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Oregon Adds 4,600 Jobs in October

In October, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment grew by 4,600 jobs, following a revised gain of 4,700 jobs in September. Monthly gains in October were widespread, with nine of the top 13 industries adding jobs, led by **professional and business services** (+1,500 jobs); **wholesale trade** (+1,000 jobs); and **government** (+1,000 jobs). Only two major industries cut jobs substantially in October: **private educational services** (-800 jobs) and **financial activities** (-900 jobs).

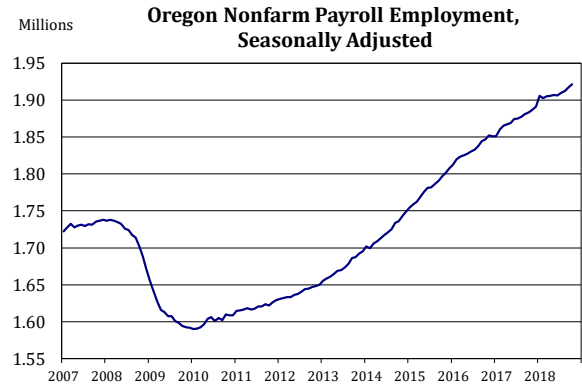
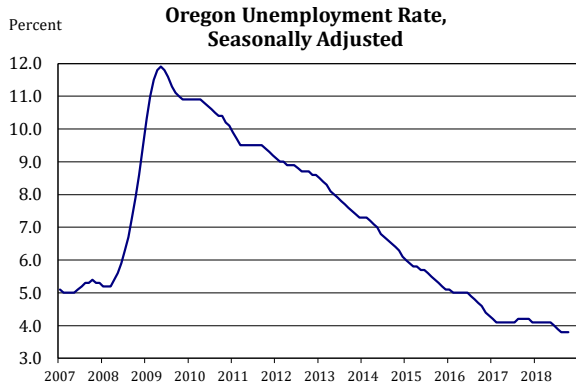
Oregon's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in October, the same as in August and September. These were Oregon's lowest unemployment rates since comparable records began in 1976. The U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 3.7 percent in both September and October.

Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 38,100 jobs, or 2.0 percent, since October 2017. In that time, **construction** remained the fastest growing industry, with a gain of 8,200 jobs, or 8.2 percent. **Health care and social assistance** added 6,200 jobs, or 2.6 percent. **Professional and business services** also grew rapidly, adding 5,400 jobs, or 2.2 percent. However, three of Oregon's major industries slowed recently, with gains close to one percent since October 2017: **financial activities** (+1,000 jobs, or 1.0%); **leisure and hospitality** (+1,700 jobs, or 0.8%); and **retail trade** (+1,200 jobs, or 0.6%). And two industries declined over the year: **information** (-100 jobs, or -0.3%) and **private educational services** (-800 jobs, or -2.2%).

Over the past two years, **retail trade** has seen multiple store closures and the bankruptcies of several major national retailers. These closures and other factors contributed to a moderation in overall retail employment growth. Since October 2016, Oregon's retail employment grew at an annual rate of only 1.0%, which was about half the growth rate of Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment. Somewhat counterbalancing retail's slowing was moderate growth in **wholesale trade** (up 2.8% in the past 12 months) and in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities**, which grew consistently close to a three-percent annual rate over the past six years.

