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## COVID-19 Leads to Oregon's Record Job Losses in April

Public health measures implemented in March to combat the rapid spread of COVID-19 are having an unprecedented economic impact on Oregon and the United States. April provides the first full month of data measuring the initial impact on businesses and the unemployed.

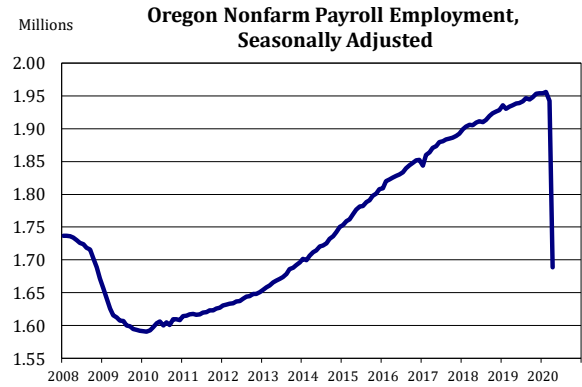
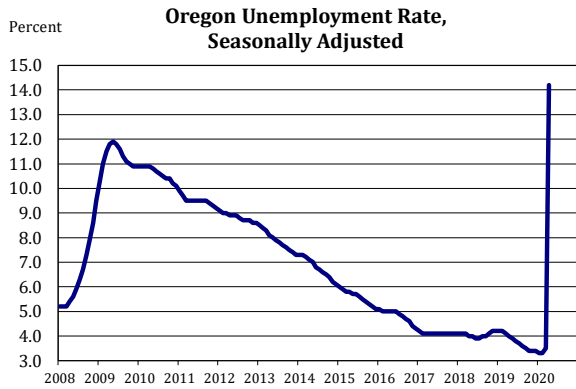
"Today's release shows that 266,600 jobs were lost in the first two months of this pandemic and the unemployment rate has reached 14.2 percent. While these numbers make for shocking historical records, they cannot totally capture the economic trauma so many Oregonians are experiencing at this time," said Anna Johnson, Senior Economic Analyst with the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon's unemployment rate rose from a near-record-low 3.5 percent, as revised, in March to a record-high 14.2 percent in April, as COVID-19 business closures shut down a large portion of the economy. This is the highest rate and the largest over-the-month increase in the history of the series (comparable data are available back to 1976). The number of unemployed Oregonians rose by 227,530, to reach 300,420 in April. These sharp increases reflect the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and efforts to contain it. The U.S. unemployment rate rose from 4.4 percent in March to 14.7 percent in April.

Oregon's payroll employers shed 253,400 jobs in April, following a loss of 13,200, as revised, in March. In April, one out of every eight jobs in Oregon was idled or lost. **Leisure and hospitality** took the brunt of the impact of pandemic-induced closures. The industry lost more than half of its jobs (-54.6%) in one month. Job losses were widespread throughout the economy though. No sector in Oregon gained jobs in April. Other industries that were hardest hit in April were **health care and social assistance** (-26,800 jobs), **retail trade** (-22,500), **professional and business services** (-19,200), **government** (-13,100), **other services** (-12,900), **construction** (-12,000), and **manufacturing** (-11,600).

