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Oregon Adds 13,900 Jobs in February

Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 6.1% in February, from 6.2% in January. After dropping rapidly during May through November of last year, Oregon's unemployment rate declined at a slower pace in recent months. During the past 10 months the pace of recovery in the national unemployment rate has mirrored Oregon's experience. The U.S. unemployment rate also declined by a tenth of a percentage point last month, to 6.2% in February, from 6.3% in January.

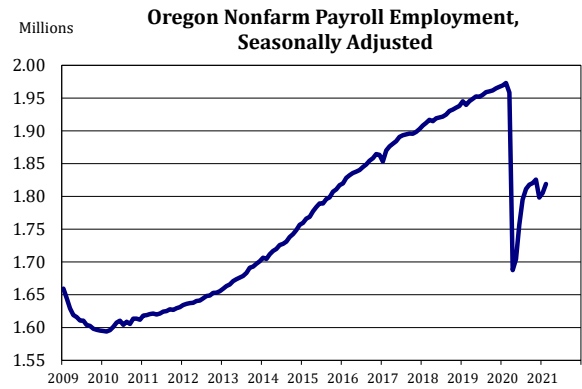
Nonfarm payroll employment rose 13,900 jobs in February, following a gain of 7,000, as revised, in January. Nearly all of the jobs gained in February were in **leisure and hospitality** (+11,100 jobs), where some fitness centers and restaurants hired back workers following closures or curtailments due to COVID-19 restrictions or cautions. Only two other major industries added a substantial number of jobs in February: **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,200 jobs) and **wholesale trade** (+800). Only one major industry — **professional and business services**, which cut 900 jobs in February — performed substantially below its normal seasonal trend.

In February, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,819,100, a drop of 153,900 jobs, or 7.8% from the pre-recession peak one year ago in February 2020. Oregon's employment dropped to a low of 1,687,500 by April. Since then, Oregon has recovered 131,600 jobs, or 46% of the jobs lost between February and April 2020.

Even as overall economic activity hasn't recovered fully, some industries reached record high employment in February. **Transportation, warehousing, and utilities** is up 5,300 jobs, or 7.2%, over the year. **Professional and technical services** hit a fresh record high for the first time in over a year as it added 600 jobs since February 2020, a gain of 0.6%. **Architectural and engineering services** expanded the fastest of the published industries in this category, adding 700 jobs, or 4.0%.

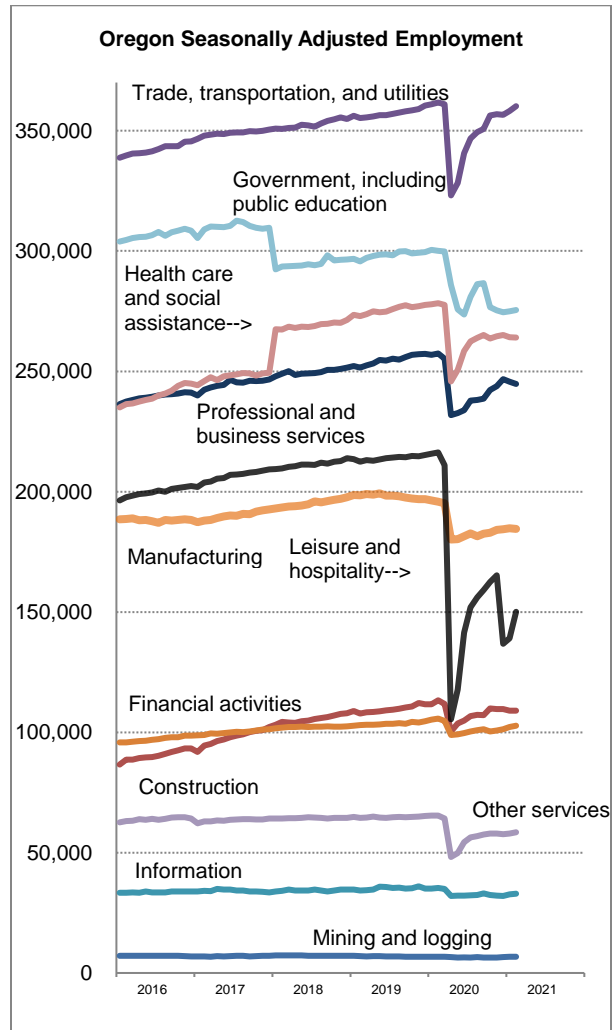
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Mar. 30, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, Apr. 13.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes January to February 2021

| INDUSTRY | Normal Seasonal Movement | Unadjusted Change | Seasonally Adjusted Change |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Total nonfarm payroll employment | 6,600 | 20,500 | 13,900 |
| Total private | 2,800 | 16,300 | 13,500 |
| Mining and logging | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Construction | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 1,100 | 800 | -300 |
| Wholesale trade | -100 | 700 | 800 |
| Retail trade | -2,500 | -2,500 | 0 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | -1,200 | 0 | 1,200 |
| Information | -200 | 100 | 300 |
| Financial activities | 100 | 600 | 500 |
| Professional and business services | 1,400 | 500 | -900 |
| Private educational services | 2,300 | 2,800 | 500 |
| Health care and social assistance | 400 | 200 | -200 |
| Leisure and hospitality | -500 | 10,600 | 11,100 |
| Other services | 600 | 1,100 | 500 |
| Government | 3,800 | 4,200 | 400 |



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the detailed industries within professional and technical services.

