trade	196,700	196,800	198,700	-100	-2,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24,900	24,800	25,900	100	-1,000
Food and beverage retailers	45,800	45,600	46,200	200	-400
General merchandise retailers	39,100	39,900	39,400	-800	-300

	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	Change From January 2026	Change From February 2025
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,900	80,400	77,400	-2,500	500
Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	72,700	75,200	72,200	-2,500	500
Truck transportation	17,000	17,200	17,500	-200	-500
Couriers and messengers	16,200	17,600	17,200	-1,400	-1,000
Warehousing and storage	18,000	18,600	15,100	-600	2,900
Information	31,900	32,600	35,000	-700	-3,100
Software publishers	12,300	12,500	13,300	-200	-1,000
Financial activities	98,600	98,300	99,800	300	-1,200
Finance and insurance	51,600	51,500	52,900	100	-1,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	20,800	20,800	21,100	0	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,200	24,100	25,000	100	-800
Real estate and rental and leasing	47,000	46,800	46,900	200	100
Real estate	41,300	41,200	41,300	100	0
Professional and business services	246,200	245,600	257,500	600	-11,300
Professional and technical services	107,000	106,400	111,000	600	-4,000
Architectural and engineering services	18,600	18,700	19,100	-100	-500
Computer systems design and related services	16,400	16,400	17,600	0	-1,200
Management of companies and enterprises	47,000	47,600	48,500	-600	-1,500
Administrative and waste services	92,200	91,600	98,000	600	-5,800
Employment services	32,700	32,500	38,300	200	-5,600
Private education and health services	356,000	355,100	346,800	900	9,200
Private educational services	36,600	35,800	37,900	800	-1,300
Health care and social assistance	319,400	319,300	308,900	100	10,500
Ambulatory health care services	105,500	106,200	105,300	-700	200
Hospitals	65,500	65,100	63,300	400	2,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	61,500	61,700	58,800	-200	2,700
Social assistance	86,900	86,300	81,500	600	5,400
Leisure and hospitality	197,600	200,800	198,800	-3,200	-1,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	26,700	26,400	28,700	300	-2,000
Accommodation and food services	170,900	174,400	170,100	-3,500	800
Accommodation	23,000	23,200	22,600	-200	400
Food services and drinking places	147,900	151,200	147,500	-3,300	400
Restaurants and other eating places	132,700	135,200	131,000	-2,500	1,700
Other services	65,200	65,300	65,800	-100	-600
Repair and maintenance	19,900	20,400	20,300	-500	-400
Personal and laundry services	16,000	15,900	15,400	100	600
Membership associations and organizations	29,300	29,000	30,100	300	-800
Government	318,700	316,400	322,100	2,300	-3,400
Federal government	25,900	26,100	28,300	-200	-2,400
State government	49,200	49,200	49,100	0	100
State education	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Local government	243,600	241,100	244,700	2,500	-1,100
Indian tribal	9,100	9,100	8,700	0	400
Local education	138,000	135,700	141,200	2,300	-3,200
Labor-management disputes	0	0	3,500	0	-3,500

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.