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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Drops by 4,100 in July

In July, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 4,100 jobs, following a revised gain of 1,300 jobs in June. July's losses were largest in **professional and business services** (-1,800 jobs), **leisure and hospitality** (-900), and **government** (-700). Gains were largest in **retail trade** (+500 jobs).

In the past 12 months, professional and business services was on a slightly downward trend, declining by 2,500 jobs, or 1.0%. Most of the decline was in **management of companies and enterprises**, which cut 2,200 jobs, or 4.6%, in that time. The other two component industries saw little change during that period: **professional and technical services** (+200 jobs, or 0.2%) and **administrative and waste services** (-500 jobs, or -0.5%).

Leisure and hospitality employed 203,800 in July, which was 3,500 jobs below its average of 207,300 from 2023 through 2025. It cut 3,800 jobs since January, following a very flat trend during the prior three years. Despite recent weakness, its component industry **arts, entertainment, and recreation** added 200 jobs in July to reach a record high of 31,300.

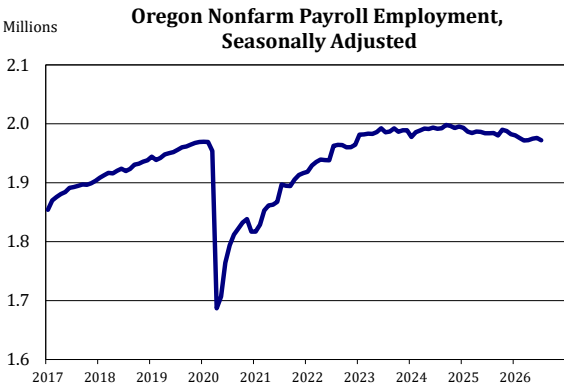
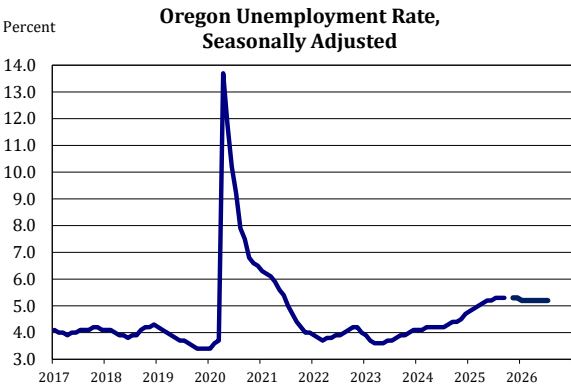
Oregon's government sector lost 4,500 jobs, or -1.4%, since July 2025. All components cut since July 2025. **Federal government** dropped 1,600 jobs, or -5.7%; **state government** lost 200 jobs, or -0.4%; and **local government** job counts declined by 2,700, or -1.1%.

Retail trade added 500 jobs in July, but that follows a consistent long-term trend of job declines during the past four years. It employed 198,000 in July, which was a drop of 12,700 jobs, or 6.0%, since July 2022.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in July. It has been 5.2% each month since January. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in June and 4.1% in July.

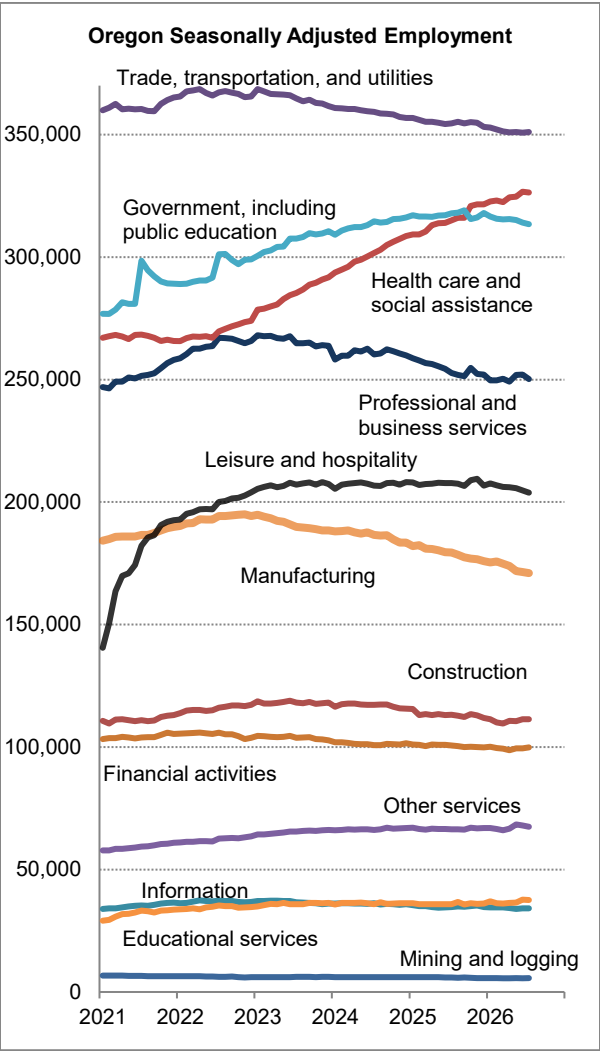
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sept. 16.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes
June to July 2026**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-24,700	-28,800	-4,100
Total private	5,200	1,800	-3,400
Mining and logging	0	100	100
Construction	2,600	2,600	0
Manufacturing	1,700	1,200	-500
Wholesale trade	-200	-500	-300
Retail trade	1,000	1,500	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	100	0
Information	400	400	0
Financial activities	600	1,000	400
Professional and business services	-1,500	-3,300	-1,800
Private educational services	-2,200	-2,300	-100
Health care and social assistance	-300	-600	-300
Leisure and hospitality	3,400	2,500	-900
Other services	-400	-900	-500
Government	-29,900	-30,600	-700



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.