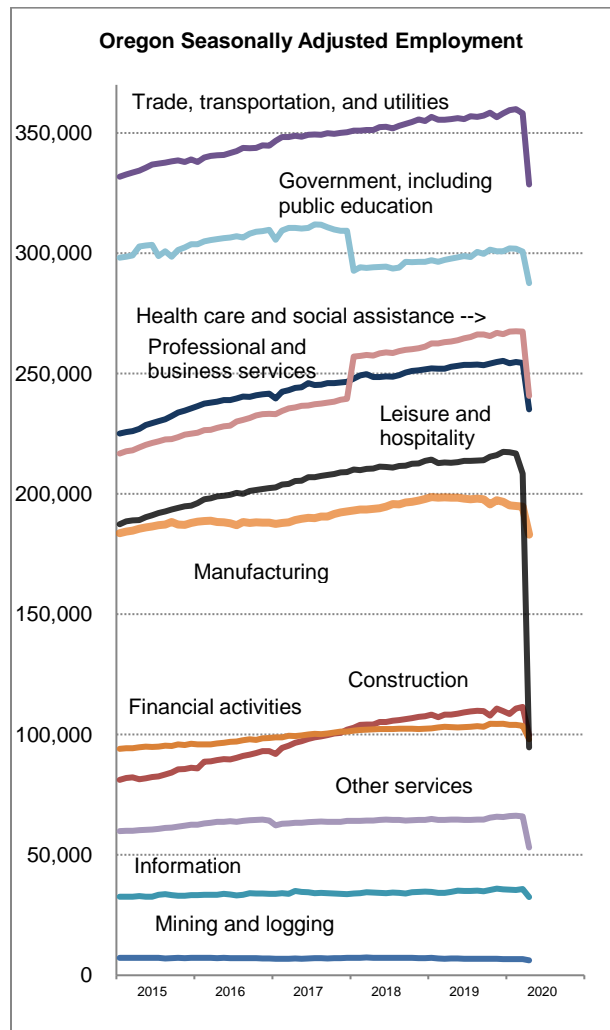
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 16th.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes March to April 2020**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	10,900	-242,500	-253,400
Total private	11,800	-228,500	-240,300
Mining and logging	0	-500	-500
Construction	2,100	-9,900	-12,000
Manufacturing	800	-10,800	-11,600
Wholesale trade	200	-3,100	-3,300
Retail trade	1,200	-21,300	-22,500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-100	-3,900	-3,800
Information	200	-3,200	-3,400
Financial activities	100	-5,500	-5,600
Professional and business services	1,900	-17,300	-19,200
Private educational services	-400	-5,400	-5,000
Health care and social assistance	-200	-27,000	-26,800
Leisure and hospitality	5,300	-108,400	-113,700
Other services	700	-12,200	-12,900
Government	-900	-14,000	-13,100



**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.

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**Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	Change From March 2020	Change From April 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,101,681	2,104,141	2,092,686	-2,460	8,995
Unemployed	311,793	81,967	80,230	229,826	231,563
Unemployment rate	14.8	3.9	3.8	10.9	11.0
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	14.2	3.5	4.0	10.7	10.2
Employed	1,789,888	2,022,174	2,012,456	-232,286	-222,568
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.5	61.5	61.9	0.0	-0.4
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	22.3	7.8	8.4	14.5	13.9
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,688,900	1,931,400	1,935,600	-242,500	-246,700
Total private	1,395,200	1,623,700	1,631,000	-228,500	-235,800
Mining and logging	6,000	6,500	6,800	-500	-800
Logging	3,900	4,700	4,900	-800	-1,000
Construction	97,300	107,200	106,600	-9,900	-9,300
Construction of buildings	27,900	30,600	29,900	-2,700	-2,000
Residential building construction	16,500	18,400	18,300	-1,900	-1,800
Nonresidential building construction	11,400	12,200	11,600	-800	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,200	10,400	10,100	-200	100
Specialty trade contractors	59,200	66,200	66,600	-7,000	-7,400
Building foundation and exterior contractors	11,300	12,600	12,400	-1,300	-1,100
Building equipment contractors	26,400	30,800	30,500	-4,400	-4,100
Building finishing contractors	13,000	14,100	15,000	-1,100	-2,000
Other specialty trade contractors	8,500	8,700	8,700	-200	-200
Manufacturing	181,700	192,500	197,100	-10,800	-15,400
Durable goods	132,000	135,100	137,500	-3,100	-5,500
Wood product manufacturing	22,300	22,700	23,500	-400	-1,200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,000	6,000	6,400	0	-400
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,700	9,100	-400	-800
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	9,100	9,400	9,100	-300	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,800	16,600	16,900	-800	-1,100
Machinery manufacturing	13,400	13,900	14,400	-500	-1,000
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,300	38,300	38,500	0	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,200	30,200	30,300	0	-100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,000	12,500	12,800	-1,500	-1,800
Nondurable goods	49,700	57,400	59,600	-7,700	-9,900
Food manufacturing	22,800	27,300	29,000	-4,500	-6,200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,500	9,600	10,700	-100	-1,200
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	324,500	352,800	351,000	-28,300	-26,500
Wholesale trade	73,600	76,700	76,500	-3,100	-2,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	36,200	37,700	37,600	-1,500	-1,400
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,800	31,400	31,300	-1,600	-1,500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Retail trade	184,200	205,500	207,000	-21,300	-22,800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	22,500	26,500	26,600	-4,000	-4,100
Building material and garden supply stores	16,800	16,600	17,200	200	-400
Food and beverage stores	43,100	43,600	42,800	-500	300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,100	15,500	15,700	-8,400	-8,600
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	5,900	9,000	9,300	-3,100	-3,400
General merchandise stores	39,200	39,800	39,700	-600	-500
Miscellaneous store retailers	11,700	16,600	16,300	-4,900	-4,600
Nonstore retailers	6,500	6,700	7,100	-200	-600

