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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was Unchanged at 5.2% in April

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in each of the first four months of 2026. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3% in both March and April.

In April, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 500 jobs, following a loss of 4,300 jobs, as revised, in March. April's gains were largest in **health care and social assistance** (+1,900 jobs) and **construction** (+800). Losses were largest in **professional and business services** (-1,000 jobs); **financial activities** (-900); and **retail trade** (-800).

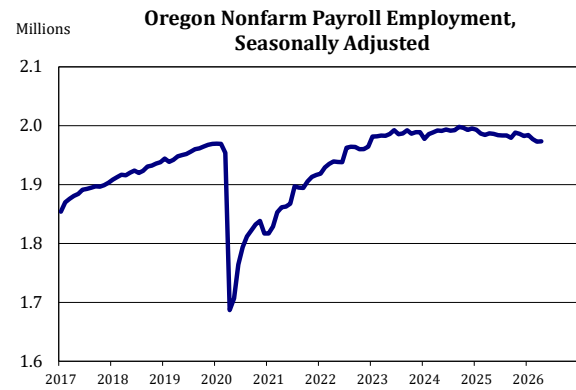
Health care and social assistance grew rapidly in the past 12 months, adding 12,500 jobs, or 4.0%. During the past four years, the sector grew rapidly and consistently, adding a total of 58,100 jobs, or 21.7%, since April 2022. In the past 12 months, each of its component industries grew quickly: **social assistance** (+5,500 jobs, or 6.6%); **nursing and residential care facilities** (+2,800 jobs, or 4.7%); **ambulatory health care services** (+2,500 jobs, or 2.3%); and **hospitals** (+800 jobs, or 1.2%).

Professional and business services continued to shed jobs at a pace similar to the past three years. This major industry cut 9,300 jobs, or 3.6%, in the past 12 months. Losses were large in each of its three component industries: **administrative and waste services** (-4,300 jobs, or -4.4%); **professional and technical services** (-3,200 jobs, or -2.9%); and **management of companies and enterprises** (-1,800 jobs, or -3.7%).

Manufacturing employment dropped 400 jobs in April, following steep losses over the prior three years. In the past 12 months, **durable goods manufacturing** cut 5,500 jobs, or 4.4%, while **nondurable goods manufacturing** cut 1,500 jobs, or 2.7%.

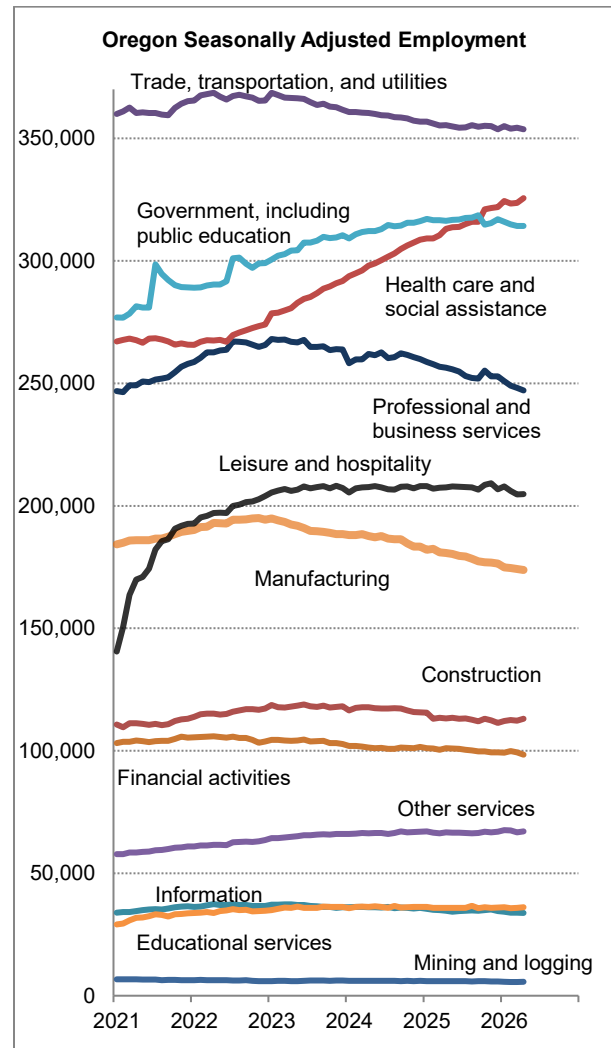
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Wednesday, May 27, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 17.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes March to April 2026

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	7,500	8,000	500
Total private	7,400	7,900	500
Mining and logging	0	100	100
Construction	1,700	2,500	800
Manufacturing	400	0	-400
Wholesale trade	-400	-200	200
Retail trade	1,300	500	-800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-200	-300	-100
Information	300	200	-100
Financial activities	-100	-1,000	-900
Professional and business services	1,300	300	-1,000
Private educational services	300	600	300
Health care and social assistance	-300	1,600	1,900
Leisure and hospitality	2,700	2,800	100
Other services	400	800	400
Government	100	100	0



Notes:

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

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 October, November, and December 2025 tax records data. In addition, data for July, August, and September 2025 were revised by a total of up to 4,300 jobs per month. 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

