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Oregon Adds 3,300 Jobs in April

Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment rose 3,300 in April, following a gain of 6,500 jobs in March. Monthly gains were strongest in **health care and social assistance** and in **leisure and hospitality**, which each added 1,000 jobs. Several other major industries added at least 500 jobs: **manufacturing** (+700 jobs), **government** (+600), and **construction** (+500). Only one major industry shed a substantial number of jobs: **professional and business services** dropped 1,000 jobs.

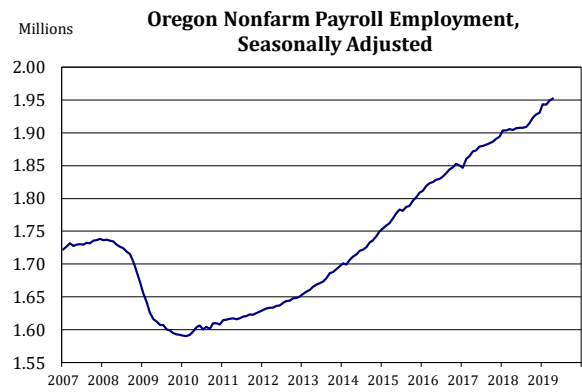
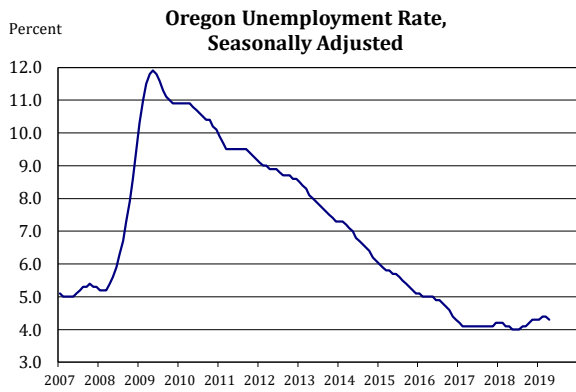
Looking at longer-term trends, Oregon's economic growth appears to have accelerated. Since April 2018, total payroll employment is up 48,200 jobs, or 2.5 percent. Job gains were relatively weak, averaging 2,300 per month, during mid-2017 through mid-2018. More recently, job growth has averaged 5,400 jobs per month since September 2018. The most rapid gains over the past year were in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+4,900 jobs, or 7.6%) and **construction** (+7,000 jobs, or 6.7%). Job gains were widespread, with six other major industries adding between 2.3 percent and 3.5 percent to their jobs base in the past 12 months.

Job totals for recent months were revised upward substantially, indicating more rapid hiring in Oregon in late 2018 and early this year. Total nonfarm employment was revised upward by approximately 10,000 jobs for each month of December 2018 through March 2019. Upward revisions were most pronounced in **professional and business services** (revised upward by 2,600 jobs); **construction** (+1,800); **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,800); **retail trade** (+1,600); and **finance and insurance** (+1,500).

Oregon's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.3 percent in April. It was 4.4 percent in March. Oregon's unemployment rate has held within a tight range between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent for the past two and a half years, since November 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate declined to 3.6 percent in April from 3.8 percent in March.

