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## Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Drops by 2,700 in July

In July, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 2,700 jobs, following a revised loss of 8,600 jobs in June. July's losses were largest in **financial activities** (-2,700 jobs); **professional and business services** (-1,400); and **health care and social assistance** (-1,100). Gains were largest in **construction** (+2,900 jobs) and **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+800).

Construction employed 112,700 in July, rebounding from its relatively weak prior two months, but landing well below its average level of 117,500 jobs during the prior two years.

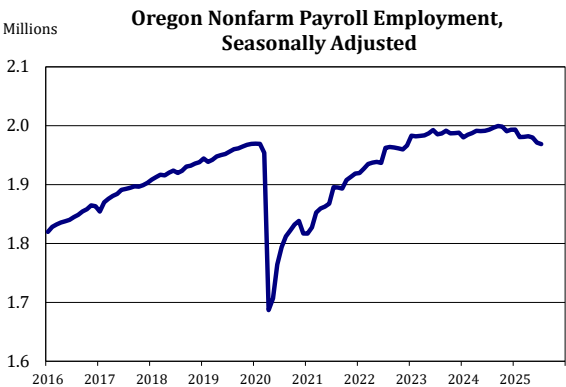
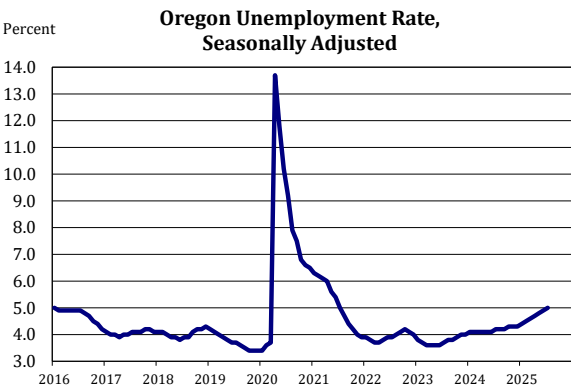
Professional and business services has been on a declining trend since early 2023. Accounting for 254,100 jobs in July, it is down 14,800 jobs, or 5.5%, since its peak employment in March 2023. Each of its three component industries dropped by a similar percentage during that period.

Newly revised numbers for this year show lower employment levels than previously estimated for most industries. Since July 2024, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment dropped 24,600 jobs, or -1.2%. **Manufacturing** lost 9,400 jobs, or 5.0%. Each of these industries cut between 3% and 4%: **information, private education, wholesale trade, financial activities, and construction**. In that time, only two major industries expanded: **health care and social assistance** (+9,800 jobs, or 3.2%) and **leisure and hospitality** (+2,000 jobs, or 1.0%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.0% in July and 4.9% in June, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.2% in July 2024. Oregon's 5.0% unemployment rate was 1.4 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in June and 4.2% in July.

