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Oregon Adds 4,200 Jobs in November

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 6.0% in November from 6.8%, as revised, in October. This put Oregon's rate below the U.S. unemployment rate which dropped to 6.7% in November from 6.9% in October.

"On Nov. 18th, Oregon implemented a 'freeze' to combat the rise of COVID-19 in the state. This employment press release covers Oregon's employment situation just prior to the ongoing freeze, which has affected employers and tens of thousands of workers in recent weeks," said Gail Krumenauer, State Employment Economist with the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4,200 jobs in November, following a revised gain of 9,800 jobs in October. Oregon employers added jobs in each of the past seven months, and the state has recovered 46% of the jobs cut in March and April. Over the past five months the rate of job growth slowed. Monthly growth averaged 9,600 jobs in September and October, while more rapid gains averaging 17,000 per month occurred in July and August.

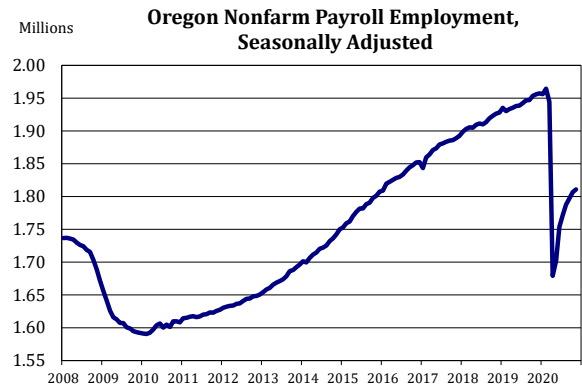
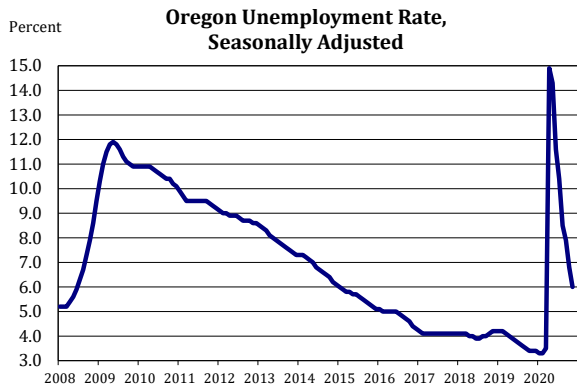
Over-the-month job gains in November were largest in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+3,100 jobs); **professional and business services** (+2,600); **manufacturing** (+1,700); and **health care and social assistance** (+1,500). Monthly losses were concentrated in **construction** (-2,300 jobs); **government** (-1,800); and **retail trade** (-1,100).

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities added the most jobs in November and was the only major industry to add jobs since November 2019. Online shopping is booming and the industry has hired thousands of workers to keep up with demand in warehouses and for delivery drivers. The industry is up 7,500 jobs, or 10.3%, since November 2019.

Leisure and hospitality added 300 jobs in November, following a revised gain of 3,300 in October. However, these gains recovered only a fraction of the 110,500 jobs cut in March and April. The industry—which includes restaurants, bars, motels, and arts, entertainment, and recreation employers—has been the hardest hit industry due to the pandemic. In November, it employed 161,300 in Oregon, nearly 25% fewer than in November 2019 when it employed 214,900.

