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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Drops by 7,300 in November

In November, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 7,300 jobs, following a revised loss of 4,300 jobs in October. November's losses were largest in **professional and business services** (-2,900 jobs); **construction** (-1,700); **leisure and hospitality** (-1,500); **financial activities** (-1,300); and **information** (-1,000). The only industry growing substantially in November was **health care and social assistance**, which added 2,400 jobs.

Professional and business services expanded slower than overall employment over the past 12 months, adding 3,000 jobs, or 1.1%, compared with growth of 39,600 jobs, or 2.0%, for total nonfarm payroll employment. While most of the industry grew over this period, **employment services** trended downward, cutting 3,500 jobs, or 7.7%, since November 2022.

Construction rose rapidly during most of the past two years. November's drop of 1,700 jobs was preceded by big gains totaling 5,700 jobs during January through October.

Although leisure and hospitality gained 6,800 jobs, or 3.4%, in the past 12 months, the industry showed recent weakness by cutting 2,900 jobs between August and November.

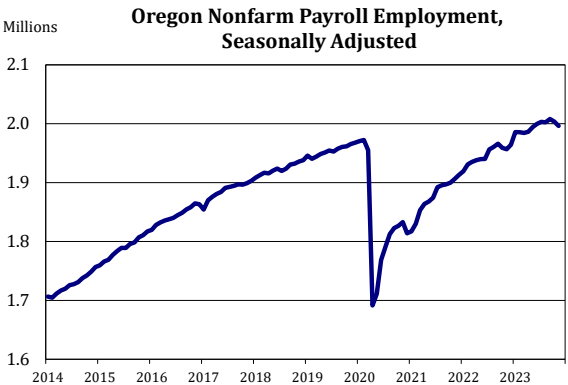
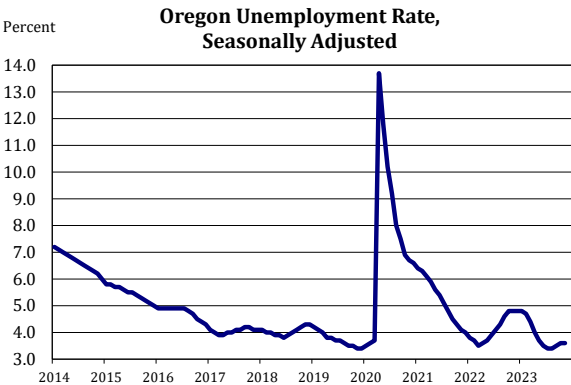
Government added 500 jobs in November and was up 10,200 jobs, or 3.4%, in the past 12 months. It has consistently expanded over the past three years. In November, **local government** reached a record high of 234,200 jobs, adding 6,900 jobs in the past 12 months.

Health care and social assistance grew the fastest of the major industries over the past 12 months, adding 17,900 jobs, or 6.5%. Gains during that time were led by **social assistance** and **nursing and residential care facilities**, which each grew by close to 8.5%.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 3.6% in both October and November. November was the seventh consecutive month in which Oregon's unemployment rate was between 3.4% and 3.7%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9% in October and 3.7% in November.