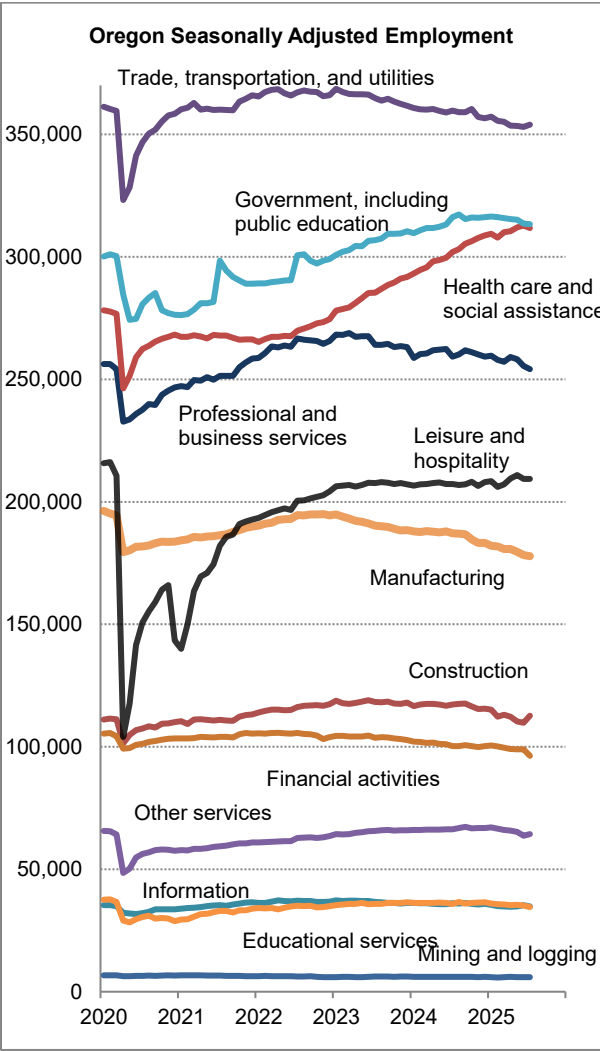
### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Aug. 19, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sept. 17.



**Seasonal Expectations and  
Over-the-Month Employment Changes  
June to July 2025**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-23,900	-26,600	-2,700
Total private	5,900	3,500	-2,400
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Construction	2,500	5,400	2,900
Manufacturing	1,900	1,500	-400
Wholesale trade	400	200	-200
Retail trade	600	900	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	1,000	800
Information	-100	-700	-600
Financial activities	400	-2,300	-2,700
Professional and business services	-900	-2,300	-1,400
Private educational services	-2,100	-2,800	-700
Health care and social assistance	-300	-1,400	-1,100
Leisure and hospitality	3,300	3,300	0
Other services	-100	600	700
Government	-29,800	-30,100	-300



**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 2025 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 2025	June 2025	July 2024	Change From June 2025	Change From July 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,235,386	2,222,028	2,213,798	13,358	21,588
Unemployed	121,181	113,774	100,789	7,407	20,392
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.1	4.6	0.3	0.8
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.0	4.9	4.2	0.1	0.8
Employed	2,114,205	2,108,254	2,113,009	5,951	1,196
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.8	62.7	62.6	0.1	0.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.3	9.2	7.9	0.1	1.4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,965,900	1,992,500	1,981,400	-26,600	-15,500
Total private	1,674,200	1,670,700	1,688,400	3,500	-14,200
Mining and logging	6,000	5,900	6,300	100	-300
Logging	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Construction	117,100	111,700	120,400	5,400	-3,300
Construction of buildings	32,100	29,800	33,100	2,300	-1,000
Residential building construction	20,100	18,500	20,900	1,600	-800
Nonresidential building construction	12,000	11,300	12,200	700	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12,600	11,900	12,000	700	600
Specialty trade contractors	72,400	70,000	75,300	2,400	-2,900
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,100	12,500	13,700	600	-600
Building equipment contractors	33,300	32,600	35,400	700	-2,100
Building finishing contractors	15,800	15,100	15,800	700	0
Other specialty trade contractors	10,200	9,800	10,400	400	-200
Manufacturing	182,500	181,000	189,300	1,500	-6,800
Durable goods	127,300	126,300	132,000	1,000	-4,700
Wood product manufacturing	22,100	22,100	22,500	0	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	-400
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,700	8,500	0	200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,800	0	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	-100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,300	15,200	15,500	100	-200
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,800	13,700	100	200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	35,900	35,700	40,300	200	-4,400
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,400	29,200	33,600	200	-4,200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,500	10,500	11,000	0	-500
Nondurable goods	55,200	54,700	57,300	500	-2,100
Food manufacturing	29,100	28,700	29,300	400	-200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,200	8,900	10,200	300	-1,000
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	353,200	351,100	358,700	2,100	-5,500
Wholesale trade	75,200	75,000	78,000	200	-2,800
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,200	39,400	40,300	-200	-1,100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,900	29,500	30,700	400	-800
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	6,100	6,100	7,000	0	-900
Retail trade	200,700	199,800	204,600	900	-3,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,900	25,600	26,400	300	-500
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,600	17,700	18,200	-100	-600
Food and beverage retailers	47,200	46,800	47,300	400	-100
General merchandise retailers	39,100	39,200	39,800	-100	-700
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,600	14,500	15,400	100	-800
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	27,200	27,700	28,700	-500	-1,500

