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## July's Strong Job Growth in Oregon Eclipses the Unemployment Rate

In July, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment grew by 5,900 jobs, following a gain of 8,700 in June. Four of the major industries added more than 1,000 jobs. **Leisure and hospitality** added the most, increasing by 2,400 jobs. In addition, strong hiring occurred in **construction** (+1,200 jobs), **health care and social assistance** (+1,200), and **retail trade** (+1,200). **Professional and business services** was the only major industry to cut more than 1,000, as it shed 1,400 jobs.

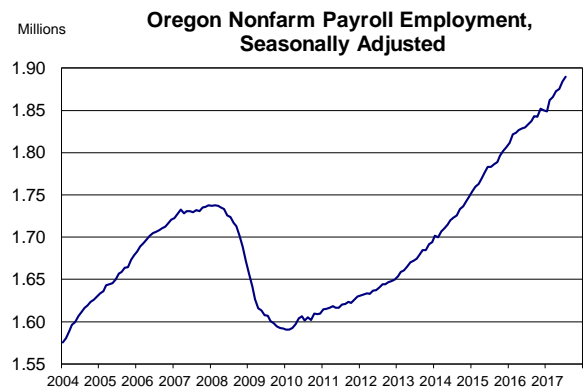
Job growth was faster than it was at the beginning of the year. Over the past 12 months, Oregon's payroll employment rose 56,200, or 3.1 percent, as was reflected in the quarterly revisions to the data. Earlier in the year, annual job growth had slowed to 2.0 percent, but by July was back above 3.0 percent for the first time since April 2016 when the growth rate was 3.2 percent. Several large industry sectors led the expansion in the 12 months ending with July 2017, including **construction** (+10,300 jobs, or 11.4%), **leisure and hospitality** (+9,900 jobs, or 5.0%), and **health care and social assistance** (+8,600 jobs, or 3.7%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was little changed at 3.8 percent in July. The rate remained near its all-time low of 3.6 percent reached in May. Oregon's rate was significantly below its year-ago rate of 5.1 percent in July 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in July 2017.

Another sign of a tight labor market in Oregon is fewer workers employed part time for economic reasons. In July, 68,000 Oregonians would have preferred full-time employment but were working part time because their hours had been cut or because they could not find a full-time job. This was the lowest total on record dating back to 2002, when comparable records began. In contrast, these involuntary part-time workers reached a peak of 160,000 in 2009, during the Great Recession.

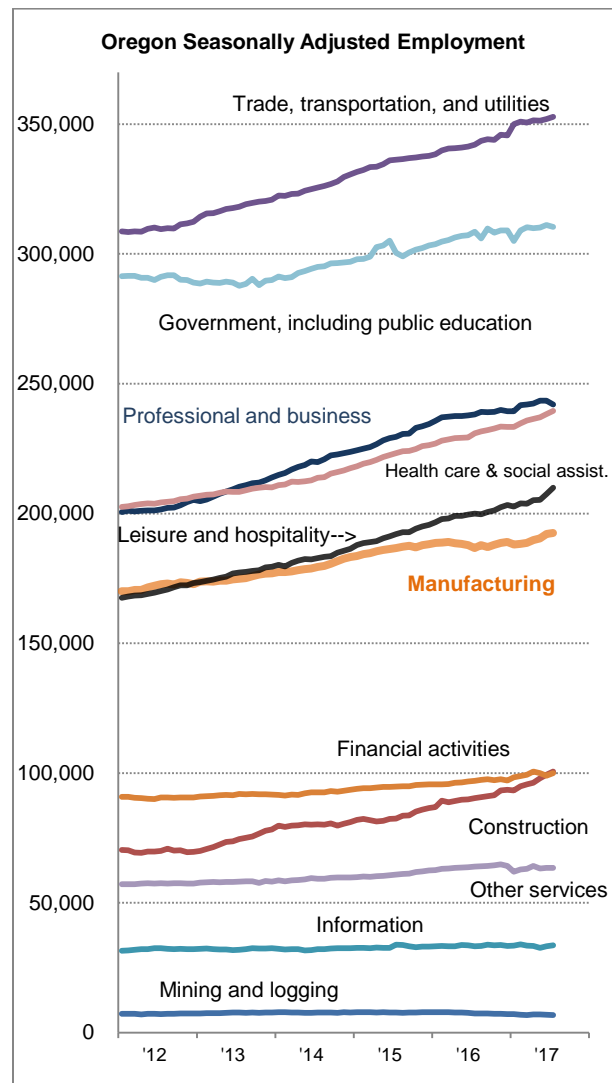
### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 22nd, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 12th.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes June to July 2017**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-25,700	-19,800	5,900
Total private	7,800	14,500	6,700
Mining and logging	300	100	-200
Construction	1,600	2,800	1,200
Manufacturing	2,700	3,100	400
Wholesale trade	600	200	-400
Retail trade	500	1,700	1,200
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	-200	-200	0
Information	400	800	400
Financial activities	100	1,000	900
Professional and business services	2,100	700	-1,400
Private educational services	-2,600	-1,600	1,000
Health care and social assistance	-1,500	-300	1,200
Leisure and hospitality	4,200	6,600	2,400
Other services	-400	-400	0
Government	-33,500	-34,300	-800