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 2026 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

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	Change From June 2026	Change From July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,218,520	2,218,551	2,233,837	-31	-15,317
Unemployed	118,301	116,521	123,442	1,780	-5,141
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	-0.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.2	5.2	5.3	0.0	-0.1
Employed	2,100,219	2,102,030	2,110,395	-1,811	-10,176
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.4	62.4	63.0	0.0	-0.6
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.1	9.0	9.2	0.1	-0.1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,967,500	1,996,300	1,971,400	-28,800	-3,900
Total private	1,675,900	1,674,100	1,677,600	1,800	-1,700
Mining and logging	5,700	5,600	6,100	100	-400
Logging	3,800	3,700	4,100	100	-300
Construction	115,500	112,900	116,600	2,600	-1,100
Construction of buildings	31,700	30,800	32,100	900	-400
Residential building construction	20,200	19,700	20,300	500	-100
Nonresidential building construction	11,500	11,100	11,800	400	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12,300	11,900	12,300	400	0
Specialty trade contractors	71,500	70,200	72,200	1,300	-700
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,400	12,100	13,000	300	-600
Building equipment contractors	33,200	33,000	33,800	200	-600
Building finishing contractors	15,700	15,300	15,100	400	600
Other specialty trade contractors	10,200	9,800	10,300	400	-100
Manufacturing	174,300	173,100	182,300	1,200	-8,000
Durable goods	120,900	120,300	125,600	600	-4,700
Wood product manufacturing	21,900	21,600	22,100	300	-200
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,900	5,800	5,900	100	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,400	8,700	100	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,500	100	0
Primary metal manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,000	14,900	15,300	100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,700	13,900	200	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	31,700	31,700	35,400	0	-3,700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	25,700	25,600	28,900	100	-3,200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,400	4,500	100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,400	11,300	10,700	100	700
Nondurable goods	53,400	52,800	56,700	600	-3,300
Food manufacturing	28,200	28,000	29,900	200	-1,700
Trade, transportation, and utilities	349,800	348,700	353,700	1,100	-3,900
Wholesale trade	73,500	74,000	75,600	-500	-2,100
Retail trade	198,300	196,800	200,300	1,500	-2,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,600	25,300	26,000	300	-400
Food and beverage retailers	45,500	45,700	46,800	-200	-1,300
General merchandise retailers	39,100	39,400	39,000	-300	100

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	Change From June 2026	Change From July 2025
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,000	77,900	77,800	100	200
Utilities	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	72,700	72,600	72,500	100	200
Truck transportation	16,900	16,900	17,900	0	-1,000
Couriers and messengers	16,000	15,600	16,000	400	0
Warehousing and storage	17,600	17,500	16,900	100	700
Information	35,300	34,900	35,000	400	300
Software publishers	12,900	13,000	13,200	-100	-300
Financial activities	101,600	100,600	101,700	1,000	-100
Finance and insurance	52,400	52,200	53,000	200	-600
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,400	21,200	21,100	200	300
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,200	25,100	25,100	100	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	49,200	48,400	48,700	800	500
Real estate	43,200	42,700	42,600	500	600
Professional and business services	250,100	253,400	252,100	-3,300	-2,000
Professional and technical services	109,200	109,600	109,000	-400	200
Architectural and engineering services	19,100	18,900	19,400	200	-300
Computer systems design and related services	17,000	17,000	17,600	0	-600
Management of companies and enterprises	45,500	46,000	47,700	-500	-2,200
Administrative and waste services	95,400	97,800	95,400	-2,400	0
Employment services	34,200	37,600	32,600	-3,400	1,600
Private education and health services	359,200	362,100	344,600	-2,900	14,600
Private educational services	34,300	36,600	30,000	-2,300	4,300
Health care and social assistance	324,900	325,500	314,600	-600	10,300
Ambulatory health care services	109,300	109,300	107,700	0	1,600
Hospitals	64,900	64,700	63,700	200	1,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	63,800	63,400	60,300	400	3,500
Social assistance	86,900	88,100	82,900	-1,200	4,000
Leisure and hospitality	217,000	214,500	218,200	2,500	-1,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	34,600	34,000	32,600	600	2,000
Accommodation and food services	182,400	180,500	185,600	1,900	-3,200
Accommodation	25,900	24,800	26,900	1,100	-1,000
Food services and drinking places	156,500	155,700	158,700	800	-2,200
Other services	67,400	68,300	67,300	-900	100
Repair and maintenance	21,000	21,100	20,500	-100	500
Personal and laundry services	15,900	16,000	16,100	-100	-200
Membership associations and organizations	30,500	31,200	30,700	-700	-200
Government	291,600	322,200	293,800	-30,600	-2,200
Federal government	27,600	27,400	29,200	200	-1,600
State government	49,600	49,600	50,100	0	-500
State education	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Local government	214,400	245,200	214,500	-30,800	-100
Indian tribal	9,200	9,200	9,200	0	0
Local education	105,400	136,000	108,000	-30,600	-2,600
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.