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## Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was 3.9 Percent in November

Oregon's unemployment rate edged up to 3.9 percent in November from 3.8 percent in October. Oregon's unemployment rate has been close to 4 percent for the past two years. The U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 3.7 percent in both October and November.

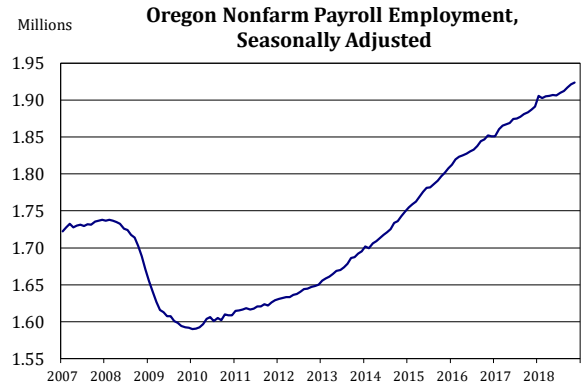
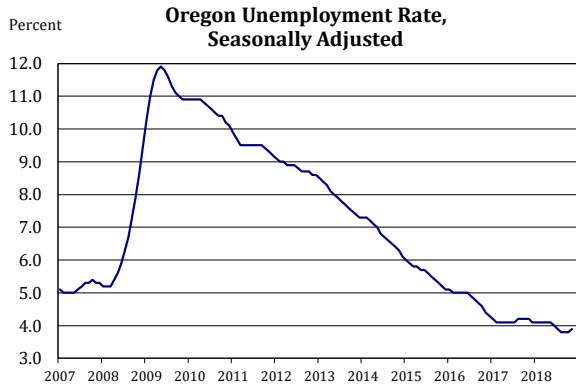
In November, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment grew by 2,400 jobs, following a revised gain of 4,300 jobs in October. In November, **professional and business services** added 3,300 jobs and **government** added 700. **Wholesale trade** cut 900 jobs. No other major industry registered an over-the-month change of more than 600 jobs.

Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 36,600 jobs, or 1.9 percent, since November 2017. In that time, **construction** remained the fastest growing industry, with a gain of 7,700 jobs, or 7.7 percent. **Professional and business services** also grew rapidly, adding 8,200 jobs, or 3.3 percent. **Health care and social assistance** added 4,700 jobs, or 2.0 percent. However, several of Oregon's major industries slowed recently. **Leisure and hospitality** (+1,500 jobs, or 0.7%) expanded at less than half the rate of overall employment. And two industries declined over the year: **retail trade** (-400 jobs, or -0.2%) and **private educational services** (-300 jobs, or -0.8%).

Recent employment estimates for **professional and business services** indicate rapid expansion in this broad industry. All three of its component industries expanded in recent months. Growth over the past 12 months was led by **administrative and waste services**, which grew by 5,600 jobs, or 5.5 percent. Temporary help services companies and employee leasing firms continue to hire within **employment services**. **Management of companies and enterprises** grew by 2,100 jobs, or 4.4 percent, in the past 12 months. This industry consists of corporate headquarters and has grown rapidly over the past six years. **Professional and technical services** grew rapidly during 2010 through 2017, but slowed recently, adding just 500 jobs in the past 12 months.

