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Oregon's Payroll Employment Reaches All-Time High in November

After seven years, Oregon's payroll employment rose above its pre-recession peak in November. Seasonally adjusted payroll employment jumped to a record level of 1,740,800, which was 3,000 above the prior peak reached in December 2007.

November marked the largest one-month gain for Oregon since comparable records began in 1990. Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 11,200. This followed a revised gain of 7,400 in October, with growth not as strong as the originally estimated gain of 9,900. These monthly job totals are produced each month by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

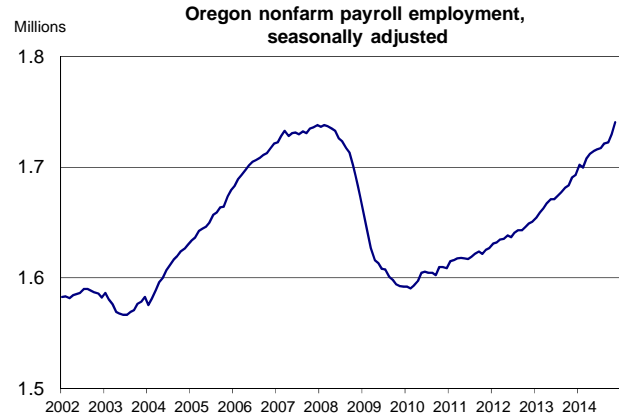
Gains across the major industries in November were broad-based. Six of the major industries each added more than 1,000 jobs. It is rare for so many industries to gain that many jobs in one month. Retail trade (+2,200 jobs), professional and business services (+1,900), leisure and hospitality (+1,700), construction (+1,400), wholesale trade (+1,100), and government (+1,100) were the industries adding the most jobs.

Oregon's unemployment rate stood at 7.0 percent in November, the same as the prior two months. The state's rate has been close to 7.0 percent throughout the past 12 months. Oregon's unemployment rate has changed little in part because the state's employment gains have been matched by rapid labor force growth.

The labor force grew rapidly again in November, expanding for the seventh consecutive month. Since November 2013, the number of Oregonians employed has expanded by nearly 41,000, while the labor force has also grown by nearly 41,000. Meanwhile the number of unemployed remained unchanged at nearly 132,000.

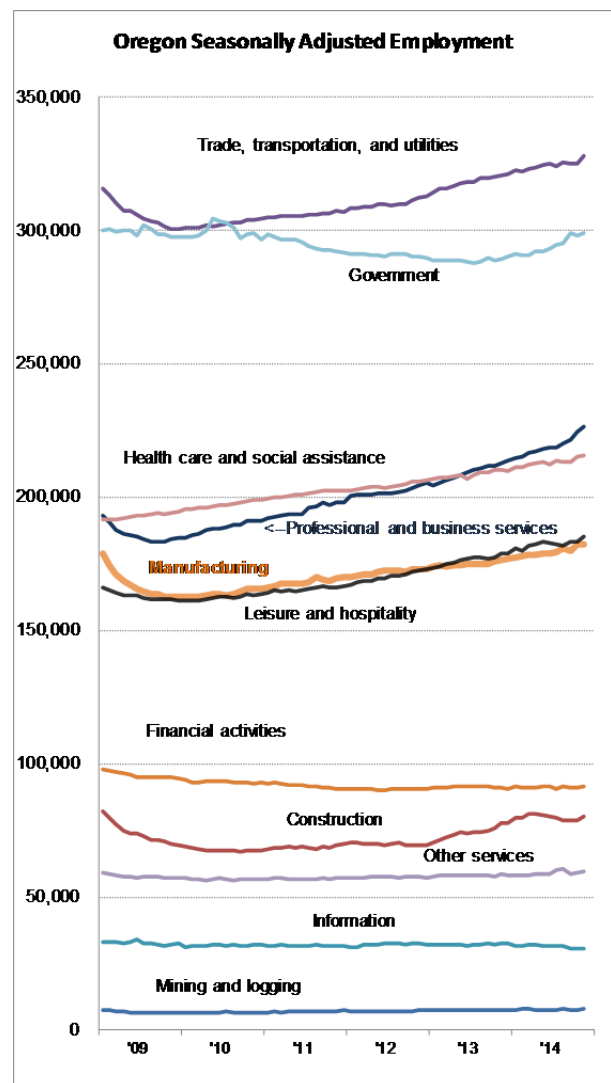
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Monday, December 22nd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, January 21st.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes October to November 2014

