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## Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 8,500 Jobs in July

In July, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 8,500 jobs, following a revised decline of 700 jobs in June. July's gains were largest in **professional and business services** (+2,300 jobs); **health care and social assistance** (+2,000); **government** (+1,800); and **construction** (+1,400). Declines in July were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (-700 jobs) and **retail trade** (-500).

Professional and business services added 2,300 jobs in July, following a drop of 1,700 in June. The July gain was led by the addition of 2,000 jobs in the component industry **administrative and waste services**. Despite the one-month increase, professional and business services cut 2,900 jobs, or -1.1%, in the past 12 months, with each of its three component industries also declining by close to 1% since July 2023.

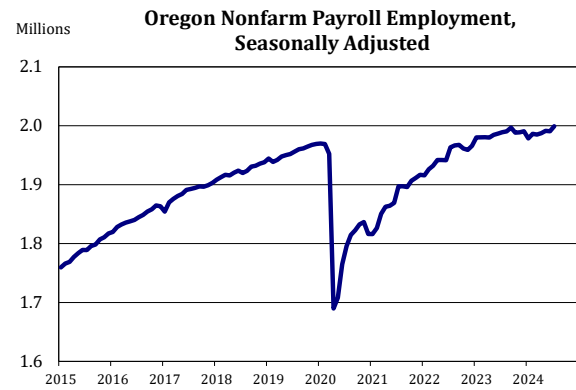
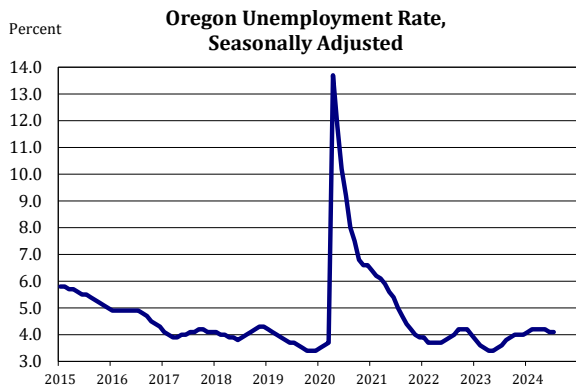
Health care and social assistance expanded rapidly, adding 2,000 jobs in July and 16,300 jobs over the past 12 months. **Social assistance** grew by 7,500 jobs, or 10.3%, in 12 months. Meanwhile, the health-care component industries each added more than 2,000 jobs since July 2023: **nursing and residential care facilities** (+3,500 jobs, or 6.6%); **ambulatory health care services** (+3,700 jobs, or 3.7%); and **hospitals** (+2,300 jobs, or 3.9%).

Despite gains in health care and a few other industries, several industries cut jobs over the past year. Four major industries declined by at least 1,000 jobs since July 2023: **retail trade** (-6,600 jobs, or -3.2%); **financial activities** (-1,300 jobs, or -1.3%); **professional and business services** (-2,900 jobs, or -1.1%); and **manufacturing** (-1,900 jobs, or -1.0%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.1% in both June and July and has been in a tight range between 4.0% and 4.2% since October 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate rose from 4.1% in June to 4.3% in July.