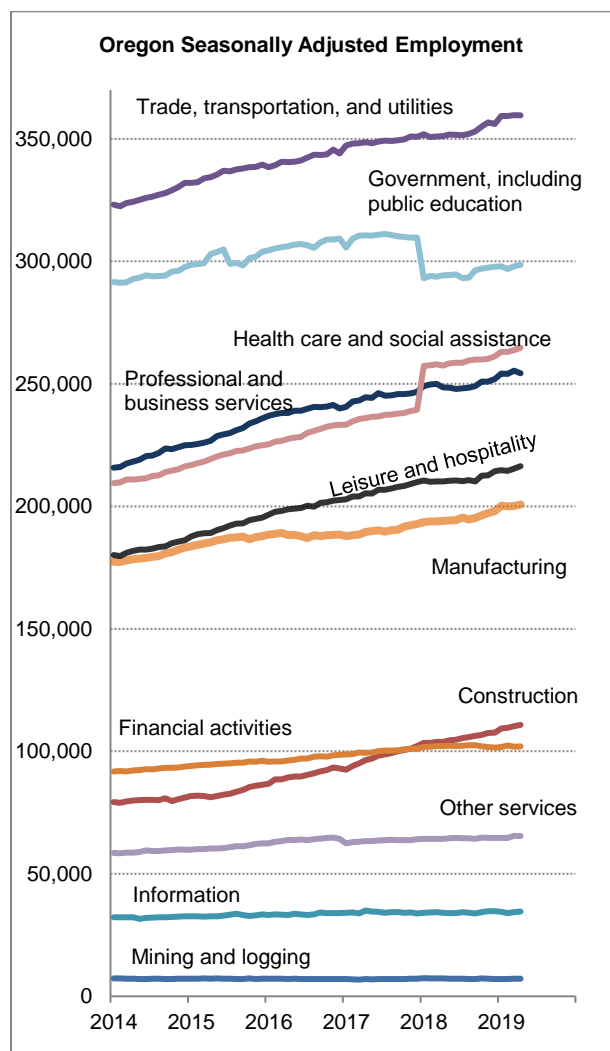
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21st, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes March to April 2019

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	9,600	12,900	3,300
Total private	10,100	12,800	2,700
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Construction	2,000	2,500	500
Manufacturing	1,000	1,700	700
Wholesale trade	-200	100	300
Retail trade	1,400	1,000	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	0	0	0
Information	200	400	200
Financial activities	300	400	100
Professional and business services	1,600	600	-1,000
Private educational services	-500	-100	400
Health care and social assistance	-500	500	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	4,400	5,400	1,000
Other services	300	200	-100
Government	-500	100	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 October, November and December 2018 tax records data. In addition, data for July through September 2018 were revised by a total of up to 800 jobs per month. 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

	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Change From March 2019	Change From April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,106,225	2,113,625	2,089,666	-7,400	16,559
Unemployed	83,058	97,225	83,001	-14,167	57
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.6	4.0	-0.7	-0.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.3	4.4	4.1	-0.1	0.2
Employed	2,023,167	2,016,400	2,006,665	6,767	16,502
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.2	62.3	62.4	-0.1	-0.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.6	8.7	8.2	-0.1	0.4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,950,500	1,937,600	1,903,800	12,900	46,700
Total private	1,646,200	1,633,400	1,602,900	12,800	43,300
Mining and logging	7,200	7,100	7,100	100	100
Logging	5,300	5,200	5,200	100	100
Construction	109,200	106,700	102,300	2,500	6,900
Construction of buildings	30,800	30,700	28,300	100	2,500
Residential building construction	19,000	19,100	17,500	-100	1,500
Nonresidential building construction	11,800	11,600	10,800	200	1,000
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,100	9,700	9,600	400	500
Specialty trade contractors	68,300	66,300	64,400	2,000	3,900
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,700	12,200	12,800	500	-100
Building equipment contractors	31,100	30,800	28,200	300	2,900
Building finishing contractors	15,700	14,800	14,800	900	900
Other specialty trade contractors	8,800	8,500	8,600	300	200
Manufacturing	200,200	198,500	192,300	1,700	7,900
Durable goods	139,100	138,900	134,400	200	4,700
Wood product manufacturing	23,600	23,500	23,400	100	200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,500	6,500	-100	-100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	9,100	9,000	8,900	100	200
Other wood product manufacturing	8,100	8,000	8,000	100	100
Primary metal manufacturing	9,000	9,000	8,400	0	600
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,700	16,600	16,400	100	300
Machinery manufacturing	14,500	14,500	14,100	0	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	39,400	39,600	37,500	-200	1,900
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,100	31,300	29,400	-200	1,700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,600	5,500	5,400	100	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	12,600	12,500	12,100	100	500
Nondurable goods	61,100	59,600	57,900	1,500	3,200
Food manufacturing	30,600	29,600	28,800	1,000	1,800
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,700	10,500	10,700	200	0
Paper manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	354,500	353,400	346,700	1,100	7,800
Wholesale trade	76,000	75,900	75,000	100	1,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,200	37,100	36,800	100	400
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,900	30,900	30,400	0	500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,900	7,900	7,800	0	100
Retail trade	209,400	208,400	208,000	1,000	1,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	27,000	27,200	27,100	-200	-100
Building material and garden supply stores	17,100	16,500	17,400	600	-300
Food and beverage stores	42,900	42,600	42,500	300	400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,100	16,100	16,000	0	100
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,100	9,100	9,700	0	-600
General merchandise stores	39,700	39,600	39,800	100	-100
Miscellaneous store retailers	16,000	16,000	15,500	0	500
Nonstore retailers	6,900	6,900	6,800	0	100