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-4,000	7,200	11,200
Total private	-6,400	3,700	10,100
Mining and logging	-500	-300	200
Construction	-2,800	-1,400	1,400
Manufacturing	-400	-300	100
Wholesale trade	-800	300	1,100
Retail trade	4,600	6,800	2,200
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	400	400	0
Information	0	100	100
Financial activities	-600	-300	300
Professional and business services	-2,900	-1,000	1,900
Private educational services	800	700	-100
Health care and social assistance	-100	500	600
Leisure and hospitality	-3,600	-1,900	1,700
Other services	-500	100	600
Government	2,400	3,500	1,100



The Oregon Employment Department is responsible for releasing Oregon's monthly payroll employment and labor force data. The data are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The BLS estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other inputs.

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 2014 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS and are revised annually.

For the complete pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, visit www.QualityInfo.org/press-release, then within the *Press Release Documents* list, select *Oregon Monthly Employment Situation*. 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*. If you want the press release as a Word document, please phone the contact person shown at the top of this press release.

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Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities

Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	Change From October 2014	Change From November 2013
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,968,577	1,966,217	1,927,714	2,360	40,863
Unemployed	131,827	126,076	131,878	5,751	-51
Unemployment rate	6.7	6.4	6.8	0.3	-0.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	7.0	7.0	7.3	0.0	-0.3
Employed	1,836,750	1,840,141	1,795,836	-3,391	40,914
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.9	61.8	61.1	0.1	0.8
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	14.0	14.1	16.0	-0.1	-2.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,752,300	1,745,100	1,708,500	7,200	43,800
Total private	1,446,900	1,443,200	1,410,800	3,700	36,100
Mining and logging	7,800	8,100	7,800	-300	0
Logging	6,500	6,600	6,300	-100	200
Construction	80,100	81,500	78,200	-1,400	1,900
Construction of buildings	21,000	20,900	19,700	100	1,300
Residential building construction	12,100	12,000	11,100	100	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	8,900	8,900	8,600	0	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,000	9,500	8,900	-500	100
Specialty trade contractors	50,100	51,100	49,600	-1,000	500
Building foundation and exterior contractors	9,600	9,800	9,600	-200	0
Building equipment contractors	22,800	22,800	23,100	0	-300
Building finishing contractors	10,900	11,300	10,600	-400	300
Other specialty trade contractors	6,800	7,200	6,300	-400	500
Manufacturing	181,700	182,000	175,900	-300	5,800
Durable goods	127,600	127,300	124,000	300	3,600
Wood product manufacturing	22,100	22,200	21,600	-100	500
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,300	8,200	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	7,400	7,500	7,100	-100	300
Primary metal manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,200	0	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,600	15,400	15,300	200	300
Machinery manufacturing	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,700	36,600	36,600	100	100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,300	28,200	27,800	100	500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,500	11,400	10,900	100	600
Nondurable goods	54,100	54,700	51,900	-600	2,200
Food manufacturing	27,300	27,700	26,100	-400	1,200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,800	11,000	9,500	-1,200	300
Paper manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	335,400	327,900	328,900	7,500	6,500
Wholesale trade	72,800	72,500	72,400	300	400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33,400	33,000	32,600	400	800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	27,000	27,000	26,100	0	900
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	12,400	12,500	13,700	-100	-1,300
Retail trade	204,400	197,600	200,400	6,800	4,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24,400	24,200	23,000	200	1,400
Building material and garden supply stores	14,800	15,000	14,100	-200	700
Food and beverage stores	40,700	40,900	40,500	-200	200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	17,900	16,000	17,700	1,900	200
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	10,500	9,900	10,800	600	-300
General merchandise stores	44,200	41,700	43,300	2,500	900
Miscellaneous store retailers	10,800	10,700	10,600	100	200
Nonstore retailers	8,400	7,800	8,100	600	300