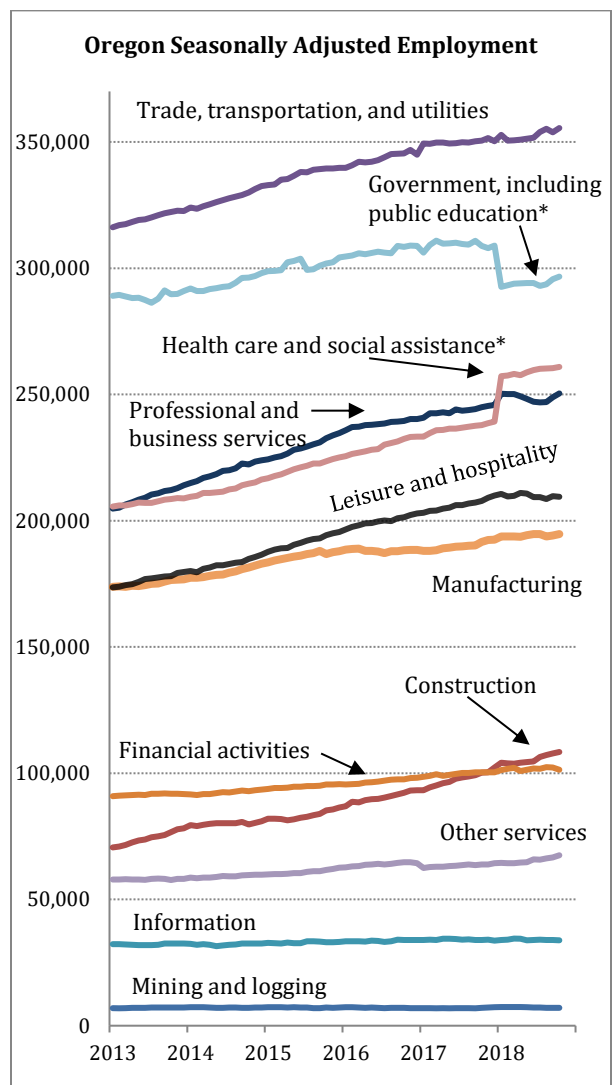
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 20th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 18th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes September to October 2018

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	9,100	13,700	4,600
Total private	-5,100	-1,500	3,600
Mining and logging	0	0	0
Construction	-800	-200	600
Manufacturing	-1,100	-500	600
Wholesale trade	-500	500	1,000
Retail trade	800	1,100	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	600	400
Information	100	-100	-200
Financial activities	100	-800	-900
Professional and business services	-100	1,400	1,500
Private educational services	1,700	900	-800
Health care and social assistance	1,100	1,600	500
Leisure and hospitality	-7,300	-7,500	-200
Other services	700	1,500	800
Government	14,200	15,200	1,000



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 April, May, and June 2018 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

*Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	Change From September 2018	Change From October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,122,489	2,128,399	2,130,000	-5,910	-7,511
Unemployed	78,804	85,675	84,155	-6,871	-5,351
Unemployment rate	3.7	4.0	4.0	-0.3	-0.3
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.8	3.8	4.2	0.0	-0.4
Employed	2,043,685	2,042,724	2,045,845	961	-2,160
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.1	62.2	63.4	-0.1	-1.3
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.2	7.9	8.4	0.3	-0.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,935,100	1,921,400	1,897,900	13,700	37,200
Total private	1,633,300	1,634,800	1,584,100	-1,500	49,200
Mining and logging	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	100
Logging	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Construction	111,300	111,500	102,800	-200	8,500
Construction of buildings	31,300	30,700	28,400	600	2,900
Residential building construction	19,100	18,600	17,300	500	1,800
Nonresidential building construction	12,200	12,100	11,100	100	1,100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,900	10,900	10,400	0	500
Specialty trade contractors	69,100	69,900	64,000	-800	5,100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,600	13,600	12,600	0	1,000
Building equipment contractors	30,600	31,200	27,800	-600	2,800
Building finishing contractors	15,400	15,500	14,700	-100	700
Other specialty trade contractors	9,500	9,600	8,900	-100	600
Manufacturing	195,800	196,300	192,300	-500	3,500
Durable goods	135,100	134,700	132,300	400	2,800
Wood product manufacturing	23,300	23,300	22,900	0	400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	9,100	9,100	8,800	0	300
Other wood product manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,700	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	8,600	8,500	8,300	100	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,400	16,600	16,000	-200	400
Machinery manufacturing	14,400	14,200	13,500	200	900
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,300	38,200	37,200	100	1,100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,900	29,900	29,100	0	800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,200	0	400
Transportation equipment manufacturing	12,200	12,200	11,800	0	400
Nondurable goods	60,700	61,600	60,000	-900	700
Food manufacturing	29,300	30,200	30,500	-900	-1,200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	11,700	11,900	11,800	-200	-100
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	356,400	354,200	351,900	2,200	4,500
Wholesale trade	77,400	76,900	75,700	500	1,700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,300	37,400	35,100	-100	2,200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	32,700	31,800	30,100	900	2,600
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,400	7,700	10,500	-300	-3,100
Retail trade	213,200	212,100	212,400	1,100	800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	27,000	27,100	26,800	-100	200
Building material and garden supply stores	16,500	16,700	16,400	-200	100
Food and beverage stores	44,200	44,100	43,800	100	400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,400	16,300	16,700	100	-300
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,600	9,600	10,000	0	-400
General merchandise stores	41,900	41,900	41,700	0	200
Miscellaneous store retailers	17,100	16,800	16,100	300	1,000
Nonstore retailers	8,300	7,900	8,000	400	300

