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Oregon's Annual Job Growth Reaches 10-Year High

Oregon's payroll employment continues to grow rapidly, adding 4,400 jobs in August, following a revised gain of 7,400 in July. In August, two major industries accounted for most of the gains, as **leisure and hospitality** added 2,100 and **government** added 1,600. The other 12 major industries performed close to their normal seasonal patterns.

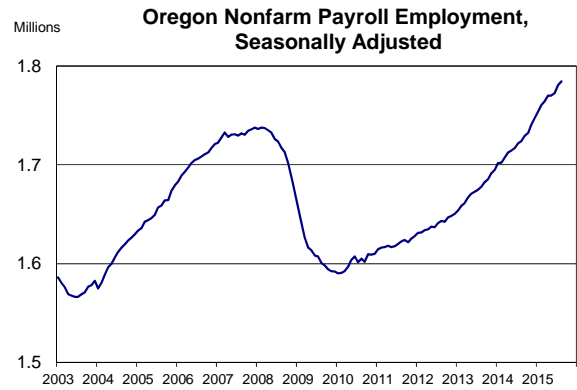
Over the past 12 months, Oregon's payroll employment has expanded by 60,400 jobs, or 3.5 percent. This is the state's fastest job growth rate since February 2005. In terms of total jobs added during a 12-month period, the last time Oregon added more than 60,000 jobs was toward the end of the high-tech boom, when during the 12 months ending in May 1997, Oregon added 61,500 jobs.

Job gains over the past 12 months were widespread among the industries as nearly all of the major industries grew by between 3 percent and 5 percent. The fastest growing industries each rose by close to 5 percent: **leisure and hospitality** (+9,400 jobs, or 5.1%); **retail trade** (+9,700 jobs, or 4.9%); and **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+2,700 jobs, or 4.8%). Other key industries also grew rapidly over the year including **manufacturing** (+5,800 jobs, or 3.2%) and **construction** (+3,000 jobs, or 3.8%). None of the major industries cut jobs substantially during the period, but **financial activities** and **mining and logging** each were essentially flat.

Despite strong payroll job gains in recent months, Oregon's unemployment rate edged up to 6.1 percent in August from 5.9 percent in July. However, the unemployment rate continues to be lower than last year, when in August 2014 it was 6.9 percent.

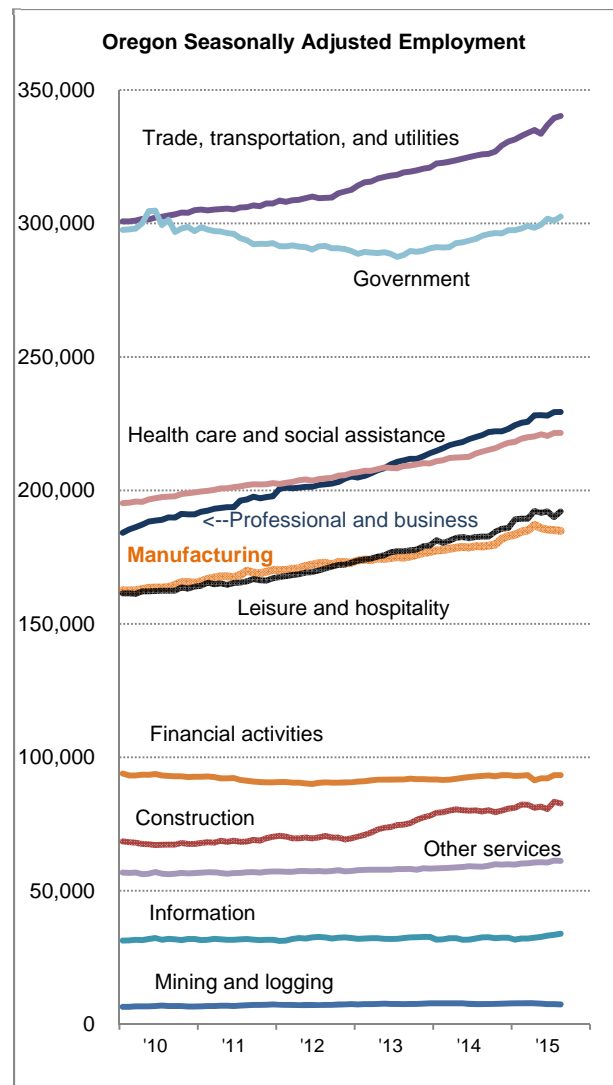
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 13th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes July to August 2015

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,200	5,600	4,400
Total private	3,400	6,200	2,800
Mining and logging	100	0	-100
Construction	1,300	700	-600
Manufacturing	1,500	1,200	-300
Wholesale trade	200	0	-200
Retail trade	500	1,000	500
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	0	500	500
Information	0	400	400
Financial activities	100	100	0
Professional and business services	0	100	100
Private educational services	100	600	500
Health care and social assistance	800	800	0
Leisure and hospitality	-1,200	900	2,100
Other services	0	-100	-100
Government	-2,200	-600	1,600