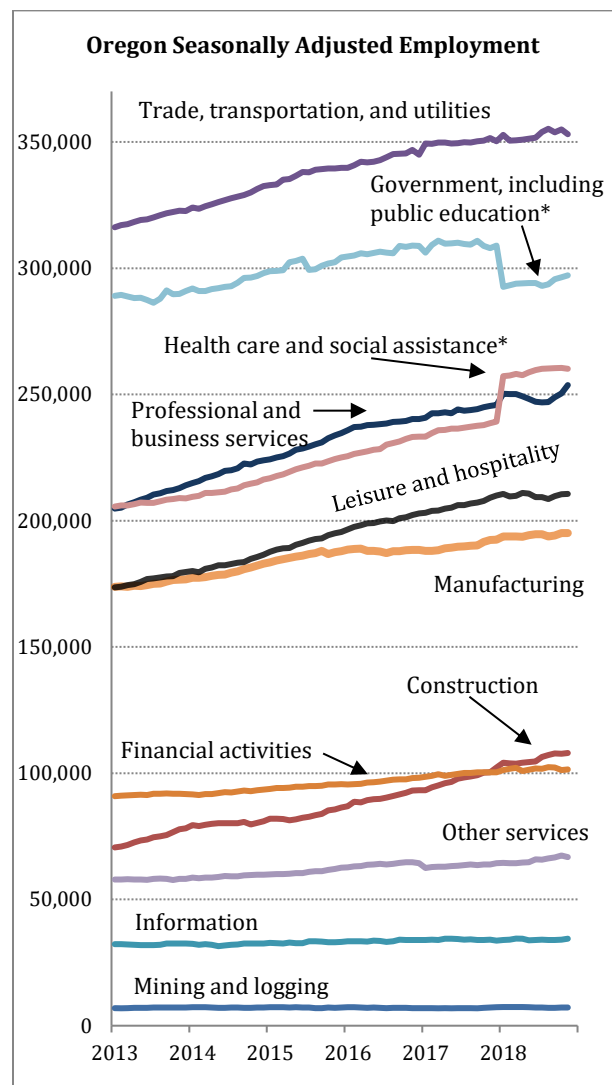
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 15th.



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

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



**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

|  | November<br>2018 | October<br>2018 | November<br>2017 | Change From<br>October 2018 | Change From<br>November 2017 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                              |                  |                 |                  |                             |                              |
| Civilian labor force                                   | 2,123,381        | 2,129,357       | 2,127,353        | -5,976                      | -3,972                       |
| Unemployed   | 84,725           | 86,564          | 83,663           | -1,839                      | 1,062                        |
| Unemployment rate                                      | 4.0              | 4.1             | 3.9              | -0.1                        | 0.1                          |
| Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted                 | 3.9              | 3.8             | 4.2              | 0.1                         | -0.3                         |
| Employed   | 2,038,656        | 2,042,793       | 2,043,690        | -4,137                      | -5,034                       |
| <b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>                    |                  |                 |                  |                             |                              |
| Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted    | 62.1             | 62.2            | 63.3             | -0.1                        | -1.2                         |
| Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted | 8.5              | 8.2             | 8.5              | 0.3                         | 0.0                          |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                      |                  |                 |                  |                             |                              |
| Total nonfarm payroll employment                       | 1,934,000        | 1,934,700       | 1,903,300        | -700                        | 30,700                       |
| Total private  | 1,630,400        | 1,633,600       | 1,587,400        | -3,200                      | 43,000                       |
| Mining and logging                                     | 7,300            | 7,400           | 7,200            | -100                        | 100                          |
| Logging  | 5,300            | 5,400           | 5,300            | -100                        | 0                            |
| Construction   | 107,500          | 110,700         | 101,000          | -3,200                      | 6,500                        |
| Construction of buildings                              | 30,200           | 31,100          | 27,900           | -900                        | 2,300                        |
| Residential building construction                      | 18,600           | 19,100          | 17,100           | -500                        | 1,500                        |
| Nonresidential building construction                   | 11,600           | 12,000          | 10,800           | -400                        | 800                          |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction               | 10,100           | 10,700          | 9,900            | -600                        | 200                          |
| Specialty trade contractors                            | 67,200           | 68,900          | 63,200           | -1,700                      | 4,000                        |
| Building foundation and exterior contractors           | 13,100           | 13,600          | 12,600           | -500                        | 500                          |
| Building equipment contractors                         | 30,900           | 30,800          | 27,800           | 100                         | 3,100                        |
| Building finishing contractors                         | 14,300           | 15,100          | 14,200           | -800                        | 100                          |
| Other specialty trade contractors                      | 8,900            | 9,400           | 8,600            | -500                        | 300                          |
| Manufacturing  | 193,900          | 196,200         | 191,400          | -2,300                      | 2,500                        |
| Durable goods  | 135,400          | 135,200         | 132,600          | 200                         | 2,800                        |
| Wood product manufacturing                             | 23,300           | 23,300          | 23,100           | 0                           | 200                          |
