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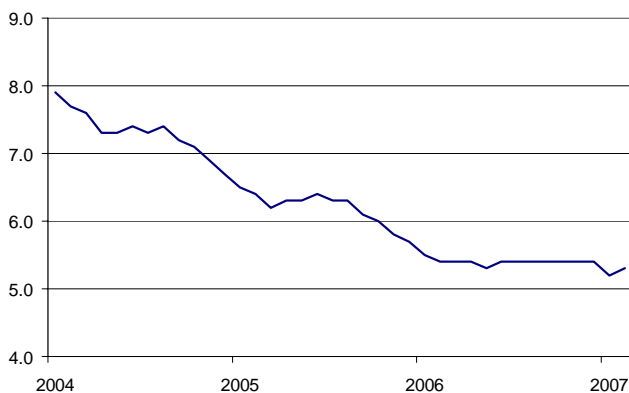
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## Oregon's Employment Situation: February 2007

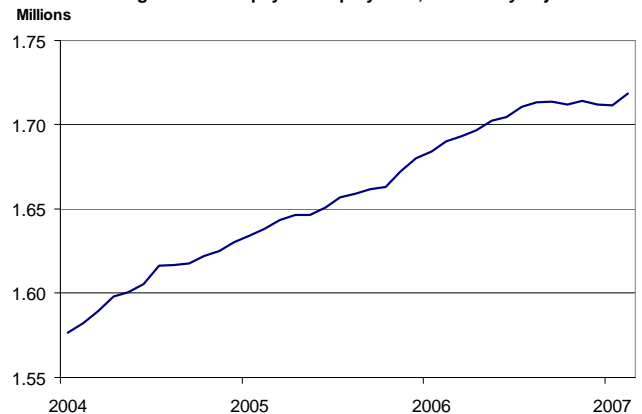
Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in February compared with 5.2 percent in January. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in February and 4.6 percent in January.

In February, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 7,000. This was the largest monthly gain since December 2005 when 7,800 jobs were added.

Oregon unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted



Oregon nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted



### Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

Payroll employment rose substantially in February after a flat trend over the prior six months. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 7,000 in February after a revised decline of 500 in January (previously reported as a gain of 500). Strength in three industries – professional and business services (+3,500), trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,200), and construction (+900) – was partially offset by a decline in manufacturing (-1,900).

**Professional and business services** employment surged in February as several of this major sector's component industries – employment services (+2,100), services to buildings and dwellings (+900) and professional and technical services (+900) – expanded. Professional and

business services has been one of Oregon's hottest sectors over the past 12 months as it has expanded by 6,000 jobs or 3.2 percent over that period.

**Trade, transportation, and utilities** posted solid gains during the first two months of the year, recovering from lackluster trends in the last three months of 2006. The sector added 3,200 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis in February, following a gain of 3,100 jobs in January. Wholesale trade added 500 jobs in February, continuing its strong gains over the past year, during which employment grew by 3,000.

**Construction** added 1,300 jobs in February, which was above the normal seasonal trend. Several component industries posted modest gains, including nonresidential building construction (+600 jobs), specialty trade contractors (+700), and building equipment contractors (+500).

Since last summer, employment estimates indicate a slight pullback in Oregon's overall construction activity. Seasonally adjusted employment in construction peaked at 102,000 in August and has since edged down to 100,700 by February.

**Manufacturing** cut 1,100 jobs in February at a time of year when it would normally gain 800. Reductions were concentrated in food manufacturing, which lost 600. Lumber and wood product manufacturing cut 200 in February and is down 2,800 jobs or 8.5 percent over the past 12 months.

Seasonally adjusted manufacturing employment declined for the sixth consecutive month, reaching 201,900, which is down 7,300 jobs or 3.5 percent from its recent peak of 209,200 jobs in August. Much of this six-month decline was in durable goods manufacturing, where employment had been rising steadily in the two-year period ending in the summer of 2006, but now has fallen back due to job losses in wood product manufacturing, computer and electronic product manufacturing, and transportation equipment manufacturing.

### **Unemployment (Household Survey Data)**

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in February and 5.2 percent in January and remains close to levels seen throughout the past 14 months. In February, 118,381 Oregonians were unemployed, compared with 120,279 in February 2006.

Oregon's civilian labor force reached its highest February level ever at 1,916,368, up 42,964 from February 2005. In the seasonally adjusted series, the civilian labor force was at its all-time high.