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 2015 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.QualityInfo.org/press-release. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, then within the top banner, select *Economic Data*, then choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change From July 2015	Change From August 2014
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,961,353	1,957,689	1,968,689	3,664	-7,336
Unemployed	116,156	122,998	135,770	-6,842	-19,614
Unemployment rate	5.9	6.3	6.9	-0.4	-1.0
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	6.1	5.9	6.9	0.2	-0.8
Employed	1,845,197	1,834,691	1,832,919	10,506	12,278
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	60.3	60.2	61.4	0.1	-1.1
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	12.5	12.3	13.9	0.2	-1.4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,780,600	1,775,000	1,721,200	5,600	59,400
Total private	1,500,600	1,494,400	1,450,300	6,200	50,300
Mining and logging	7,900	7,900	8,100	0	-200
Logging	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
Construction	86,900	86,200	84,600	700	2,300
Construction of buildings	23,300	22,800	21,300	500	2,000
Residential building construction	13,200	13,100	12,100	100	1,100
Nonresidential building construction	10,100	9,700	9,200	400	900
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,200	9,800	9,800	400	400
Specialty trade contractors	53,400	53,600	53,500	-200	-100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	10,900	10,600	9,700	300	1,200
Building equipment contractors	22,000	22,100	23,900	-100	-1,900
Building finishing contractors	12,400	12,900	12,500	-500	-100
Other specialty trade contractors	8,100	8,000	7,400	100	700
Manufacturing	189,800	188,600	183,700	1,200	6,100
Durable goods	132,300	131,700	127,300	600	5,000
Wood product manufacturing	22,900	22,800	22,200	100	700
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,500	8,200	0	300
Other wood product manufacturing	7,700	7,600	7,500	100	200
Primary metal manufacturing	8,500	8,400	8,300	100	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,300	16,300	15,500	0	800
Machinery manufacturing	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,100	37,600	36,800	500	1,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,700	29,200	28,200	500	1,500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	12,800	12,600	11,500	200	1,300
Nondurable goods	57,500	56,900	56,400	600	1,100
Food manufacturing	29,200	28,800	29,500	400	-300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	12,600	12,000	12,400	600	200
Paper manufacturing	4,400	4,500	4,500	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340,900	339,400	328,000	1,500	12,900
Wholesale trade	74,900	74,900	72,900	0	2,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33,000	32,800	33,000	200	0
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	27,800	28,200	26,300	-400	1,500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	14,100	13,900	13,600	200	500
Retail trade	206,100	205,100	198,600	1,000	7,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,400	25,200	24,200	200	1,200
Building material and garden supply stores	16,100	16,300	15,200	-200	900
Food and beverage stores	43,600	43,100	41,400	500	2,200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,700	16,800	16,700	-100	0
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	10,200	10,300	10,300	-100	-100
General merchandise stores	42,000	41,700	41,400	300	600
Miscellaneous store retailers	11,000	10,900	10,600	100	400
Nonstore retailers	7,100	6,700	6,600	400	500

	August 2015	July 2015	August 2014	Change From July 2015	Change From August 2014
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	59,900	59,400	56,500	500	3,400
Utilities	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	55,400	54,900	51,900	500	3,500
Truck transportation	18,900	18,700	18,800	200	100
Couriers and messengers	8,300	8,200	6,700	100	1,600
Warehousing and storage	7,300	7,300	7,000	0	300
Information	33,900	33,500	32,500	400	1,400
Publishing industries, except internet	14,400	14,400	14,200	0	200
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Software publishers	10,500	10,500	10,100	0	400
Telecommunications	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Financial activities	93,400	93,300	94,200	100	-800
Finance and insurance	55,900	56,100	56,300	-200	-400
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,100	26,100	26,500	0	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,400	24,400	24,300	0	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	37,500	37,200	37,900	300	-400
Real estate	32,700	32,400	32,600	300	100
Professional and business services	232,000	231,900	225,200	100	6,800
Professional and technical services	88,700	88,000	84,700	700	4,000
Legal services	11,400	11,600	11,800	-200	-400
Architectural and engineering services	14,100	14,200	13,500	-100	600
Computer systems design and related services	14,700	14,800	14,500	-100	200
Management of companies and enterprises	43,200	43,100	40,800	100	2,400
Administrative and waste services	100,100	100,800	99,700	-700	400
Administrative and support services	95,300	96,100	94,500	-800	800
Employment services	40,800	42,000	41,300	-1,200	-500
Business support services	15,300	15,300	15,200	0	100
Services to buildings and dwellings	23,000	22,800	22,000	200	1,000
Educational and health services	251,500	250,100	241,600	1,400	9,900
Educational services	31,100	30,500	27,800	600	3,300
Health care and social assistance	220,400	219,600	213,800	800	6,600
Ambulatory health care services	82,200	82,000	79,300	200	2,900
Hospitals	55,800	55,600	53,700	200	2,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	48,600	48,000	47,200	600	1,400
Social assistance	33,800	34,000	33,600	-200	200
Leisure and hospitality	203,600	202,700	192,800	900	10,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	25,600	26,400	25,500	-800	100
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	18,800	19,400	18,800	-600	0
Accommodation and food services	178,000	176,300	167,300	1,700	10,700
Accommodation	26,800	26,600	25,500	200	1,300
Food services and drinking places	151,200	149,700	141,800	1,500	9,400
Full-service restaurants	72,100	70,800	67,700	1,300	4,400
Limited-service eating places	62,300	62,700	60,400	-400	1,900
Other services	60,700	60,800	59,600	-100	1,100
Repair and maintenance	17,500	17,500	16,800	0	700
Personal and laundry services	14,100	14,300	13,900	-200	200
Membership associations and organizations	29,100	29,000	28,900	100	200
Religious organizations	16,000	15,700	15,800	300	200
Government	280,000	280,600	270,900	-600	9,100
Federal government	29,400	29,500	28,600	-100	800
State government	83,400	83,600	79,700	-200	3,700
State education	27,700	28,000	27,100	-300	600
Local government	167,200	167,500	162,600	-300	4,600
Indian tribal	8,400	8,400	8,700	0	-300
Local education	75,100	75,600	73,500	-500	1,600
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.