| Sawmills and wood preservation                         | 6,400            | 6,500           | 6,400            | -100                        | 0                            |
| Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.               | 9,200            | 9,100           | 8,900            | 100                         | 300                          |
| Other wood product manufacturing                       | 7,700            | 7,700           | 7,800            | 0                           | -100                         |
| Primary metal manufacturing                            | 8,500            | 8,600           | 8,300            | -100                        | 200                          |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing                 | 16,400           | 16,400          | 16,100           | 0                           | 300                          |
| Machinery manufacturing                                | 14,400           | 14,400          | 13,600           | 0                           | 800                          |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing          | 38,200           | 38,300          | 37,400           | -100                        | 800                          |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.            | 29,900           | 29,900          | 29,300           | 0                           | 600                          |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing                    | 5,500            | 5,600           | 5,300            | -100                        | 200                          |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing                 | 12,200           | 12,200          | 11,700           | 0                           | 500                          |
| Nondurable goods                                       | 58,500           | 61,000          | 58,800           | -2,500                      | -300                         |
| Food manufacturing                                     | 27,200           | 29,500          | 29,700           | -2,300                      | -2,500                       |
| Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty           | 10,300           | 11,700          | 11,300           | -1,400                      | -1,000                       |
| Paper manufacturing                                    | 4,000            | 4,000           | 4,000            | 0                           | 0                            |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                   | 360,100          | 356,300         | 359,100          | 3,800                       | 1,000                        |
| Wholesale trade  | 76,900           | 77,300          | 75,700           | -400                        | 1,200                        |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods                    | 36,700           | 37,300          | 35,400           | -600                        | 1,300                        |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods                 | 32,600           | 32,500          | 30,400           | 100                         | 2,200                        |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers              | 7,600            | 7,500           | 9,900            | 100                         | -2,300                       |
| Retail trade   | 217,300          | 213,300         | 218,000          | 4,000                       | -700                         |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers                        | 26,700           | 27,000          | 26,900           | -300                        | -200                         |
| Building material and garden supply stores             | 16,200           | 16,500          | 16,100           | -300                        | 100                          |
| Food and beverage stores                               | 44,100           | 44,200          | 43,800           | -100                        | 300                          |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores               | 17,500           | 16,300          | 18,400           | 1,200                       | -900                         |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores           | 10,000           | 9,600           | 10,800           | 400                         | -800                         |
| General merchandise stores                             | 44,900           | 41,900          | 44,000           | 3,000                       | 900                          |
| Miscellaneous store retailers                          | 17,000           | 17,100          | 15,800           | -100                        | 1,200                        |
| Nonstore retailers                                     | 8,500            | 8,200           | 8,800            | 300                         | -300                         |