	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	Change From March 2019	Change From April 2018
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	69,100	69,100	63,700	0	5,400
Utilities	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	64,300	64,300	58,900	0	5,400
Truck transportation	18,900	18,700	18,700	200	200
Couriers and messengers	8,400	8,800	8,900	-400	-500
Warehousing and storage	12,900	12,800	9,000	100	3,900
Information	34,100	33,700	34,200	400	-100
Publishing industries, except internet	14,700	14,800	14,700	-100	0
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,100	3,100	3,300	0	-200
Software publishers	11,600	11,700	11,400	-100	200
Telecommunications	5,100	5,200	5,400	-100	-300
Financial activities	102,300	101,900	101,500	400	800
Finance and insurance	57,900	58,400	57,600	-500	300
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,100	27,300	27,300	-200	-200
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,800	25,100	24,300	-300	500
Real estate and rental and leasing	44,400	43,500	43,900	900	500
Real estate	39,800	39,100	38,500	700	1,300
Professional and business services	253,700	253,100	248,300	600	5,400
Professional and technical services	99,100	99,700	98,300	-600	800
Legal services	11,800	11,900	11,900	-100	-100
Architectural and engineering services	17,300	17,000	16,400	300	900
Computer systems design and related services	16,100	16,200	16,200	-100	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	49,700	49,800	48,100	-100	1,600
Administrative and waste services	104,900	103,600	101,900	1,300	3,000
Administrative and support services	99,400	97,600	96,300	1,800	3,100
Employment services	43,600	42,600	41,200	1,000	2,400
Business support services	12,800	12,900	13,100	-100	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,900	24,200	23,800	1,700	2,100
Education and health services	305,600	305,200	297,400	400	8,200
Educational services	39,900	40,000	39,400	-100	500
Health care and social assistance	265,700	265,200	258,000	500	7,700
Ambulatory health care services	96,300	96,000	91,500	300	4,800
Hospitals	59,500	59,700	59,200	-200	300
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,200	51,200	51,200	0	0
Social assistance	58,700	58,300	56,100	400	2,600
Leisure and hospitality	214,600	209,200	208,800	5,400	5,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	28,700	27,600	27,400	1,100	1,300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	21,100	20,500	19,800	600	1,300
Accommodation and food services	185,900	181,600	181,400	4,300	4,500
Accommodation	26,300	25,000	24,700	1,300	1,600
Food services and drinking places	159,600	156,600	156,700	3,000	2,900
Full-service restaurants	73,100	71,300	71,300	1,800	1,800
Limited-service eating places	70,900	69,600	69,300	1,300	1,600
Other services	64,800	64,600	64,300	200	500
Repair and maintenance	18,700	18,600	18,600	100	100
Personal and laundry services	15,900	15,300	15,400	600	500
Membership associations and organizations	30,200	30,700	30,300	-500	-100
Religious organizations	16,600	16,800	16,900	-200	-300
Government	304,300	304,200	300,900	100	3,400
Federal government	27,800	27,200	27,400	600	400
State government	40,400	40,200	39,100	200	1,300
State education	900	800	800	100	100
Local government	236,100	236,800	234,400	-700	1,700
Indian tribal	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Local education	141,300	142,400	140,600	-1,100	700
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.