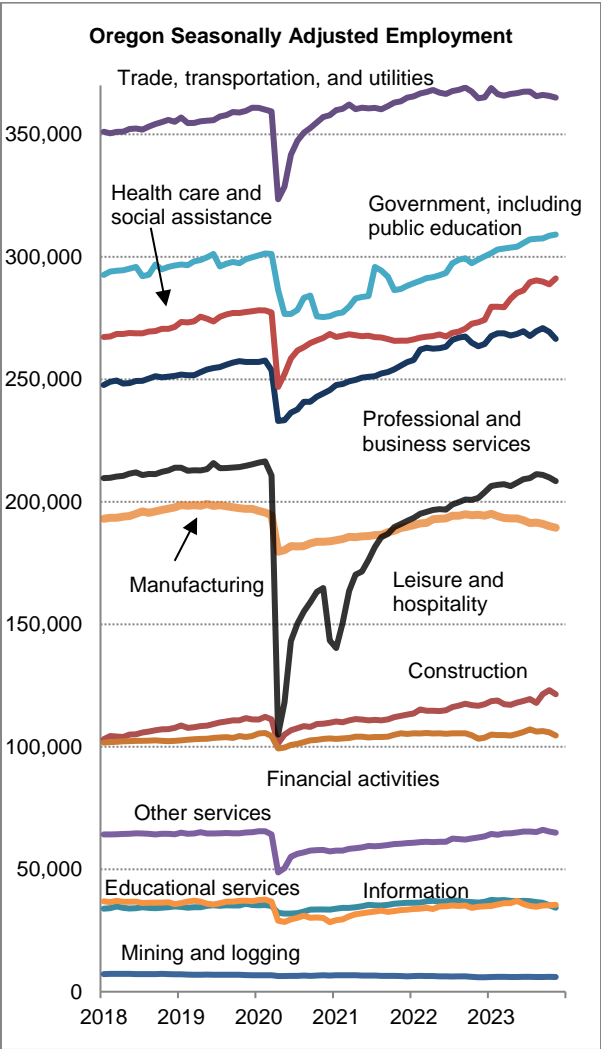
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 18.



**Seasonal Expectations and
Over-the-Month Employment Changes
October to November 2023**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-2,500	-9,800	-7,300
Total private	-4,200	-12,000	-7,800
Mining and logging	0	-100	-100
Construction	-2,600	-4,300	-1,700
Manufacturing	-900	-1,600	-700
Wholesale trade	-200	0	200
Retail trade	3,700	3,100	-600
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,500	1,200	-300
Information	300	-700	-1,000
Financial activities	-800	-2,100	-1,300
Professional and business services	-1,400	-4,300	-2,900
Private educational services	1,000	1,200	200
Health care and social assistance	700	3,100	2,400
Leisure and hospitality	-5,100	-6,600	-1,500
Other services	-400	-900	-500
Government	1,700	2,200	500



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for employment services and 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 April, May, and June 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

	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	Change From October 2023	Change From November 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,160,223	2,155,929	2,185,639	4,294	-25,416
Unemployed	74,089	71,854	99,348	2,235	-25,259
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.3	4.5	0.1	-1.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.6	3.6	4.8	0.0	-1.2
Employed	2,086,134	2,084,075	2,086,291	2,059	-157
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.8	61.7	63.0	0.1	-1.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.0	7.9	7.8	0.1	0.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,004,400	2,014,200	1,988,100	-9,800	16,300
Total private	1,690,200	1,702,200	1,682,600	-12,000	7,600
Mining and logging	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
Logging	4,700	4,800	4,700	-100	0
Construction	126,300	130,600	118,000	-4,300	8,300
Construction of buildings	35,700	36,700	33,400	-1,000	2,300
Residential building construction	22,900	23,500	21,200	-600	1,700
Nonresidential building construction	12,800	13,200	12,200	-400	600
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,300	12,000	10,900	-700	400
Specialty trade contractors	79,300	81,900	73,700	-2,600	5,600
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,600	15,000	13,700	-400	900
Building equipment contractors	37,500	38,500	34,400	-1,000	3,100
Building finishing contractors	16,500	17,300	15,600	-800	900
Other specialty trade contractors	10,700	11,100	10,000	-400	700
Manufacturing	190,500	192,100	194,900	-1,600	-4,400
Durable goods	133,200	133,100	135,900	100	-2,700
Wood product manufacturing	23,200	22,900	23,500	300	-300
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,400	6,500	100	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,400	8,600	100	-100
Other wood product manufacturing	8,200	8,100	8,400	100	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,200	16,100	16,400	100	-200
Machinery manufacturing	14,800	14,700	14,900	100	-100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,300	39,500	41,600	800	-1,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,500	33,100	34,600	400	-1,100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	-200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,000	10,800	11,000	200	0
Nondurable goods	57,300	59,000	59,000	-1,700	-1,700
Food manufacturing	28,400	28,700	29,400	-300	-1,000
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,700	9,900	10,400	-200	-700
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	368,800	364,500	376,300	4,300	-7,500
Wholesale trade	78,500	78,500	79,200	0	-700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,800	40,000	40,100	-200	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,200	31,000	31,500	200	-300
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	-100
Retail trade	210,700	207,600	215,700	3,100	-5,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,700	26,600	26,900	100	-200
Building material and garden equipment and supplies	16,700	17,000	18,000	-300	-1,300
Food and beverage retailers	48,100	47,300	48,200	800	-100
General merchandise retailers	43,300	42,000	43,400	1,300	-100
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retail	16,600	15,500	16,800	1,100	-200
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and	31,300	31,200	31,400	100	-100