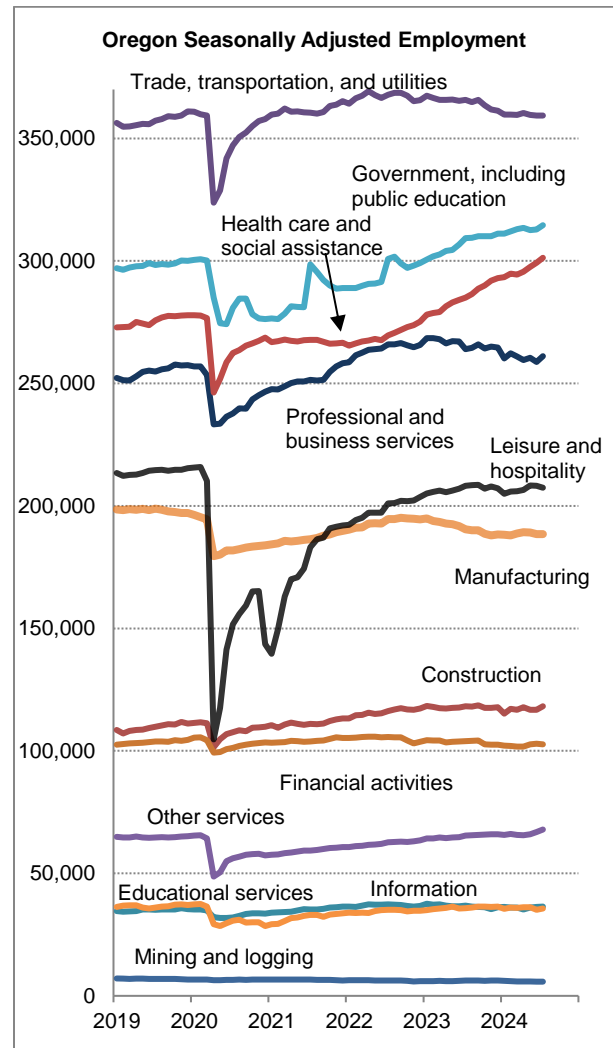
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Aug. 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sept. 18.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes June to July 2024**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-20,300	-11,800	8,500
Total private	9,700	16,400	6,700
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Construction	2,800	4,200	1,400
Manufacturing	1,600	1,600	0
Wholesale trade	200	0	-200
Retail trade	400	-100	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-300	500	800
Information	100	300	200
Financial activities	400	200	-200
Professional and business services	1,300	3,600	2,300
Private educational services	-1,900	-1,300	600
Health care and social assistance	700	2,700	2,000
Leisure and hospitality	4,100	3,400	-700
Other services	200	1,200	1,000
Government	-30,000	-28,200	1,800



**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 January, February and March 2024 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 2024	June 2024	July 2023	Change From June 2024	Change From July 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,204,604	2,190,812	2,172,746	13,792	31,858
Unemployed	96,900	85,646	83,144	11,254	13,756
Unemployment rate	4.4	3.9	3.8	0.5	0.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.1	4.1	3.6	0.0	0.5
Employed	2,107,704	2,105,166	2,089,602	2,538	18,102
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.0	63.0	62.3	0.0	0.7
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.3	8.3	7.9	0.0	0.4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,002,900	2,014,700	1,977,800	-11,800	25,100
Total private	1,709,400	1,693,000	1,692,000	16,400	17,400
Mining and logging	6,100	6,000	6,400	100	-300
Logging	4,200	4,100	4,600	100	-400
Construction	123,100	118,900	121,400	4,200	1,700
Construction of buildings	34,700	33,500	34,700	1,200	0
Residential building construction	22,200	21,600	22,100	600	100
Nonresidential building construction	12,500	11,900	12,600	600	-100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12,100	11,600	11,600	500	500
Specialty trade contractors	76,300	73,800	75,100	2,500	1,200
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,000	13,600	14,300	400	-300
Building equipment contractors	35,900	34,800	34,400	1,100	1,500
Building finishing contractors	15,900	15,300	16,200	600	-300
Other specialty trade contractors	10,500	10,100	10,200	400	300
Manufacturing	193,200	191,600	192,500	1,600	700
Durable goods	133,800	133,700	133,800	100	0
Wood product manufacturing	23,200	23,200	22,900	0	300
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	7,700	7,600	7,400	100	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,500	15,600	15,700	-100	-200
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,900	14,200	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,800	40,500	40,700	300	100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,200	34,000	33,600	200	600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,500	11,600	11,200	-100	300
Nondurable goods	59,400	57,900	58,700	1,500	700
Food manufacturing	30,200	30,000	29,600	200	600
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,800	9,400	10,300	400	-500
Paper manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	360,500	360,100	364,300	400	-3,800
Wholesale trade	79,100	79,100	78,700	0	400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,400	40,600	40,200	-200	200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,400	31,200	31,100	200	300
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Retail trade	203,600	203,700	208,800	-100	-5,200
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,100	26,000	26,900	100	-800
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	18,000	18,100	18,600	-100	-600
Food and beverage retailers	46,800	46,800	47,800	0	-1,000
General merchandise retailers	39,900	39,500	39,500	400	400
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	15,300	15,200	16,000	100	-700
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	29,100	28,400	29,600	700	-500