|  | November<br>2018 | October<br>2018 | November<br>2017 | Change From<br>October 2018 | Change From<br>November 2017 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities   | 65,900           | 65,700          | 65,400           | 200                         | 500                          |
| Utilities                                    | 4,900            | 4,900           | 4,700            | 0                           | 200                          |
| Transportation and warehousing               | 61,000           | 60,800          | 60,700           | 200                         | 300                          |
| Truck transportation                         | 19,200           | 19,400          | 18,600           | -200                        | 600                          |
| Couriers and messengers                      | 10,600           | 10,000          | 10,000           | 600                         | 600                          |
| Warehousing and storage                      | 9,500            | 9,300           | 9,500            | 200                         | 0                            |
| Information                                  | 34,700           | 34,100          | 34,200           | 600                         | 500                          |
| Publishing industries, except internet       | 14,700           | 14,600          | 14,900           | 100                         | -200                         |
| Newspaper, book, and directory publishers    | 3,200            | 3,200           | 3,600            | 0                           | -400                         |
| Software publishers                          | 11,500           | 11,400          | 11,300           | 100                         | 200                          |
| Telecommunications                           | 5,200            | 5,200           | 5,600            | 0                           | -400                         |
| Financial activities                         | 101,400          | 101,500         | 100,800          | -100                        | 600                          |
| Finance and insurance                        | 55,700           | 55,900          | 57,900           | -200                        | -2,200                       |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 26,200           | 26,400          | 27,200           | -200                        | -1,000                       |
| Insurance carriers and related activities    | 23,600           | 23,800          | 24,700           | -200                        | -1,100                       |
| Real estate and rental and leasing           | 45,700           | 45,600          | 42,900           | 100                         | 2,800                        |
| Real estate                                  | 40,100           | 39,700          | 37,700           | 400                         | 2,400                        |
| Professional and business services           | 253,800          | 251,700         | 246,100          | 2,100                       | 7,700                        |
| Professional and technical services          | 96,800           | 95,800          | 95,800           | 1,000                       | 1,000                        |
| Legal services                               | 11,900           | 11,600          | 12,100           | 300                         | -200                         |
| Architectural and engineering services       | 17,400           | 17,400          | 16,200           | 0                           | 1,200                        |
| Computer systems design and related services | 16,400           | 16,200          | 16,300           | 200                         | 100                          |
| Management of companies and enterprises      | 49,500           | 49,600          | 47,300           | -100                        | 2,200                        |
| Administrative and waste services            | 107,500          | 106,300         | 103,000          | 1,200                       | 4,500                        |
| Administrative and support services          | 101,300          | 100,200         | 97,500           | 1,100                       | 3,800                        |
| Employment services                          | 44,100           | 44,000          | 42,200           | 100                         | 1,900                        |
| Business support services                    | 13,000           | 13,000          | 13,600           | 0                           | -600                         |
| Services to buildings and dwellings          | 24,100           | 24,200          | 23,600           | -100                        | 500                          |
| Education and health services                | 299,500          | 298,400         | 279,000          | 1,100                       | 20,500                       |
| Educational services                         | 38,400           | 37,300          | 39,200           | 1,100                       | -800                         |
| Health care and social assistance            | 261,100          | 261,100         | 239,800          | 0                           | 21,300                       |
| Ambulatory health care services              | 94,300           | 93,500          | 91,300           | 800                         | 3,000                        |
| Hospitals                                    | 60,200           | 60,000          | 58,800           | 200                         | 1,400                        |
| Nursing and residential care facilities      | 52,100           | 52,400          | 50,900           | -300                        | 1,200                        |
| Social assistance                            | 54,500           | 55,200          | 38,800           | -700                        | 15,700                       |
| Leisure and hospitality                      | 205,000          | 209,500         | 204,700          | -4,500                      | 300                          |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation          | 25,200           | 25,900          | 25,500           | -700                        | -300                         |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation          | 18,100           | 18,200          | 18,400           | -100                        | -300                         |
| Accommodation and food services              | 179,800          | 183,600         | 179,200          | -3,800                      | 600                          |
| Accommodation                                | 22,400           | 24,300          | 24,000           | -1,900                      | -1,600                       |
| Food services and drinking places            | 157,400          | 159,300         | 155,200          | -1,900                      | 2,200                        |
| Full-service restaurants                     | 71,600           | 72,500          | 70,700           | -900                        | 900                          |
| Limited-service eating places                | 69,400           | 69,400          | 68,400           | 0                           | 1,000                        |
| Other services                               | 67,200           | 67,800          | 63,900           | -600                        | 3,300                        |
| Repair and maintenance                       | 19,200           | 19,400          | 18,400           | -200                        | 800                          |
| Personal and laundry services                | 16,000           | 16,100          | 15,200           | -100                        | 800                          |
| Membership associations and organizations    | 32,000           | 32,300          | 30,300           | -300                        | 1,700                        |
| Religious organizations                      | 17,800           | 17,700          | 16,800           | 100                         | 1,000                        |
| Government                                   | 303,600          | 301,100         | 315,900          | 2,500                       | -12,300                      |
| Federal government                           | 27,500           | 28,400          | 27,600           | -900                        | -100                         |
| State government                             | 39,700           | 39,700          | 55,900           | 0                           | -16,200                      |
| State education                              | 800              | 800             | 800              | 0                           | 0                            |
| Local government                             | 236,400          | 233,000         | 232,400          | 3,400                       | 4,000                        |
| Indian tribal                                | 7,900            | 8,100           | 8,200            | -200                        | -300                         |
| Local education                              | 140,800          | 137,900         | 139,700          | 2,900                       | 1,100                        |
| 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.