	November 2023	October 2023	November 2022	Change From October 2023	Change From November 2022
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	79,600	78,400	81,400	1,200	-1,800
Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	74,600	73,400	76,500	1,200	-1,900
Truck transportation	18,600	18,700	19,300	-100	-700
Couriers and messengers	15,900	14,900	16,500	1,000	-600
Warehousing and storage	19,700	18,700	19,800	1,000	-100
Information	35,100	35,800	37,500	-700	-2,400
Publishing industries	16,400	16,600	16,900	-200	-500
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Software publishers	14,100	14,300	14,500	-200	-400
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Financial activities	105,900	108,000	106,600	-2,100	-700
Finance and insurance	52,700	53,600	54,400	-900	-1,700
Credit intermediation and related activities	22,800	23,400	23,700	-600	-900
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	24,300	24,300	-400	-400
Real estate and rental and leasing	53,200	54,400	52,200	-1,200	1,000
Real estate	48,800	50,100	45,100	-1,300	3,700
Professional and business services	271,100	275,400	270,100	-4,300	1,000
Professional and technical services	110,600	113,300	108,900	-2,700	1,700
Legal services	12,200	12,200	11,800	0	400
Architectural and engineering services	19,200	19,300	18,700	-100	500
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,600	17,300	0	-700
Management of companies and enterprises	51,300	51,400	50,300	-100	1,000
Administrative and waste services	109,200	110,700	110,900	-1,500	-1,700
Administrative and support services	102,100	103,500	104,800	-1,400	-2,700
Employment services	43,200	43,600	47,000	-400	-3,800
Business support services	8,200	8,200	8,800	0	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	29,100	29,900	29,100	-800	0
Private education and health services	320,800	316,500	309,700	4,300	11,100
Private educational services	37,500	36,300	37,400	1,200	100
Health care and social assistance	283,300	280,200	272,300	3,100	11,000
Ambulatory health care services	97,100	95,500	96,000	1,600	1,100
Hospitals	59,600	59,300	58,000	300	1,600
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,300	50,900	49,300	400	2,000
Social assistance	75,300	74,500	69,000	800	6,300
Leisure and hospitality	201,200	207,800	199,800	-6,600	1,400
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,800	28,500	26,200	-700	1,600
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	18,600	18,900	17,900	-300	700
Accommodation and food services	173,400	179,300	173,600	-5,900	-200
Accommodation	22,200	23,600	22,800	-1,400	-600
Food services and drinking places	151,200	155,700	150,800	-4,500	400
Full-service restaurants	66,600	67,600	64,000	-1,000	2,600
Limited-service eating places	65,600	67,700	70,600	-2,100	-5,000
Other services	64,000	64,900	63,300	-900	700
Repair and maintenance	19,000	19,500	20,200	-500	-1,200
Personal and laundry services	14,900	15,100	14,600	-200	300
Membership associations and organizations	30,100	30,300	28,500	-200	1,600
Religious organizations	15,000	15,100	14,500	-100	500
Government	314,200	312,000	305,500	2,200	8,700
Federal government	28,500	29,200	27,900	-700	600
State government	44,400	44,500	43,200	-100	1,200
State education	1,500	1,500	1,200	0	300
Local government	241,300	238,300	234,400	3,000	6,900
Indian tribal	8,400	8,300	7,900	100	500
Local education	139,300	136,900	137,100	2,400	2,200
Labor-management disputes	0	400	0	-400	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.