	November 2014	October 2014	November 2013	Change From October 2014	Change From November 2013
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	58,200	57,800	56,100	400	2,100
Utilities	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	53,700	53,300	51,600	400	2,100
Truck transportation	18,500	18,700	18,100	-200	400
Couriers and messengers	7,600	6,900	7,000	700	600
Warehousing and storage	7,200	7,200	6,900	0	300
Information	30,800	30,700	32,400	100	-1,600
Publishing industries, except internet	13,800	13,900	13,900	-100	-100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	4,000	4,000	4,400	0	-400
Software publishers	9,800	9,900	9,500	-100	300
Telecommunications	6,200	6,200	6,700	0	-500
Financial activities	91,200	91,500	91,300	-300	-100
Finance and insurance	55,600	55,800	56,500	-200	-900
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,200	26,300	27,500	-100	-1,300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,100	24,100	23,600	0	500
Real estate and rental and leasing	35,600	35,700	34,800	-100	800
Real estate	31,400	31,100	30,000	300	1,400
Professional and business services	224,700	225,700	213,700	-1,000	11,000
Professional and technical services	85,100	84,800	81,800	300	3,300
Legal services	12,000	11,900	12,000	100	0
Architectural and engineering services	13,200	13,200	13,100	0	100
Computer systems design and related services	14,400	14,700	13,900	-300	500
Management of companies and enterprises	41,400	41,000	38,900	400	2,500
Administrative and waste services	98,200	99,900	93,000	-1,700	5,200
Administrative and support services	92,800	94,300	88,000	-1,500	4,800
Employment services	38,900	40,500	36,600	-1,600	2,300
Business support services	16,000	15,500	16,000	500	0
Services to buildings and dwellings	22,500	21,800	20,100	700	2,400
Educational and health services	254,800	253,600	248,800	1,200	6,000
Educational services	37,300	36,600	37,700	700	-400
Health care and social assistance	217,500	217,000	211,100	500	6,400
Ambulatory health care services	79,200	79,200	77,200	0	2,000
Hospitals	55,100	55,200	54,200	-100	900
Nursing and residential care facilities	47,600	47,100	45,700	500	1,900
Social assistance	35,600	35,500	34,000	100	1,600
Leisure and hospitality	180,200	182,100	175,600	-1,900	4,600
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	21,700	21,800	21,600	-100	100
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	14,900	14,900	15,800	0	-900
Accommodation and food services	158,500	160,300	154,000	-1,800	4,500
Accommodation	20,900	22,600	21,100	-1,700	-200
Food services and drinking places	137,600	137,700	132,900	-100	4,700
Full-service restaurants	65,300	65,000	62,500	300	2,800
Limited-service eating places	59,700	59,600	56,700	100	3,000
Other services	60,200	60,100	58,200	100	2,000
Repair and maintenance	17,300	16,900	15,900	400	1,400
Personal and laundry services	13,500	13,600	13,400	-100	100
Membership associations and organizations	29,400	29,600	28,900	-200	500
Religious organizations	17,600	17,700	16,700	-100	900
Government	305,400	301,900	297,700	3,500	7,700
Federal government	27,400	27,700	27,100	-300	300
State government	87,800	87,000	84,300	800	3,500
State education	34,800	33,800	34,600	1,000	200
Local government	190,200	187,200	186,300	3,000	3,900
Indian tribal	8,100	8,200	8,400	-100	-300
Local education	101,400	99,000	99,900	2,400	1,500
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.