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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 8,100 in September

In September, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 8,100 jobs, following a revised decline of 700 jobs in August. September's over-the-month job gains were largest in **construction** (+3,200 jobs); **professional and business services** (+2,200); and **leisure and hospitality** (+900). Most of the other major industries were relatively flat over the month, with none cutting more than 200 jobs.

Construction employment surged to another record high in September, gaining 3,200 jobs. At 119,900 jobs in September, construction is up 2,300 jobs, or 2.0%, since September 2022. Most of the gains in the past 12 months were in **specialty trade contractors**, which added 4,000 jobs. Meanwhile, **construction of buildings** had the same employment level as the prior year.

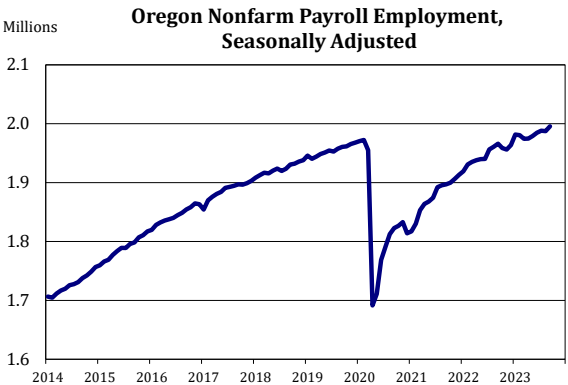
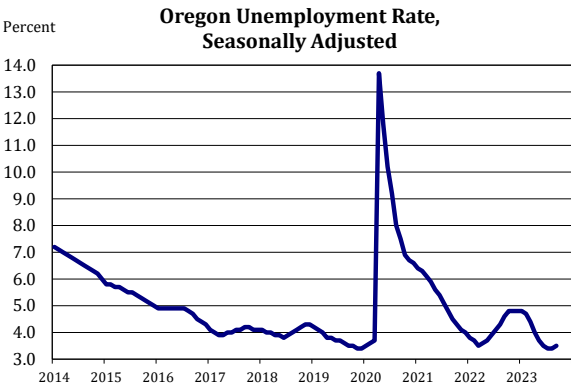
Professional and business services grew at a moderate pace over the past year, adding 3,900 jobs, or 1.5%. This gain was led by **management of companies and enterprises**, which added 2,400 jobs, or 4.8%. **Professional and technical services** grew moderately, adding 1,600 jobs, or 1.4%. But the third component industry, **administrative and waste services**, was nearly flat over that period, cutting 100 jobs, or -0.1%. And within that industry, **employment services** was particularly weak, shedding 2,000 jobs, or -4.5%, over the past 12 months.

Leisure and hospitality expanded at a consistent and rapid pace over the past 24 months. During that time, it was up 23,900 jobs, or 12.8%. Despite these rapid gains, at 210,800 jobs in September, it is still 5,700 jobs below its pre-recession peak reached in February 2020.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 3.5% in September and 3.4% in August. September was the fourth consecutive month in which Oregon's unemployment rate was between 3.4% and 3.5%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8% in both August and September.

