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Oregon Adds 10,000 Jobs in November

Nonfarm payroll employment in Oregon rose by 10,000 in November, following a revised gain of 6,400 jobs in October. In November, gains were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (+4,100 jobs), **construction** (+1,800), **professional and business services** (+1,600), and **retail trade** (+1,100). These gains were partially offset by a loss of 1,100 jobs in **health care and social assistance**.

Several industries added enough jobs to reach all-time highs. Construction employed 113,800 in November, which was 500 jobs above its prior record reached in February 2020 during the peak of Oregon's prior economic expansion. Similarly, **wholesale trade**, which added 400 jobs in November, reached 77,400, enough to boost it to a record high for the first time since February 2020. Professional and business services rose to 257,500 jobs in November, which was 100 jobs above its pre-COVID record.

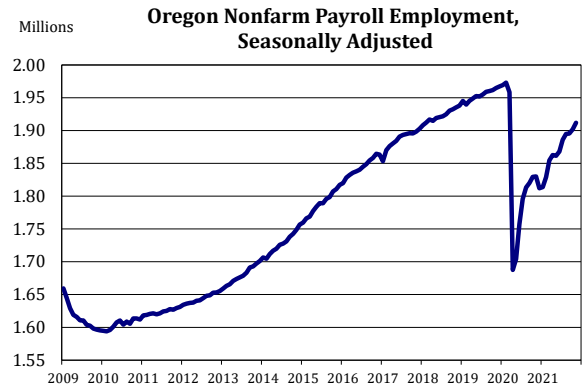
Leisure and hospitality added 4,100 jobs in November, following a gain of 3,600 in October. Despite these gains, leisure and hospitality still accounts for a large share of Oregon's jobs not recovered since early 2020, with 25,400 jobs left to recover to reach the prior peak month of February 2020. The industry has regained 77% of jobs lost early in the pandemic.

Education and health services was 16,000 jobs — or 5% — below its pre-recession peak. Within this broad industry, **nursing and residential care facilities** was 6,900 jobs below its pre-recession peak, and **private educational services** was down 3,900. Employment in **hospitals** was down 2,700 jobs, and **ambulatory health care services** was down 1,200.

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 4.2% in November, down from 4.4% in October. The U.S. unemployment rate was also 4.2% in November. Oregon's unemployment rate has declined rapidly over the past six months; it was close to 6% throughout the first half of the year. Oregon's unemployment rate is now close to the state's historically low unemployment rates which averaged 3.9% during 2017 through 2019, the three calendar years at the end of the prior economic expansion.

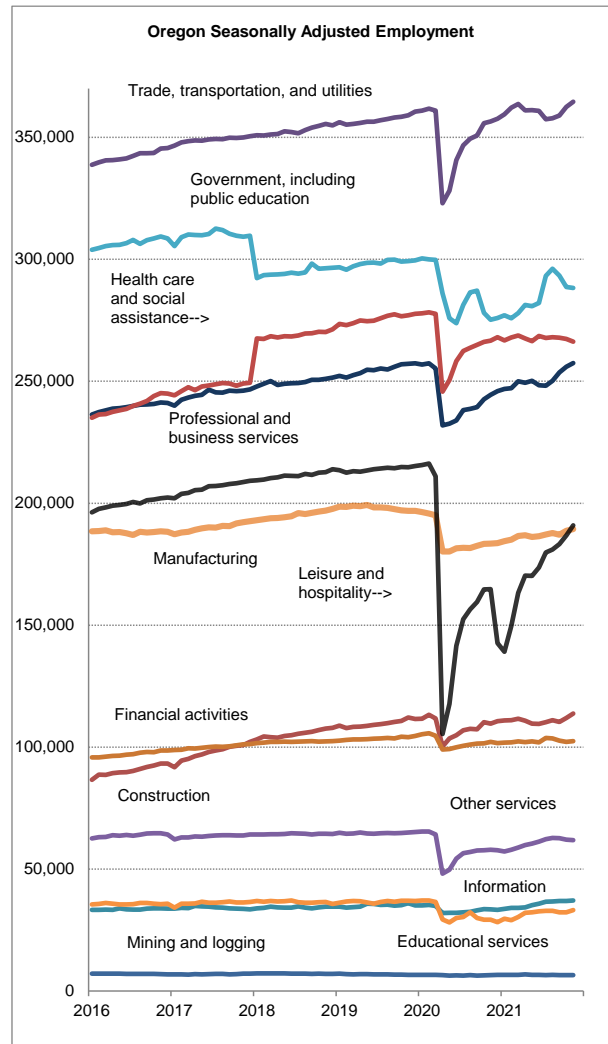
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 21, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes October to November 2021

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,500	12,500	10,000
Total private	1,800	12,200	10,400
Mining and logging	0	0	0
Construction	-2,200	-400	1,800
Manufacturing	-200	500	700
Wholesale trade	100	500	400
Retail trade	3,500	4,600	1,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,900	2,500	600
Information	100	300	200
Financial activities	0	300	300
Professional and business services	100	1,700	1,600
Private educational services	1,000	1,900	900
Health care and social assistance	800	-300	-1,100
Leisure and hospitality	-3,300	800	4,100
Other services	0	-200	-200
Government	700	300	-400



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the components of health care.