**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 2017 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

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change From June 2017	Change From July 2016
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,153,370	2,130,484	2,084,202	22,886	69,168
Unemployed	94,643	85,335	110,678	9,308	-16,035
Unemployment rate	4.4	4.0	5.3	0.4	-0.9
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.8	3.7	5.1	0.1	-1.3
Employed	2,058,727	2,045,149	1,973,524	13,578	85,203
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.6	63.4	62.7	0.2	0.9
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.6	7.5	10.4	0.1	-2.8
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,882,100	1,901,900	1,825,600	-19,800	56,500
Total private	1,595,200	1,580,700	1,540,600	14,500	54,600
Mining and logging	7,200	7,100	7,700	100	-500
Logging	5,400	5,300	5,900	100	-500
Construction	104,000	101,200	93,800	2,800	10,200
Construction of buildings	27,400	26,900	24,400	500	3,000
Residential building construction	16,100	16,000	14,600	100	1,500
Nonresidential building construction	11,300	10,900	9,800	400	1,500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,900	10,400	9,700	500	1,200
Specialty trade contractors	65,700	63,900	59,700	1,800	6,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,400	12,400	11,500	0	900
Building equipment contractors	29,500	28,400	25,800	1,100	3,700
Building finishing contractors	14,800	14,400	14,000	400	800
Other specialty trade contractors	9,000	8,700	8,400	300	600
Manufacturing	195,700	192,600	190,400	3,100	5,300
Durable goods	134,500	133,500	131,000	1,000	3,500
Wood product manufacturing	23,300	23,200	22,900	100	400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,600	6,500	6,500	100	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	8,500	8,300	8,200	200	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,700	16,800	16,200	-100	500
Machinery manufacturing	13,000	12,900	12,600	100	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,600	36,700	37,400	900	200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,200	28,700	29,200	500	0
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,800	11,900	11,800	-100	0
Nondurable goods	61,200	59,100	59,400	2,100	1,800
Food manufacturing	31,300	29,700	31,100	1,600	200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	12,000	11,400	12,800	600	-800
Paper manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	353,900	352,200	342,500	1,700	11,400
Wholesale trade	77,300	77,100	75,900	200	1,400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	34,000	33,800	33,500	200	500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	28,900	29,000	28,200	-100	700
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	14,400	14,300	14,200	100	200
Retail trade	213,200	211,500	207,000	1,700	6,200
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,900	26,800	26,200	100	700
Building material and garden supply stores	17,400	17,500	16,900	-100	500
Food and beverage stores	44,700	44,500	43,300	200	1,400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	17,500	17,100	16,800	400	700
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,800	9,600	10,100	200	-300
General merchandise stores	41,200	40,700	42,200	500	-1,000
Miscellaneous store retailers	15,000	14,900	11,800	100	3,200
Nonstore retailers	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	100

	July 2017	June 2017	July 2016	Change From June 2017	Change From July 2016
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	63,400	63,600	59,600	-200	3,800
Utilities	4,800	4,700	4,600	100	200
Transportation and warehousing	58,600	58,900	55,000	-300	3,600
Truck transportation	18,700	18,600	19,100	100	-400
Couriers and messengers	8,100	8,200	8,100	-100	0
Warehousing and storage	8,500	8,400	7,600	100	900
Information	34,400	33,600	33,100	800	1,300
Publishing industries, except internet	14,200	14,200	14,500	0	-300
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Software publishers	10,600	10,600	10,700	0	-100
Telecommunications	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Financial activities	99,300	98,300	98,300	1,000	1,000
Finance and insurance	57,900	57,400	56,700	500	1,200
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,700	27,400	26,400	300	1,300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,700	24,500	24,500	200	200
Real estate and rental and leasing	41,400	40,900	41,600	500	-200
Real estate	36,700	35,700	35,900	1,000	800
Professional and business services	245,900	245,200	241,800	700	4,100
Professional and technical services	95,100	95,200	92,300	-100	2,800
Legal services	11,800	11,900	11,900	-100	-100
Architectural and engineering services	16,300	16,400	15,100	-100	1,200
Computer systems design and related services	16,500	16,400	15,900	100	600
Management of companies and enterprises	47,800	47,500	45,800	300	2,000
Administrative and waste services	103,000	102,500	103,700	500	-700
Administrative and support services	96,900	97,100	98,300	-200	-1,400
Employment services	41,800	41,200	41,400	600	400
Business support services	14,200	14,100	14,700	100	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	23,800	23,800	24,000	0	-200
Education and health services	269,400	271,300	258,400	-1,900	11,000
Educational services	33,400	35,000	28,600	-1,600	4,800
Health care and social assistance	236,000	236,300	229,800	-300	6,200
Ambulatory health care services	90,300	90,000	86,700	300	3,600
Hospitals	58,800	58,500	57,700	300	1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,400	50,600	49,500	800	1,900
Social assistance	35,500	37,200	35,900	-1,700	-400
Leisure and hospitality	222,200	215,600	210,300	6,600	11,900
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	30,400	28,500	28,800	1,900	1,600
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	22,500	21,100	20,900	1,400	1,600
Accommodation and food services	191,800	187,100	181,500	4,700	10,300
Accommodation	26,900	26,100	26,900	800	0
Food services and drinking places	164,900	161,000	154,600	3,900	10,300
Full-service restaurants	76,500	74,900	72,400	1,600	4,100
Limited-service eating places	70,000	68,300	67,400	1,700	2,600
Other services	63,200	63,600	64,300	-400	-1,100
Repair and maintenance	18,700	18,500	17,900	200	800
Personal and laundry services	15,200	15,100	14,600	100	600
Membership associations and organizations	29,300	30,000	31,800	-700	-2,500
Religious organizations	15,800	16,200	15,700	-400	100
Government	286,900	321,200	285,000	-34,300	1,900
Federal government	29,700	29,500	29,500	200	200
State government	57,400	57,400	56,500	0	900
State education	600	800	700	-200	-100
Local government	199,800	234,300	199,000	-34,500	800
Indian tribal	8,400	8,200	8,600	200	-200
Local education	107,200	140,400	106,700	-33,200	500
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.