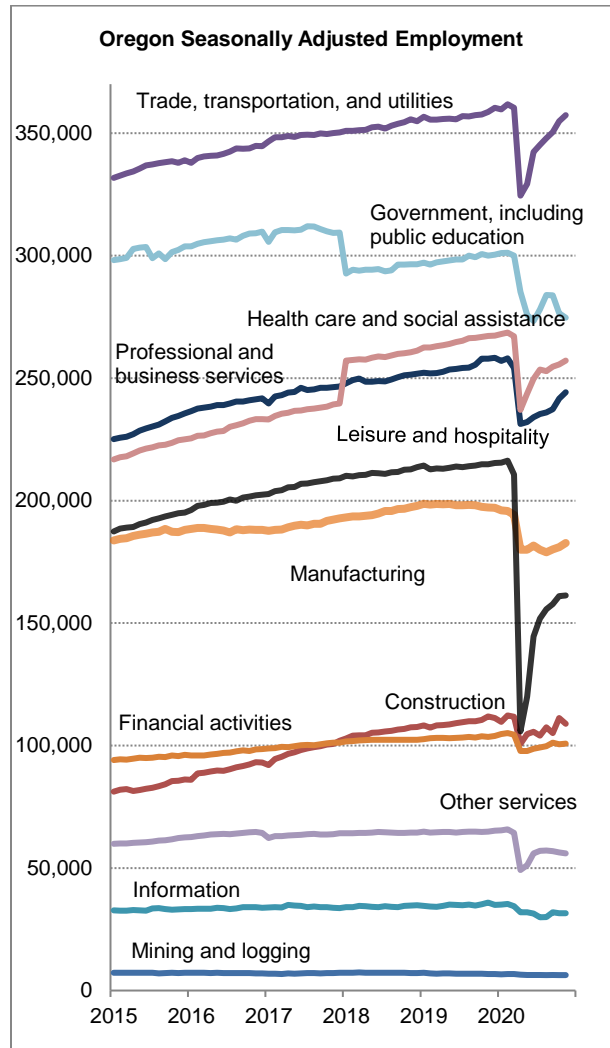
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 20th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes October to November 2020

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



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 2020 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	Change From October 2020	Change From November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,111,864	2,144,159	2,103,774	-32,295	8,090
Unemployed	115,365	135,573	61,282	-20,208	54,083
Unemployment rate	5.5	6.3	2.9	-0.8	2.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	6.0	6.8	3.4	-0.8	2.6
Employed	1,996,499	2,008,586	2,042,492	-12,087	-45,993
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.1	61.8	61.4	-0.7	-0.3
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	11.1	11.7	7.5	-0.6	3.6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,821,300	1,817,300	1,973,200	4,000	-151,900
Total private	1,540,400	1,536,200	1,665,500	4,200	-125,100
Mining and logging	6,400	6,500	6,800	-100	-400
Logging	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Construction	108,100	111,900	112,300	-3,800	-4,200
Construction of buildings	33,000	33,700	32,500	-700	500
Residential building construction	20,900	21,100	19,900	-200	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	12,100	12,600	12,600	-500	-500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,100	10,800	10,900	-1,700	-1,800
Specialty trade contractors	66,000	67,400	68,900	-1,400	-2,900
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,700	12,900	13,200	-200	-500
Building equipment contractors	29,200	29,500	30,700	-300	-1,500
Building finishing contractors	15,100	15,800	15,700	-700	-600
Other specialty trade contractors	9,000	9,200	9,300	-200	-300
Manufacturing	181,900	181,300	196,400	600	-14,500
Durable goods	126,200	125,000	135,900	1,200	-9,700
Wood product manufacturing	21,700	21,300	22,800	400	-1,100
Sawmills and wood preservation	5,900	5,800	6,100	100	-200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,000	8,000	8,900	0	-900
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,500	7,800	300	0
Primary metal manufacturing	7,200	7,200	9,400	0	-2,200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,700	15,300	16,500	400	-800
Machinery manufacturing	13,000	13,100	13,800	-100	-800
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,600	37,500	38,600	100	-1,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,900	30,000	30,500	-100	-600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,000	5,500	100	-400
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,100	10,100	12,300	0	-2,200
Nondurable goods	55,700	56,300	60,500	-600	-4,800
Food manufacturing	26,600	27,300	29,200	-700	-2,600
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,200	9,600	10,700	-400	-1,500
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	363,000	355,500	367,900	7,500	-4,900
Wholesale trade	72,500	72,100	76,900	400	-4,400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	36,500	36,700	37,600	-200	-1,100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	28,300	27,900	31,800	400	-3,500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,700	7,500	7,500	200	200
Retail trade	210,000	207,000	215,500	3,000	-5,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24,300	24,300	26,700	0	-2,400
Building material and garden supply stores	18,000	18,000	16,100	0	1,900
Food and beverage stores	46,000	45,400	43,800	600	2,200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	11,800	10,500	17,000	1,300	-5,200
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,200	8,900	10,000	300	-800
General merchandise stores	44,400	42,800	43,000	1,600	1,400
Miscellaneous store retailers	15,000	15,200	17,100	-200	-2,100
Nonstore retailers	8,000	7,700	9,100	300	-1,100