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March 2007 at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007.

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### Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	February 2007	January 2007	February 2006	Change From January 2007	Change From February 2006
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,916,368	1,905,670	1,873,404	10,698	42,964
Unemployed	118,381	114,753	120,279	3,628	-1,898
Unemployment rate	6.2	6.0	6.4	0.2	-0.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.3	5.2	5.4	0.1	-0.1
Employed	1,797,987	1,790,917	1,753,125	7,070	44,862
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,699,300	1,680,700	1,665,200	18,600	34,100
Total private	1,406,200	1,392,600	1,374,600	13,600	31,600
Natural resources and mining	8,500	8,000	9,000	500	-500
Logging	6,800	6,500	7,100	300	-300
Construction	96,100	94,800	93,300	1,300	2,800
Construction of buildings	24,900	24,300	23,900	600	1,000
Residential building construction	15,400	15,400	14,900	0	500
Nonresidential building construction	9,500	8,900	9,000	600	500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,200	9,200	10,200	0	-1,000
Specialty trade contractors	62,000	61,300	59,200	700	2,800
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,200	14,100	13,000	100	1,200
Building equipment contractors	25,100	24,600	23,800	500	1,300
Building finishing contractors	14,500	14,600	14,200	-100	300
Other specialty trade contractors	8,200	8,000	8,200	200	0
Manufacturing	199,500	200,600	203,100	-1,100	-3,600
Durable goods	149,000	149,200	153,200	-200	-4,200
Wood product manufacturing	30,000	30,200	32,800	-200	-2,800
Sawmills and wood preservation	8,800	8,800	9,300	0	-500
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	10,000	9,900	10,800	100	-800
Other wood product manufacturing	11,200	11,500	12,700	-300	-1,500
Primary metal manufacturing	9,300	9,200	8,600	100	700
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	17,800	17,500	16,400	300	1,400
Machinery manufacturing	11,100	11,000	11,700	100	-600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,200	41,100	41,600	100	-400
Computer and peripheral equipment mfg.	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,000	29,800	30,300	200	-300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,800	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	17,000	17,100	18,200	-100	-1,200
Nondurable goods	50,500	51,400	49,900	-900	600
Food manufacturing	21,400	22,000	20,200	-600	1,200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	7,700	8,400	7,800	-700	-100
Paper manufacturing	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	336,400	336,000	326,900	400	9,500
Wholesale trade	81,900	81,400	78,900	500	3,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,400	37,400	35,800	0	1,600
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	32,100	31,600	31,000	500	1,100
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	12,400	12,400	12,100	0	300
Retail trade	197,900	198,000	190,500	-100	7,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,400	26,700	26,800	-300	-400
Building material and garden supply stores	14,600	14,400	14,900	200	-300
Food and beverage stores	38,300	38,100	36,600	200	1,700
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	20,100	20,000	16,700	100	3,400
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	10,900	10,900	10,000	0	900
General merchandise stores	36,700	37,500	36,000	-800	700
Miscellaneous store retailers	12,400	12,000	11,100	400	1,300
Nonstore retailers	9,000	9,000	6,200	0	2,800