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 April, May, and June 2021 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

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	Change From October 2021	Change From November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,169,316	2,171,576	2,133,389	-2,260	35,927
Unemployed	72,834	74,604	129,959	-1,770	-57,125
Unemployment rate	3.4	3.4	6.1	0.0	-2.7
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.2	4.4	6.6	-0.2	-2.4
Employed	2,096,482	2,096,972	2,003,430	-490	93,052
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.2	62.3	61.8	-0.1	0.4
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.3	8.8	12.0	-0.5	-3.7
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,925,400	1,912,900	1,846,600	12,500	78,800
Total private	1,630,800	1,618,600	1,563,900	12,200	66,900
Mining and logging	6,600	6,600	6,700	0	-100
Logging	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Construction	114,200	114,600	109,700	-400	4,500
Construction of buildings	32,600	32,800	31,700	-200	900
Residential building construction	20,700	20,700	19,700	0	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	11,900	12,100	12,000	-200	-100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,400	10,700	10,200	-300	200
Specialty trade contractors	71,200	71,100	67,800	100	3,400
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,100	13,700	13,000	-600	100
Building equipment contractors	32,200	31,600	30,800	600	1,400
Building finishing contractors	15,700	15,700	14,500	0	1,200
Other specialty trade contractors	10,200	10,100	9,500	100	700
Manufacturing	188,800	188,300	183,100	500	5,700
Durable goods	131,300	130,400	126,200	900	5,100
Wood product manufacturing	23,000	22,700	22,000	300	1,000
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,400	8,300	100	200
Other wood product manufacturing	8,300	8,100	7,600	200	700
Primary metal manufacturing	6,200	6,300	6,600	-100	-400
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,400	0	600
Machinery manufacturing	13,400	13,500	13,200	-100	200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	39,000	38,600	37,400	400	1,600
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,500	31,200	30,000	300	1,500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,500	10,400	10,700	100	-200
Nondurable goods	57,500	57,900	56,900	-400	600
Food manufacturing	28,000	28,400	28,100	-400	-100
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,400	10,000	10,200	-600	-800
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	372,400	364,800	364,800	7,600	7,600
Wholesale trade	78,000	77,500	74,100	500	3,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,900	37,800	36,700	100	1,200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	32,500	32,100	30,300	400	2,200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,600	7,600	7,100	0	500
Retail trade	214,500	209,900	211,000	4,600	3,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,800	25,800	25,000	0	800
Building material and garden supply stores	17,300	17,600	17,900	-300	-600
Food and beverage stores	46,400	46,300	45,700	100	700
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	14,800	13,400	14,000	1,400	800
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,900	9,300	9,200	600	700
General merchandise stores	45,500	43,500	43,600	2,000	1,900
Miscellaneous store retailers	16,700	16,700	16,000	0	700
Nonstore retailers	8,500	8,100	8,700	400	-200

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	Change From October 2021	Change From November 2020
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	79,900	77,400	79,700	2,500	200
Utilities	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	75,000	72,500	75,000	2,500	0
Truck transportation	20,200	20,000	19,000	200	1,200
Couriers and messengers	17,400	14,500	16,100	2,900	1,300
Warehousing and storage	20,300	19,800	20,900	500	-600
Information	36,600	36,300	33,800	300	2,800
Publishing industries, except internet	16,200	16,200	15,400	0	800
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Software publishers	13,600	13,600	12,900	0	700
Telecommunications	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	0
Financial activities	102,000	101,700	102,100	300	-100
Finance and insurance	56,200	55,400	57,300	800	-1,100
Credit intermediation and related activities	25,900	25,800	26,500	100	-600
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,100	23,800	24,700	300	-600
Real estate and rental and leasing	45,800	46,300	44,800	-500	1,000
Real estate	42,400	41,300	40,100	1,100	2,300
Professional and business services	260,000	258,300	245,300	1,700	14,700
Professional and technical services	108,400	108,200	99,700	200	8,700
Legal services	12,000	12,000	11,700	0	300
Architectural and engineering services	18,900	18,900	17,500	0	1,400
Computer systems design and related services	17,700	17,700	16,800	0	900
Management of companies and enterprises	47,900	47,800	48,300	100	-400
Administrative and waste services	103,700	102,300	97,300	1,400	6,400
Administrative and support services	98,400	97,000	91,300	1,400	7,100
Employment services	46,300	45,100	37,600	1,200	8,700
Business support services	10,100	10,100	11,400	0	-1,300
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,400	25,200	25,100	200	300
Education and health services	301,800	300,200	299,400	1,600	2,400
Educational services	34,400	32,500	32,400	1,900	2,000
Health care and social assistance	267,400	267,700	267,000	-300	400
Ambulatory health care services	94,600	95,300	92,900	-700	1,700
Hospitals	57,400	57,800	58,900	-400	-1,500
Nursing and residential care facilities	46,600	47,000	51,700	-400	-5,100
Social assistance	68,800	67,600	63,500	1,200	5,300
Leisure and hospitality	186,600	185,800	161,200	800	25,400
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	21,400	21,300	17,600	100	3,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	15,900	15,400	13,000	500	2,900
Accommodation and food services	165,200	164,500	143,600	700	21,600
Accommodation	20,500	21,100	17,900	-600	2,600
Food services and drinking places	144,700	143,400	125,700	1,300	19,000
Full-service restaurants	61,400	60,900	51,500	500	9,900
Limited-service eating places	70,400	69,400	63,800	1,000	6,600
Other services	61,800	62,000	57,800	-200	4,000
Repair and maintenance	20,200	19,600	18,200	600	2,000
Personal and laundry services	13,700	14,100	13,300	-400	400
Membership associations and organizations	27,900	28,300	26,300	-400	1,600
Religious organizations	13,200	13,400	14,000	-200	-800
Government	294,600	294,300	282,700	300	11,900
Federal government	27,500	28,400	28,500	-900	-1,000
State government	42,300	42,500	42,000	-200	300
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	224,800	223,400	212,200	1,400	12,600
Indian tribal	7,700	7,700	7,500	0	200
Local education	131,400	129,700	120,200	1,700	11,200
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.