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

| | February 2021 | January 2021 | February 2020 | Change From January 2021 | Change From February 2020 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 2,135,655 | 2,125,111 | 2,106,874 | 10,544 | 28,781 |
| Unemployed | 142,346 | 150,147 | 75,501 | -7,801 | 66,845 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.7 | 7.1 | 3.6 | -0.4 | 3.1 |
| Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted | 6.1 | 6.2 | 3.5 | -0.1 | 2.6 |
| Employed | 1,993,309 | 1,974,964 | 2,031,373 | 18,345 | -38,064 |
| Other Labor Force Indicators | | | | | |
| Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted | 62.2 | 62.2 | 61.4 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted | 11.6 | 11.6 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 3.5 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm payroll employment | 1,802,300 | 1,781,800 | 1,957,200 | 20,500 | -154,900 |
| Total private | 1,522,000 | 1,505,700 | 1,651,000 | 16,300 | -129,000 |
| Mining and logging | 6,500 | 6,400 | 6,500 | 100 | 0 |
| Logging | 4,900 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 103,900 | 102,600 | 108,300 | 1,300 | -4,400 |
| Construction of buildings | 30,200 | 30,200 | 31,700 | 0 | -1,500 |
| Residential building construction | 18,300 | 18,400 | 18,900 | -100 | -600 |
| Nonresidential building construction | 11,900 | 11,800 | 12,800 | 100 | -900 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 9,100 | 9,000 | 9,700 | 100 | -600 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 64,600 | 63,400 | 66,900 | 1,200 | -2,300 |
| Building foundation and exterior contractors | 13,100 | 12,300 | 12,600 | 800 | 500 |
| Building equipment contractors | 29,600 | 29,400 | 30,700 | 200 | -1,100 |
| Building finishing contractors | 13,700 | 13,500 | 14,800 | 200 | -1,100 |
| Other specialty trade contractors | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,800 | 0 | -600 |
| Manufacturing | 182,200 | 181,400 | 193,700 | 800 | -11,500 |
| Durable goods | 126,700 | 126,200 | 135,100 | 500 | -8,400 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 21,800 | 21,900 | 22,800 | -100 | -1,000 |
| Sawmills and wood preservation | 6,100 | 6,100 | 6,200 | 0 | -100 |
| Plywood and engineered wood product mfg. | 8,400 | 8,500 | 8,800 | -100 | -400 |
| Other wood product manufacturing | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,800 | 0 | -500 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 6,200 | 6,200 | 9,200 | 0 | -3,000 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 15,700 | 15,500 | 16,200 | 200 | -500 |
| Machinery manufacturing | 13,300 | 13,200 | 13,800 | 100 | -500 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 37,900 | 37,800 | 38,700 | 100 | -800 |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg. | 29,900 | 29,900 | 30,700 | 0 | -800 |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,400 | 0 | -200 |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing | 10,400 | 10,400 | 12,100 | 0 | -1,700 |
| Nondurable goods | 55,500 | 55,200 | 58,600 | 300 | -3,100 |
| Food manufacturing | 27,800 | 27,300 | 28,100 | 500 | -300 |
| Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty | 9,300 | 9,200 | 9,800 | 100 | -500 |
| Paper manufacturing | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,100 | 0 | 100 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 355,100 | 356,900 | 356,100 | -1,800 | -1,000 |
| Wholesale trade | 74,000 | 73,300 | 76,900 | 700 | -2,900 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 37,600 | 37,700 | 38,000 | -100 | -400 |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 29,100 | 28,300 | 31,600 | 800 | -2,500 |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,300 | 0 | 0 |
| Retail trade | 203,200 | 205,700 | 206,400 | -2,500 | -3,200 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 25,000 | 25,200 | 26,600 | -200 | -1,600 |
| Building material and garden supply stores | 18,200 | 17,900 | 16,500 | 300 | 1,700 |
| Food and beverage stores | 45,800 | 45,700 | 43,200 | 100 | 2,600 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 12,600 | 13,200 | 15,300 | -600 | -2,700 |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores | 7,800 | 8,500 | 9,400 | -700 | -1,600 |
| General merchandise stores | 41,800 | 42,600 | 39,800 | -800 | 2,000 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 15,500 | 15,700 | 16,700 | -200 | -1,200 |
| Nonstore retailers | 7,700 | 7,900 | 7,100 | -200 | 600 |