	February 2007	January 2007	February 2006	Change From January 2007	Change From February 2006
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	56,600	56,600	57,500	0	-900
Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	51,900	51,900	52,700	0	-800
Air transportation	3,900	3,800	4,200	100	-300
Truck transportation	19,400	20,100	19,200	-700	200
Couriers and messengers	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	-200
Warehousing and storage	7,700	8,000	7,400	-300	300
Information	35,900	35,400	34,500	500	1,400
Publishing industries, except internet	15,500	15,200	14,800	300	700
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	7,100	7,000	6,900	100	200
Software publishers	8,400	8,200	7,900	200	500
Telecommunications	8,200	8,200	8,500	0	-300
Financial activities	104,400	103,900	103,800	500	600
Finance and insurance	62,900	62,600	62,700	300	200
Credit intermediation and related activities	31,800	31,800	31,700	0	100
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,800	25,700	25,900	100	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	41,500	41,300	41,100	200	400
Real estate	33,900	33,700	33,500	200	400
Professional and business services	193,000	188,600	187,000	4,400	6,000
Professional and technical services	71,400	70,500	68,200	900	3,200
Legal services	13,100	13,100	12,000	0	1,100
Architectural and engineering services	15,200	15,200	13,500	0	1,700
Computer systems design and related services	9,300	9,100	8,900	200	400
Management of companies and enterprises	27,500	27,500	27,500	0	0
Administrative and waste services	94,100	90,600	91,300	3,500	2,800
Administrative and support services	89,900	86,300	86,100	3,600	3,800
Employment services	38,900	36,800	38,900	2,100	0
Business support services	15,600	15,400	15,400	200	200
Services to buildings and dwellings	21,600	20,700	18,600	900	3,000
Educational and health services	208,700	203,200	204,100	5,500	4,600
Educational services	30,300	26,300	29,900	4,000	400
Health care and social assistance	178,400	176,900	174,200	1,500	4,200
Ambulatory health care services	63,000	62,600	61,700	400	1,300
Hospitals	49,800	49,500	48,800	300	1,000
Nursing and residential care facilities	36,900	36,900	37,500	0	-600
Social assistance	28,700	27,900	26,200	800	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	164,300	162,900	155,500	1,400	8,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	22,400	22,000	21,000	400	1,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	16,400	16,100	15,600	300	800
Accommodation and food services	141,900	140,900	134,500	1,000	7,400
Accommodation	18,400	18,000	19,300	400	-900
Food services and drinking places	123,500	122,900	115,200	600	8,300
Full-service restaurants	59,100	58,300	55,700	800	3,400
Limited-service eating places	52,300	52,200	48,900	100	3,400
Other services	59,400	59,200	57,400	200	2,000
Repair and maintenance	18,100	17,900	17,100	200	1,000
Personal and laundry services	12,600	12,900	12,400	-300	200
Membership associations and organizations	28,700	28,400	27,900	300	800
Religious organizations	17,000	16,900	16,800	100	200
Government	293,100	288,100	290,600	5,000	2,500
Federal government	28,000	28,100	28,000	-100	0
State government	75,800	74,100	76,100	1,700	-300
State education	29,000	27,500	29,100	1,500	-100
Local government	189,300	185,900	186,500	3,400	2,800
Indian tribal	7,900	7,800	7,500	100	400
Local education	102,500	99,500	101,700	3,000	800
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.

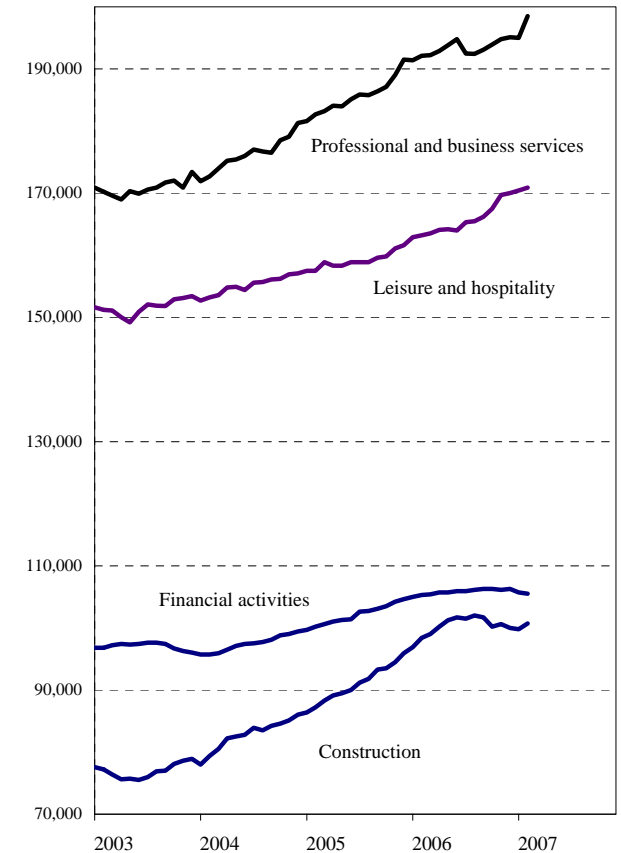
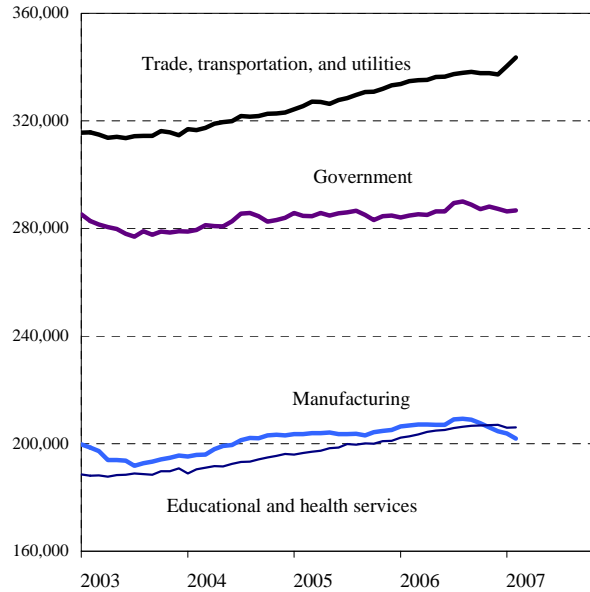
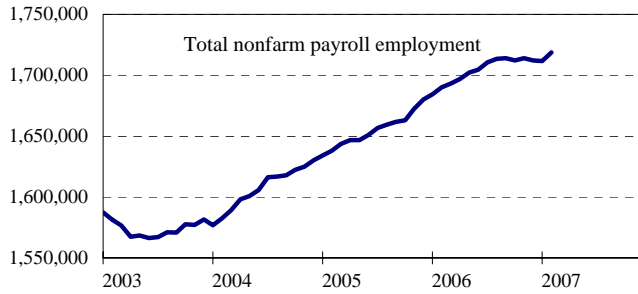
Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force. 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.

# Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Employment

(Most recent 13 months)

Industry	Feb 2006	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Oct 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	Feb 2007
Total nonfarm--monthly change	5,900	3,200	3,500	5,400	2,400	5,900	3,000	400	-1,800	1,900	-1,800	-500	7,000
Total nonfarm	1,690,100	1,693,300	1,696,800	1,702,200	1,704,600	1,710,500	1,713,500	1,713,900	1,712,100	1,714,000	1,712,200	1,711,700	1,718,700
Natural resources and mining	9,500	9,400	9,400	9,500	9,400	9,000	9,000	9,100	8,900	8,700	8,500	8,800	9,000
Construction	98,400	99,000	100,200	101,200	101,700	101,500	102,000	101,700	100,200	100,600	100,000	99,800	100,700
Manufacturing	206,700	207,100	207,100	207,000	207,000	209,000	209,200	208,900	207,600	206,000	204,600	203,800	201,900
Trade, transportation, and utilities	334,800	335,100	335,200	336,300	336,400	337,400	337,900	338,200	337,700	337,800	337,300	340,400	343,600
Information	34,500	34,500	34,200	34,500	34,800	35,100	35,300	35,200	36,000	35,500	36,000	35,400	35,900
Financial activities	105,300	105,400	105,700	105,700	105,900	105,900	106,100	106,300	106,300	106,100	106,300	105,700	105,500
Professional and business services	192,100	192,200	192,900	193,800	194,800	192,500	192,400	193,100	193,900	194,800	195,100	195,000	198,500
Educational and health services	202,700	203,400	204,400	204,900	205,100	205,800	206,300	206,600	206,700	206,900	207,000	205,900	206,000
Leisure and hospitality	163,200	163,500	164,100	164,200	164,000	165,300	165,500	166,200	167,500	169,700	170,000	170,400	170,900
Other services	58,100	58,400	58,600	58,800	59,100	59,600	59,700	59,800	60,100	59,800	60,100	60,200	60,000
Government	284,800	285,300	285,000	286,300	286,400	289,400	290,100	288,800	287,200	288,100	287,300	286,300	286,700

Notes: The most recent month is a preliminary figure.





**Seasonal Expectations and  
 Over-the-Month Employment Changes**

January 2007 to February 2007

INDUSTRY	OVER THE MONTH		
	Normal		Seasonally
	Seasonal Movements	Unadjusted OTM Change	Adjusted OTM Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	11,600	18,600	7,000
Natural resources and mining	300	500	200
Construction	400	1,300	900
Manufacturing	800	-1,100	-1,900
Trade, transportation, and utilities	-2,800	400	3,200
Information	0	500	500
Financial activities	700	500	-200
Professional and business services	900	4,400	3,500
Educational and health services	5,400	5,500	100
Leisure and hospitality	900	1,400	500
Other services	400	200	-200
Government	4,600	5,000	400