	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	Change From June 2024	Change From July 2023
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,800	77,300	76,800	500	1,000
Utilities	5,200	5,100	5,200	100	0
Transportation and warehousing	72,600	72,200	71,600	400	1,000
Truck transportation	18,800	18,600	19,400	200	-600
Couriers and messengers	13,500	13,500	13,900	0	-400
Warehousing and storage	17,600	17,400	17,600	200	0
Information	37,300	37,000	37,000	300	300
Publishing industries	16,600	16,500	16,500	100	100
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	-100
Software publishers	14,400	14,300	14,200	100	200
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Financial activities	104,400	104,200	105,300	200	-900
Finance and insurance	53,100	53,000	54,700	100	-1,600
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,700	22,000	23,100	-300	-1,400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,900	24,900	24,800	0	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	51,300	51,200	50,600	100	700
Real estate	45,600	45,300	44,400	300	1,200
Professional and business services	263,600	260,000	266,000	3,600	-2,400
Professional and technical services	111,500	110,200	111,600	1,300	-100
Legal services	12,000	11,800	12,100	200	-100
Architectural and engineering services	19,200	18,800	19,500	400	-300
Computer systems design and related services	17,800	17,500	17,500	300	300
Management of companies and enterprises	51,300	50,900	51,700	400	-400
Administrative and waste services	100,800	98,900	102,700	1,900	-1,900
Administrative and support services	94,500	92,500	96,000	2,000	-1,500
Employment services	38,800	39,200	40,200	-400	-1,400
Business support services	6,900	6,900	7,600	0	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	29,300	27,800	28,300	1,500	1,000
Private education and health services	334,100	332,700	315,100	1,400	19,000
Private educational services	32,300	33,600	30,300	-1,300	2,000
Health care and social assistance	301,800	299,100	284,800	2,700	17,000
Ambulatory health care services	103,200	102,500	99,500	700	3,700
Hospitals	61,400	61,200	59,100	200	2,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	56,600	55,700	53,100	900	3,500
Social assistance	80,600	79,700	73,100	900	7,500
Leisure and hospitality	219,600	216,200	217,800	3,400	1,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	30,200	29,700	30,700	500	-500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	22,000	21,300	22,500	700	-500
Accommodation and food services	189,400	186,500	187,100	2,900	2,300
Accommodation	28,600	26,800	26,800	1,800	1,800
Food services and drinking places	160,800	159,700	160,300	1,100	500
Full-service restaurants	66,400	65,500	66,800	900	-400
Limited-service eating places	75,600	75,400	76,300	200	-700
Other services	67,500	66,300	66,200	1,200	1,300
Repair and maintenance	20,700	19,700	20,500	1,000	200
Personal and laundry services	15,700	15,600	15,500	100	200
Membership associations and organizations	31,100	31,000	30,200	100	900
Religious organizations	15,000	14,800	14,000	200	1,000
Government	293,500	321,700	285,800	-28,200	7,700
Federal government	30,600	30,100	29,400	500	1,200
State government	48,300	48,000	46,700	300	1,600
State education	1,500	1,600	1,400	-100	100
Local government	214,600	243,600	209,700	-29,000	4,900
Indian tribal	8,700	8,600	8,600	100	100
Local education	109,300	139,500	108,600	-30,200	700
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.