	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	Change From March 2026	Change From April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,189,039	2,194,513	2,203,507	-5,474	-14,468
Unemployed	104,290	116,709	100,576	-12,419	3,714
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.3	4.6	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.2	5.2	5.1	0.0	0.1
Employed	2,084,749	2,077,804	2,102,931	6,945	-18,182
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.5	62.6	62.9	-0.1	-0.4
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.0	9.0	9.1	0.0	-0.1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,969,700	1,961,700	1,993,400	8,000	-23,700
Total private	1,649,000	1,641,100	1,669,900	7,900	-20,900
Mining and logging	5,600	5,500	5,900	100	-300
Logging	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	-200
Construction	112,200	109,700	112,300	2,500	-100
Construction of buildings	30,900	30,300	31,000	600	-100
Residential building construction	20,000	19,600	19,800	400	200
Nonresidential building construction	10,900	10,700	11,200	200	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,700	11,400	11,500	300	200
Specialty trade contractors	69,600	68,000	69,800	1,600	-200
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,400	12,100	12,600	300	-200
Building equipment contractors	33,300	33,600	33,300	-300	0
Building finishing contractors	14,100	12,800	14,200	1,300	-100
Other specialty trade contractors	9,800	9,500	9,700	300	100
Manufacturing	172,000	172,000	179,700	0	-7,700
Durable goods	119,900	119,900	125,900	0	-6,000
Wood product manufacturing	21,300	21,200	22,200	100	-900
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	-200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,200	8,600	100	-300
Other wood product manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,700	0	-400
Primary metal manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,500	100	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	14,800	14,800	15,200	0	-400
Machinery manufacturing	13,400	13,400	13,800	0	-400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	31,700	31,900	35,500	-200	-3,800
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	25,400	25,500	28,900	-100	-3,500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,500	0	-200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,800	0	100
Nondurable goods	52,100	52,100	53,800	0	-1,700
Food manufacturing	27,000	27,000	27,500	0	-500
Trade, transportation, and utilities	350,200	350,200	352,700	0	-2,500
Wholesale trade	73,700	73,900	76,300	-200	-2,600
Retail trade	197,700	197,200	200,000	500	-2,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,100	24,700	26,200	400	-1,100
Food and beverage retailers	46,400	46,700	46,200	-300	200
General merchandise retailers	39,000	38,900	39,200	100	-200

	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	Change From March 2026	Change From April 2025
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,800	79,100	76,400	-300	2,400
Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	73,600	73,900	71,100	-300	2,500
Truck transportation	17,100	17,200	17,900	-100	-800
Couriers and messengers	16,200	16,300	16,100	-100	100
Warehousing and storage	17,400	17,500	14,300	-100	3,100
Information	33,500	33,300	34,900	200	-1,400
Software publishers	12,500	12,500	13,100	0	-600
Financial activities	97,500	98,500	100,500	-1,000	-3,000
Finance and insurance	51,400	52,100	53,100	-700	-1,700
Credit intermediation and related activities	20,800	21,100	21,100	-300	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,200	24,600	25,200	-400	-1,000
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,100	46,400	47,400	-300	-1,300
Real estate	40,900	41,300	41,700	-400	-800
Professional and business services	246,000	245,700	258,000	300	-12,000
Professional and technical services	106,100	107,500	111,300	-1,400	-5,200
Architectural and engineering services	18,500	18,400	19,200	100	-700
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	16,700	17,600	100	-800
Management of companies and enterprises	46,300	45,800	48,300	500	-2,000
Administrative and waste services	93,600	92,400	98,400	1,200	-4,800
Employment services	33,100	33,100	36,500	0	-3,400
Private education and health services	364,400	362,200	352,900	2,200	11,500
Private educational services	38,400	37,800	38,500	600	-100
Health care and social assistance	326,000	324,400	314,400	1,600	11,600
Ambulatory health care services	108,900	108,200	106,400	700	2,500
Hospitals	65,100	65,000	64,300	100	800
Nursing and residential care facilities	62,800	62,600	60,000	200	2,800
Social assistance	89,200	88,600	83,700	600	5,500
Leisure and hospitality	200,600	197,800	206,000	2,800	-5,400
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	28,600	27,900	29,800	700	-1,200
Accommodation and food services	172,000	169,900	176,200	2,100	-4,200
Accommodation	23,300	22,800	23,900	500	-600
Food services and drinking places	148,700	147,100	152,300	1,600	-3,600
Restaurants and other eating places	133,100	131,100	134,900	2,000	-1,800
Other services	67,000	66,200	67,000	800	0
Repair and maintenance	19,700	19,500	20,500	200	-800
Personal and laundry services	16,200	15,900	15,900	300	300
Membership associations and organizations	31,100	30,800	30,600	300	500
Government	320,700	320,600	323,500	100	-2,800
Federal government	26,600	26,300	28,600	300	-2,000
State government	49,200	49,400	49,300	-200	-100
State education	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Local government	244,900	244,900	245,600	0	-700
Indian tribal	9,200	9,200	8,800	0	400
Local education	137,600	137,900	140,800	-300	-3,200
Labor-management disputes	0	0	200	0	-200

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.