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MEDIA ADVISORY

Federal shutdown delays Oregon Employment Department's monthly economic reporting

SALEM, Ore. — Although the federal shutdown has ended and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has resumed operations, the Oregon Employment Department (OED) is not able to prepare its monthly statewide employment report this week as originally scheduled due to a continued lack of federal data. OED was also unable to prepare a full report in October for the same reason.

The next monthly report was scheduled to be released on Wednesday, Nov. 19. The Employment Department has also canceled its monthly media briefing on Thursday, Nov. 20.

OED is in close communication with BLS officials and is awaiting information and guidance about federal survey data for the months of September and October that were impacted by the shutdown. OED uses that data to prepare the monthly report, including the state's unemployment rate and nonfarm payroll employment.

OED hopes to have more information soon and will provide an update on the schedule for releasing payroll and unemployment data when it is available.

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