	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	Change From September 2018	Change From October 2017
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	65,800	65,200	63,800	600	2,000
Utilities	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	60,900	60,300	59,100	600	1,800
Truck transportation	19,400	19,500	18,800	-100	600
Couriers and messengers	10,000	9,700	8,900	300	1,100
Warehousing and storage	9,300	9,200	8,900	100	400
Information	33,800	33,900	34,000	-100	-200
Publishing industries, except internet	14,600	14,600	14,800	0	-200
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,200	3,200	3,600	0	-400
Software publishers	11,400	11,400	11,200	0	200
Telecommunications	5,100	5,100	5,600	0	-500
Financial activities	101,500	102,300	100,900	-800	600
Finance and insurance	55,700	56,600	57,700	-900	-2,000
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,600	26,900	27,100	-300	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	24,000	24,600	-100	-700
Real estate and rental and leasing	45,800	45,700	43,200	100	2,600
Real estate	40,000	39,900	37,800	100	2,200
Professional and business services	252,500	251,100	247,000	1,400	5,500
Professional and technical services	96,000	95,900	95,500	100	500
Legal services	11,700	11,800	12,000	-100	-300
Architectural and engineering services	17,300	17,000	16,100	300	1,200
Computer systems design and related services	16,100	15,900	16,400	200	-300
Management of companies and enterprises	49,400	49,200	47,300	200	2,100
Administrative and waste services	107,100	106,000	104,200	1,100	2,900
Administrative and support services	101,000	99,600	98,600	1,400	2,400
Employment services	44,100	43,400	42,900	700	1,200
Business support services	13,000	12,900	13,500	100	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	24,500	24,100	24,000	400	500
Education and health services	298,400	295,900	277,500	2,500	20,900
Educational services	37,100	36,200	39,000	900	-1,900
Health care and social assistance	261,300	259,700	238,500	1,600	22,800
Ambulatory health care services	93,100	93,300	91,000	-200	2,100
Hospitals	59,800	59,800	58,700	0	1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	52,500	52,100	50,700	400	1,800
Social assistance	55,900	54,500	38,100	1,400	17,800
Leisure and hospitality	208,300	215,800	206,500	-7,500	1,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	25,400	28,200	25,400	-2,800	0
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	17,900	20,100	17,900	-2,200	0
Accommodation and food services	182,900	187,600	181,100	-4,700	1,800
Accommodation	24,400	26,600	25,100	-2,200	-700
Food services and drinking places	158,500	161,000	156,000	-2,500	2,500
Full-service restaurants	72,200	73,500	71,500	-1,300	700
Limited-service eating places	68,800	70,700	68,400	-1,900	400
Other services	68,000	66,500	64,000	1,500	4,000
Repair and maintenance	19,500	19,300	18,500	200	1,000
Personal and laundry services	16,300	16,200	15,300	100	1,000
Membership associations and organizations	32,200	31,000	30,200	1,200	2,000
Religious organizations	17,700	17,200	16,800	500	900
Government	301,800	286,600	313,800	15,200	-12,000
Federal government	28,400	28,700	28,600	-300	-200
State government	39,800	40,000	56,000	-200	-16,200
State education	800	800	800	0	0
Local government	233,600	217,900	229,200	15,700	4,400
Indian tribal	8,100	7,900	8,100	200	0
Local education	138,300	122,700	136,700	15,600	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.