	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	Change From March 2020	Change From April 2019
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	66,700	70,600	67,500	-3,900	-800
Utilities	5,000	4,900	4,800	100	200
Transportation and warehousing	61,700	65,700	62,700	-4,000	-1,000
Truck transportation	17,600	18,000	18,800	-400	-1,200
Couriers and messengers	9,500	10,100	9,500	-600	0
Warehousing and storage	13,500	14,200	11,700	-700	1,800
Information	32,300	35,500	34,600	-3,200	-2,300
Publishing industries, except internet	15,400	15,400	15,100	0	300
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,700	2,800	3,100	-100	-400
Software publishers	12,700	12,600	12,000	100	700
Telecommunications	5,000	5,100	5,100	-100	-100
Financial activities	97,600	103,100	102,500	-5,500	-4,900
Finance and insurance	57,300	57,400	56,700	-100	600
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,100	26,000	26,400	100	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,400	25,400	24,200	0	1,200
Real estate and rental and leasing	40,300	45,700	45,800	-5,400	-5,500
Real estate	36,100	40,000	40,200	-3,900	-4,100
Professional and business services	234,800	252,100	252,900	-17,300	-18,100
Professional and technical services	97,300	102,800	100,800	-5,500	-3,500
Legal services	11,700	11,800	11,700	-100	0
Architectural and engineering services	16,800	17,500	17,200	-700	-400
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,900	17,000	-300	-400
Management of companies and enterprises	48,100	50,200	50,100	-2,100	-2,000
Administrative and waste services	89,400	99,100	102,000	-9,700	-12,600
Administrative and support services	83,200	93,100	96,200	-9,900	-13,000
Employment services	32,200	38,200	40,200	-6,000	-8,000
Business support services	11,400	12,700	13,100	-1,300	-1,700
Services to buildings and dwellings	22,700	23,300	24,300	-600	-1,600
Education and health services	273,100	305,500	303,400	-32,400	-30,300
Educational services	31,600	37,000	39,500	-5,400	-7,900
Health care and social assistance	241,500	268,500	263,900	-27,000	-22,400
Ambulatory health care services	78,600	93,500	93,900	-14,900	-15,300
Hospitals	60,000	61,100	59,400	-1,100	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	53,400	53,300	52,200	100	1,200
Social assistance	49,500	60,600	58,400	-11,100	-8,900
Leisure and hospitality	94,000	202,400	211,300	-108,400	-117,300
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,600	26,300	27,700	-12,700	-14,100
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	8,500	19,300	20,100	-10,800	-11,600
Accommodation and food services	80,400	176,100	183,600	-95,700	-103,200
Accommodation	9,500	22,900	25,200	-13,400	-15,700
Food services and drinking places	70,900	153,200	158,400	-82,300	-87,500
Full-service restaurants	20,800	67,300	71,600	-46,500	-50,800
Limited-service eating places	42,800	69,400	70,400	-26,600	-27,600
Other services	53,900	66,100	64,800	-12,200	-10,900
Repair and maintenance	15,900	18,100	18,800	-2,200	-2,900
Personal and laundry services	8,700	16,800	15,800	-8,100	-7,100
Membership associations and organizations	29,300	31,200	30,200	-1,900	-900
Religious organizations	15,700	16,700	16,700	-1,000	-1,000
Government	293,700	307,700	304,600	-14,000	-10,900
Federal government	28,000	27,600	27,700	400	300
State government	41,500	41,600	40,500	-100	1,000
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	224,200	238,500	236,400	-14,300	-12,200
Indian tribal	6,700	8,100	8,000	-1,400	-1,300
Local education	134,100	144,100	141,000	-10,000	-6,900
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.