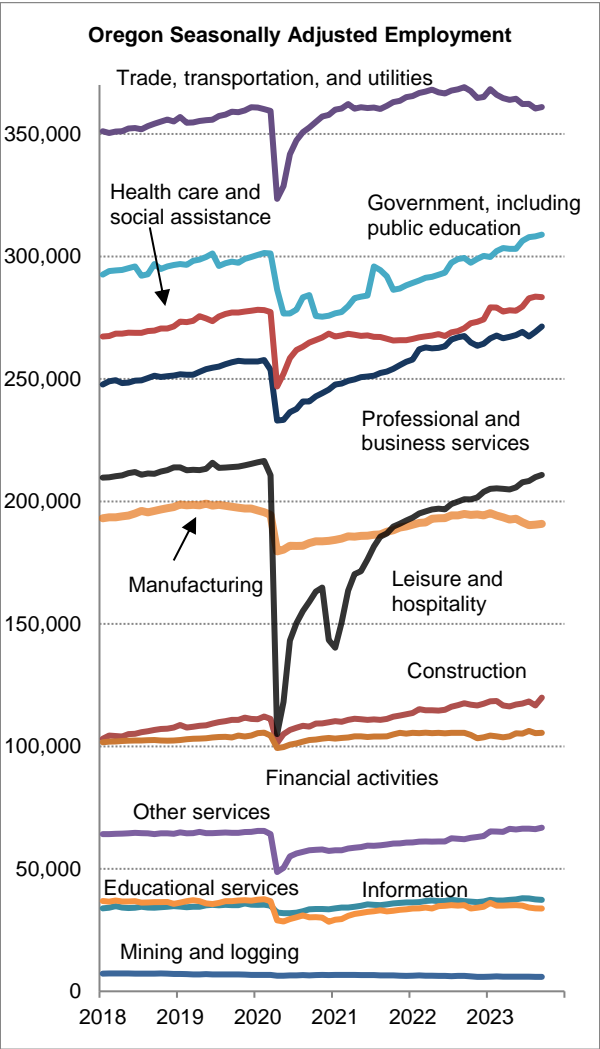
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 24, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Nov. 15.



**Seasonal Expectations and
Over-the-Month Employment Changes
August to September 2023**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,500	10,600	8,100
Total private	-10,900	-3,500	7,400
Mining and logging	-100	-100	0
Construction	-2,900	300	3,200
Manufacturing	-1,500	-1,200	300
Wholesale trade	-200	300	500
Retail trade	-1,300	-1,000	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	600	400	-200
Information	-200	-400	-200
Financial activities	-700	-600	100
Professional and business services	600	2,800	2,200
Private educational services	2,700	2,600	-100
Health care and social assistance	-300	-500	-200
Leisure and hospitality	-7,500	-6,600	900
Other services	-100	500	600
Government	13,400	14,100	700



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for employment services and the component industries within construction.

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 2023 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

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	Change From August 2023	Change From September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,148,833	2,160,334	2,189,826	-11,501	-40,993
Unemployed	74,672	82,612	92,612	-7,940	-17,940
Unemployment rate	3.5	3.8	4.2	-0.3	-0.7
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.5	3.4	4.6	0.1	-1.1
Employed	2,074,161	2,077,722	2,097,214	-3,561	-23,053
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.7	61.7	62.9	0.0	-1.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.8	7.7	7.7	0.1	0.1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,998,900	1,988,300	1,962,200	10,600	36,700
Total private	1,697,500	1,701,000	1,670,600	-3,500	26,900
Mining and logging	6,100	6,200	6,400	-100	-300
Logging	4,400	4,500	4,700	-100	-300
Construction	124,300	124,000	119,700	300	4,600
Construction of buildings	34,500	34,100	34,500	400	0
Residential building construction	21,800	21,300	22,200	500	-400
Nonresidential building construction	12,700	12,800	12,300	-100	400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,800	11,800	11,200	0	600
Specialty trade contractors	78,000	78,100	74,000	-100	4,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,100	14,100	13,800	0	300
Building equipment contractors	37,000	36,900	34,300	100	2,700
Building finishing contractors	16,300	16,400	15,900	-100	400
Other specialty trade contractors	10,600	10,700	10,000	-100	600
Manufacturing	193,400	194,600	195,700	-1,200	-2,300
Durable goods	133,200	133,800	136,500	-600	-3,300
Wood product manufacturing	22,900	22,800	23,300	100	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,400	8,300	8,600	100	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,300	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,900	15,900	16,300	0	-400
Machinery manufacturing	14,400	14,400	14,600	0	-200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,500	41,500	41,800	0	-300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,000	34,300	34,500	-300	-500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,100	11,100	11,100	0	0
Nondurable goods	60,200	60,800	59,200	-600	1,000
Food manufacturing	29,300	30,600	29,500	-1,300	-200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,200	10,500	10,300	-300	-100
Paper manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	361,100	361,400	366,300	-300	-5,200
Wholesale trade	77,700	77,400	77,300	300	400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,200	39,300	39,200	-100	0
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,200	30,900	30,800	300	400
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Retail trade	207,800	208,800	210,100	-1,000	-2,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,300	26,500	26,700	-200	-400
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,700	18,000	18,100	-300	-400
Food and beverage retailers	47,600	47,900	47,800	-300	-200
General merchandise retailers	40,300	40,100	39,800	200	500
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	15,500	15,700	15,600	-200	-100
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	30,100	30,200	30,600	-100	-500