	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	Change From October 2020	Change From November 2019
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	80,500	76,400	75,500	4,100	5,000
Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	75,800	71,700	70,700	4,100	5,100
Truck transportation	18,100	18,200	19,000	-100	-900
Couriers and messengers	17,000	13,800	11,500	3,200	5,500
Warehousing and storage	20,900	20,100	17,700	800	3,200
Information	31,500	31,400	36,300	100	-4,800
Publishing industries, except internet	15,200	15,100	15,500	100	-300
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,400	2,400	3,000	0	-600
Software publishers	12,800	12,700	12,500	100	300
Telecommunications	4,700	4,800	5,100	-100	-400
Financial activities	100,500	100,400	103,700	100	-3,200
Finance and insurance	56,300	56,300	57,200	0	-900
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,000	25,800	26,400	200	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,500	24,600	24,600	-100	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	44,200	44,100	46,500	100	-2,300
Real estate	39,500	38,900	40,900	600	-1,400
Professional and business services	245,000	243,800	258,100	1,200	-13,100
Professional and technical services	98,800	97,500	100,700	1,300	-1,900
Legal services	11,300	11,300	11,900	0	-600
Architectural and engineering services	18,300	17,700	17,700	600	600
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	16,600	17,300	200	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	48,600	49,000	50,900	-400	-2,300
Administrative and waste services	97,600	97,300	106,500	300	-8,900
Administrative and support services	91,700	91,500	100,600	200	-8,900
Employment services	39,200	39,100	43,900	100	-4,700
Business support services	11,400	11,300	12,800	100	-1,400
Services to buildings and dwellings	24,600	24,700	24,800	-100	-200
Education and health services	290,800	289,200	308,300	1,600	-17,500
Educational services	31,700	31,500	40,100	200	-8,400
Health care and social assistance	259,100	257,700	268,200	1,400	-9,100
Ambulatory health care services	91,800	91,600	95,900	200	-4,100
Hospitals	58,400	58,100	60,000	300	-1,600
Nursing and residential care facilities	54,000	54,000	53,000	0	1,000
Social assistance	54,900	54,000	59,300	900	-4,400
Leisure and hospitality	156,100	159,000	210,900	-2,900	-54,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,200	13,000	26,500	200	-13,300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	8,300	8,400	19,100	-100	-10,800
Accommodation and food services	142,900	146,000	184,400	-3,100	-41,500
Accommodation	16,900	17,700	25,600	-800	-8,700
Food services and drinking places	126,000	128,300	158,800	-2,300	-32,800
Full-service restaurants	51,400	52,700	71,100	-1,300	-19,700
Limited-service eating places	63,500	64,200	70,900	-700	-7,400
Other services	57,100	57,200	64,800	-100	-7,700
Repair and maintenance	17,300	17,300	18,700	0	-1,400
Personal and laundry services	13,600	14,100	16,100	-500	-2,500
Membership associations and organizations	26,200	25,800	30,000	400	-3,800
Religious organizations	13,700	13,400	16,600	300	-2,900
Government	280,900	281,100	307,700	-200	-26,800
Federal government	28,000	29,700	28,000	-1,700	0
State government	41,200	41,400	41,500	-200	-300
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	211,700	210,000	238,200	1,700	-26,500
Indian tribal	7,400	7,400	8,200	0	-800
Local education	120,200	118,800	142,100	1,400	-21,900
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.