	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	Change From June 2025	Change From July 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,300	76,300	76,100	1,000	1,200
Utilities	5,400	5,400	5,200	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	71,900	70,900	70,900	1,000	1,000
Truck transportation	18,000	17,700	18,700	300	-700
Couriers and messengers	13,100	13,100	13,500	0	-400
Warehousing and storage	17,600	17,300	17,500	300	100
Information	36,200	36,900	36,400	-700	-200
Publishing industries	15,700	15,700	16,000	0	-300
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Software publishers	13,500	13,500	13,800	0	-300
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Financial activities	97,800	100,100	101,500	-2,300	-3,700
Finance and insurance	51,800	53,300	53,400	-1,500	-1,600
Credit intermediation and related activities	20,700	21,200	21,300	-500	-600
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,600	25,400	25,200	-800	-600
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,000	46,800	48,100	-800	-2,100
Real estate	40,200	40,900	41,800	-700	-1,600
Professional and business services	253,600	255,900	260,100	-2,300	-6,500
Professional and technical services	108,200	108,000	111,500	200	-3,300
Legal services	12,300	12,300	12,200	0	100
Architectural and engineering services	19,300	19,200	19,500	100	-200
Computer systems design and related services	17,800	17,500	17,900	300	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	48,400	48,300	49,700	100	-1,300
Administrative and waste services	97,000	99,600	98,900	-2,600	-1,900
Administrative and support services	90,000	92,700	91,900	-2,700	-1,900
Employment services	36,000	39,200	36,000	-3,200	0
Business support services	6,100	6,200	6,600	-100	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	27,500	27,000	28,500	500	-1,000
Private education and health services	341,000	345,200	331,400	-4,200	9,600
Private educational services	30,700	33,500	30,100	-2,800	600
Health care and social assistance	310,300	311,700	301,300	-1,400	9,000
Ambulatory health care services	104,900	104,400	103,700	500	1,200
Hospitals	64,900	64,900	62,000	0	2,900
Nursing and residential care facilities	60,300	59,700	56,500	600	3,800
Social assistance	80,200	82,700	79,100	-2,500	1,100
Leisure and hospitality	222,200	218,900	217,300	3,300	4,900
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	32,900	32,600	31,600	300	1,300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	23,900	23,300	22,800	600	1,100
Accommodation and food services	189,300	186,300	185,700	3,000	3,600
Accommodation	27,400	26,800	26,900	600	500
Food services and drinking places	161,900	159,500	158,800	2,400	3,100
Full-service restaurants	64,100	63,200	65,800	900	-1,700
Limited-service eating places	78,000	77,600	75,600	400	2,400
Other services	64,600	64,000	67,000	600	-2,400
Repair and maintenance	20,000	20,100	20,800	-100	-800
Personal and laundry services	15,400	15,000	15,900	400	-500
Membership associations and organizations	29,200	28,900	30,300	300	-1,100
Religious organizations	14,100	14,000	13,900	100	200
Government	291,700	321,800	293,000	-30,100	-1,300
Federal government	29,600	29,200	30,700	400	-1,100
State government	50,100	49,800	48,300	300	1,800
State education	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Local government	212,000	242,800	214,000	-30,800	-2,000
Indian tribal	9,100	8,900	8,900	200	200
Local education	107,100	138,500	111,300	-31,400	-4,200
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.