	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	Change From August 2023	Change From September 2022
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	75,600	75,200	78,900	400	-3,300
Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	70,600	70,200	74,000	400	-3,400
Truck transportation	18,800	18,900	19,600	-100	-800
Couriers and messengers	14,300	14,200	14,500	100	-200
Warehousing and storage	16,700	16,700	18,700	0	-2,000
Information	37,100	37,500	37,000	-400	100
Publishing industries	16,900	17,000	16,700	-100	200
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Software publishers	14,400	14,500	14,300	-100	100
Telecommunications	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Financial activities	105,800	106,400	105,600	-600	200
Finance and insurance	53,100	52,700	54,800	400	-1,700
Credit intermediation and related activities	22,800	22,800	24,100	0	-1,300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,700	24,300	24,200	400	500
Real estate and rental and leasing	52,700	53,700	50,800	-1,000	1,900
Real estate	47,700	47,500	44,900	200	2,800
Professional and business services	272,100	269,300	266,500	2,800	5,600
Professional and technical services	113,100	111,700	109,800	1,400	3,300
Legal services	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300
Architectural and engineering services	19,300	19,200	18,800	100	500
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	16,600	17,800	200	-1,000
Management of companies and enterprises	53,100	52,800	50,700	300	2,400
Administrative and waste services	105,900	104,800	106,000	1,100	-100
Administrative and support services	99,500	98,500	99,600	1,000	-100
Employment services	42,900	43,000	44,900	-100	-2,000
Business support services	8,000	7,900	8,700	100	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,100	27,300	27,200	800	900
Private education and health services	318,100	316,000	305,600	2,100	12,500
Private educational services	34,300	31,700	35,200	2,600	-900
Health care and social assistance	283,800	284,300	270,400	-500	13,400
Ambulatory health care services	99,200	98,900	96,100	300	3,100
Hospitals	60,000	60,300	57,700	-300	2,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,500	51,700	49,000	-200	2,500
Social assistance	73,100	73,400	67,600	-300	5,500
Leisure and hospitality	212,700	219,300	205,500	-6,600	7,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,600	29,900	26,200	-2,300	1,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,400	21,300	18,100	-1,900	1,300
Accommodation and food services	185,100	189,400	179,300	-4,300	5,800
Accommodation	25,100	27,000	24,700	-1,900	400
Food services and drinking places	160,000	162,400	154,600	-2,400	5,400
Full-service restaurants	69,300	68,900	65,500	400	3,800
Limited-service eating places	71,400	73,500	72,200	-2,100	-800
Other services	66,800	66,300	62,300	500	4,500
Repair and maintenance	20,200	19,700	19,500	500	700
Personal and laundry services	14,900	14,800	14,400	100	500
Membership associations and organizations	31,700	31,800	28,400	-100	3,300
Religious organizations	14,700	14,600	14,400	100	300
Government	301,400	287,300	291,600	14,100	9,800
Federal government	29,500	29,600	28,400	-100	1,100
State government	45,300	45,400	43,700	-100	1,600
State education	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Local government	226,600	212,300	219,500	14,300	7,100
Indian tribal	8,400	8,500	7,800	-100	600
Local education	124,200	109,400	122,400	14,800	1,800
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.