| | February 2021 | January 2021 | February 2020 | Change From January 2021 | Change From February 2020 |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 77,900 | 77,900 | 72,800 | 0 | 5,100 |
| Utilities | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,800 | 0 | -100 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 73,200 | 73,200 | 68,000 | 0 | 5,200 |
| Truck transportation | 18,400 | 18,100 | 18,500 | 300 | -100 |
| Couriers and messengers | 15,700 | 15,800 | 11,000 | -100 | 4,700 |
| Warehousing and storage | 20,600 | 20,600 | 16,100 | 0 | 4,500 |
| Information | 32,800 | 32,700 | 35,300 | 100 | -2,500 |
| Publishing industries, except internet | 15,400 | 15,400 | 15,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Newspaper, book, and directory publishers | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,900 | 0 | -200 |
| Software publishers | 12,700 | 12,700 | 12,400 | 0 | 300 |
| Telecommunications | 4,800 | 4,800 | 5,100 | 0 | -300 |
| Financial activities | 102,200 | 101,600 | 104,600 | 600 | -2,400 |
| Finance and insurance | 57,300 | 57,300 | 57,400 | 0 | -100 |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 26,200 | 26,300 | 26,500 | -100 | -300 |
| Insurance carriers and related activities | 24,200 | 24,200 | 24,600 | 0 | -400 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 44,900 | 44,300 | 47,200 | 600 | -2,300 |
| Real estate | 39,900 | 39,600 | 41,700 | 300 | -1,800 |
| Professional and business services | 242,300 | 241,800 | 255,000 | 500 | -12,700 |
| Professional and technical services | 101,800 | 101,200 | 102,200 | 600 | -400 |
| Legal services | 12,100 | 12,100 | 11,900 | 0 | 200 |
| Architectural and engineering services | 18,400 | 18,100 | 17,700 | 300 | 700 |
| Computer systems design and related services | 17,000 | 16,600 | 17,200 | 400 | -200 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 47,100 | 47,200 | 50,600 | -100 | -3,500 |
| Administrative and waste services | 93,400 | 93,400 | 102,200 | 0 | -8,800 |
| Administrative and support services | 88,300 | 88,300 | 96,300 | 0 | -8,000 |
| Employment services | 35,600 | 36,600 | 41,100 | -1,000 | -5,500 |
| Business support services | 11,300 | 11,500 | 12,800 | -200 | -1,500 |
| Services to buildings and dwellings | 23,600 | 23,200 | 23,600 | 400 | 0 |
| Education and health services | 297,000 | 294,000 | 318,200 | 3,000 | -21,200 |
| Educational services | 33,100 | 30,300 | 40,100 | 2,800 | -7,000 |
| Health care and social assistance | 263,900 | 263,700 | 278,100 | 200 | -14,200 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 90,600 | 90,300 | 95,800 | 300 | -5,200 |
| Hospitals | 58,500 | 59,000 | 60,100 | -500 | -1,600 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 51,600 | 51,800 | 53,500 | -200 | -1,900 |
| Social assistance | 63,200 | 62,600 | 68,700 | 600 | -5,500 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 141,300 | 130,700 | 208,500 | 10,600 | -67,200 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 14,500 | 12,900 | 28,400 | 1,600 | -13,900 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation | 10,600 | 9,400 | 20,400 | 1,200 | -9,800 |
| Accommodation and food services | 126,800 | 117,800 | 180,100 | 9,000 | -53,300 |
| Accommodation | 16,800 | 16,400 | 24,600 | 400 | -7,800 |
| Food services and drinking places | 110,000 | 101,400 | 155,500 | 8,600 | -45,500 |
| Full-service restaurants | 38,400 | 33,600 | 68,800 | 4,800 | -30,400 |
| Limited-service eating places | 65,100 | 61,700 | 70,500 | 3,400 | -5,400 |
| Other services | 58,700 | 57,600 | 64,800 | 1,100 | -6,100 |
| Repair and maintenance | 17,200 | 17,100 | 18,700 | 100 | -1,500 |
| Personal and laundry services | 13,500 | 12,900 | 16,200 | 600 | -2,700 |
| Membership associations and organizations | 28,000 | 27,600 | 29,900 | 400 | -1,900 |
| Religious organizations | 15,200 | 14,900 | 16,300 | 300 | -1,100 |
| Government | 280,300 | 276,100 | 306,200 | 4,200 | -25,900 |
| Federal government | 27,400 | 27,600 | 27,600 | -200 | -200 |
| State government | 41,800 | 41,800 | 40,800 | 0 | 1,000 |
| State education | 1,000 | 900 | 900 | 100 | 100 |
| Local government | 211,100 | 206,700 | 237,800 | 4,400 | -26,700 |
| Indian tribal | 7,400 | 7,500 | 8,000 | -100 | -600 |
| Local education | 120,400 | 118,100 | 141,900 | 2,300 | -21,500 |
| 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.