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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 4,900 in April

In April, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4,900 jobs, following a revised gain of 2,600 jobs in March. April's gains were largest in **health care and social assistance** (+1,700 jobs); **construction** (+1,500); and **manufacturing** (+900). Monthly declines were largest in **professional and business services** (-1,100 jobs).

Over the past two years, health care and social assistance continued to add jobs at a rapid, consistent pace. The sector grew by 16,600 jobs, or 5.9%, since April 2023 following a gain of 13,900 jobs, or 5.2%, between April 2022 and April 2023. Within the broader sector, **social assistance** accelerated its expansion in recent months, as it added 4,800 jobs during the past five months. The three component industries within health care each expanded rapidly over the past 12 months: **nursing and residential care facilities** (+3,300 jobs); **hospitals** (+2,900); and **ambulatory health care services** (+2,800).

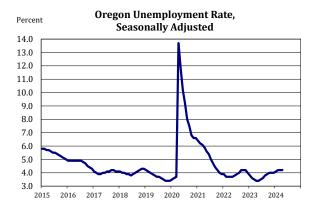
Government, which added 9,400 jobs, or 3.1%, since April 2023, was the only other major sector growing quickly in the past 12 months. Each of its three components grew rapidly during that time: **local government** (+6,100 jobs, or 2.7%); **state government** (+2,100 jobs, or 4.6%); and **federal government** (+1,200 jobs, or 4.2%).

Meanwhile, more than half of the major industries reduced employment over the past 12 months, with **manufacturing** (-3,700 jobs, or -1.9%) and **retail trade** (-2,300 jobs, or -1.1%) cutting the most. Furthermore, **professional and business services** (-1,600 jobs); **information** (-1,100); and **construction** (-1,000) each shed at least 1,000 jobs.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.2% in April, the same as in February and March. Since October 2021, Oregon's unemployment rate has stayed between 3.4% and 4.2%, averaging 3.9%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9% in April and 3.8% in March.

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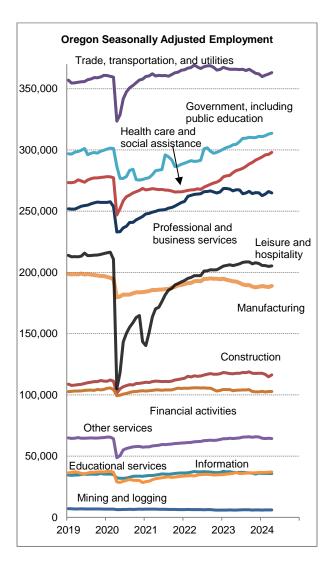
The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20.





Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes March to April 2024

March to April 2024									
INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change						
Total nonfarm payroll									
employment	8,500	13,400	4,900						
Total private	8,000	12,200	4,200						
Mining and logging	100	100	0						
Construction	1,400	2,900	1,500						
Manufacturing	1,200	2,100	900						
Wholesale trade	-300	0	300						
Retail trade	700	1,200	500						
Transportation, warehousing, and		•							
utilities	100	500	400						
Information	500	300	-200						
Financial activities	1,200	1,200	0						
Professional and business services	400	-700	-1,100						
Private educational services	-200	-100	100						
Health care and social assistance	300	2,000	1,700						
Leisure and hospitality	1,900	2,300	400						
Other services	700	400	-300						
Government	500	1,200	700						



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 October, November, and December 2023 tax records data. In addition, data for April 2022 through September 2023 were revised by a total of up to 11,500 jobs per month. 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

	April	March	April	Change From	Change From
Labor Force Status	2024	2024	2023	March 2024	April 2023
Civilian labor force	2,189,002	2,194,140	2,140,612	-5,138	48,390
Unemployed	79,773	2, 194, 140 96,484	65,285	-5,136 -16,711	14,488
Unemployment rate	3.6	90,464	3.0	-10,711	0.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.2	4.2	3.4	0.0	0.8
Employed	2,109,229	2,097,656	2,075,327	11,573	33,902
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Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.9	62.8	62.3	0.1	0.6
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.5	8.5	7.5	0.0	1.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,990,700	1,977,300	1,983,000	13,400	7,700
Total private	1,670,500	1,658,300	1,671,500	12,200	-1,000
Mining and logging	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100
Logging	4,400	4,300	4,200	100	200
Construction	116,100	113,200	115,900	2,900	200
Construction of buildings	33,800	32,600	32,800	1,200	1,000
Residential building construction	21,900	21,000	21,000	900	900
Nonresidential building construction	11,900	11,600	11,800	300	100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,700	10,300	10,600	400	100
Specialty trade contractors	71,600	70,300	72,500	1,300	-900
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,400	13,100	13,400	300	0
Building equipment contractors	33,600	33,300	34,100	300	-500
Building finishing contractors	15,000	14,600	15,300	400	-300
Other specialty trade contractors	9,600	9,300	9,700	300	-100
Manufacturing	187,400	185,300	191,900	2,100	-4,500
Durable goods	131,700	130,900	134,900	800	-3,200
Wood product manufacturing	22,500	22,500	22,900	0	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,800	8,100	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,400	15,400	15,900	0	-500
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,800	14,500	100	-600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,300	40,000	41,400	300	-1,100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,400	33,200	34,200	200	-800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,400	11,300	11,300	100	100
Nondurable goods	55,700	54,400	57,000	1,300	-1,300
Food manufacturing	28,000	26,900	28,400	1,100	-400
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,100	9,000	9,600	100	-500
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	357,700	356,000	362,200	1,700	-4,500
Wholesale trade	77,700	77,700	77,900	0	-200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,400	40,400	39,600	0	800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,000	30,000	30,900	0	-900
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Retail trade	203,000	201,800	207,000	1,200	-4,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,900	25,700	26,600	200	-700
Building material and garden equipment and supplies deale	17,200	16,900	18,300	300	-1,100
Food and beverage retailers	47,500	47,800	47,200	-300	300
General merchandise retailers	39,400	39,000	40,300	400	-900
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,800	14,800	15,500	0	-700
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and misc	29,200	28,900	28,800	300	400

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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.