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## Oregon Adds 20,100 Jobs in March

Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 6.0% in March, from 6.1% in February. For the past three months, Oregon's unemployment rate has ticked down by a tenth of a point each month. During the past 11 months the pace of recovery in Oregon's unemployment rate has mirrored the national experience. The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 6.0% in March, from 6.2% in February.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose 20,100 jobs in March, following a gain of 15,300, as revised, in February. Two-thirds of all the jobs gained in March were in **leisure and hospitality** (+13,900 jobs). Three other major industries each added more than 1,000 jobs: **manufacturing** (+2,000 jobs); **professional and business services** (+1,300); and **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,100). **Construction** and **private educational services** each added 700 jobs. All other major industries performed close to their normal seasonal patterns.

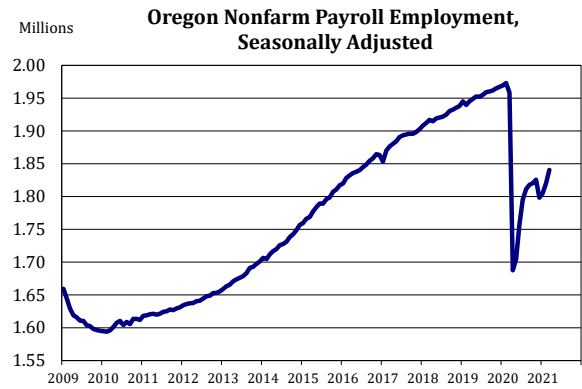
The 20,100 total nonfarm jobs added in March was Oregon's largest monthly gain since 38,300 jobs were added in July. March's gain was the third monthly increase, following a large drop in December that was the result of temporary, heightened restrictions at the time.

In March, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,840,600, a drop of 132,400 jobs, or 6.7% from the pre-recession peak in February 2020. Oregon's employment dropped to a low of 1,687,500 by April 2020. Since then, Oregon has recovered 153,100 jobs, or 54% of the jobs lost between February and April 2020.

Over the past year, the employment gyrations in leisure and hospitality have accounted for a large share of the swings in Oregon's total employment. This broad industry includes restaurants, bars, coffee shops, hotels, golf courses, and fitness centers. It employed a peak of 216,300 jobs in February 2020 which was 11% of total nonfarm payroll employment. Then, within two months, leisure and hospitality cut over half its jobs. Since then, the industry recovered about half the drop, to employ 165,200 jobs by November. Then, hit by renewed COVID restrictions, the industry retrenched to 136,800 jobs in December. Since then, the industry added 25,900 jobs over the past three months and is close to its recent high point from last November, but is still far below its February 2020 peak.

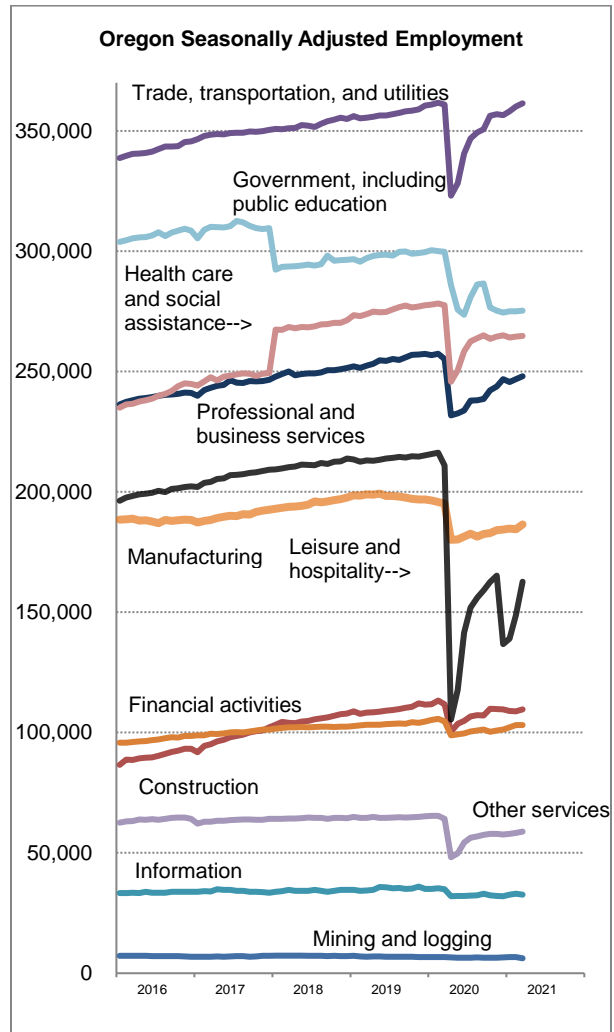
### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Apr. 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 18.



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

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	5,600	25,700	20,100
Total private	5,300	25,200	19,900
Mining and logging	0	-500	-500
Construction	700	1,400	700
Manufacturing	500	2,500	2,000
Wholesale trade	200	300	100
Retail trade	-300	-200	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	1,400	1,100
Information	100	-200	-300
Financial activities	-300	-300	0
Professional and business services	900	2,200	1,300
Private educational services	100	800	700
Health care and social assistance	300	600	300
Leisure and hospitality	2,700	16,600	13,900
Other services	100	600	500
Government	300	500	200



**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

	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	Change From February 2021	Change From March 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,153,827	2,135,709	2,098,879	18,118	54,948
Unemployed	140,284	142,236	89,389	-1,952	50,895
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.7	4.3	-0.2	2.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	6.0	6.1	3.6	-0.1	2.4
Employed	2,013,543	1,993,473	2,009,490	20,070	4,053
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.3	62.2	61.4	0.1	0.9
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	11.5	11.6	8.4	-0.1	3.1
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,828,900	1,803,200	1,945,600	25,700	-116,700
Total private	1,548,100	1,522,900	1,638,900	25,200	-90,800
Mining and logging	6,000	6,500	6,500	-500	-500
Logging	4,500	4,900	4,700	-400	-200
Construction	105,200	103,800	108,500	1,400	-3,300
Construction of buildings	31,400	30,200	31,700	1,200	-300
Residential building construction	19,200	18,300	18,900	900	300
Nonresidential building construction	12,200	11,900	12,800	300	-600
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,300	9,100	9,900	200	-600
Specialty trade contractors	64,500	64,500	66,900	0	-2,400
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,300	12,900	12,600	-600	-300
Building equipment contractors	30,000	29,700	30,300	300	-300
Building finishing contractors	13,800	13,700	15,000	100	-1,200
Other specialty trade contractors	8,400	8,200	9,000	200	-600
Manufacturing	184,400	181,900	192,800	2,500	-8,400
Durable goods	127,800	126,400	134,500	1,400	-6,700
Wood product manufacturing	22,200	22,000	22,600	200	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,500	8,700	200	0
Other wood product manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,700	0	-400
Primary metal manufacturing	6,500	6,000	9,100	500	-2,600
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,800	15,700	16,100	100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	13,300	13,100	13,800	200	-500
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,400	37,900	38,600	500	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,400	29,900	30,700	500	-300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,300	5,200	5,400	100	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,400	10,700	12,100	-300	-1,700
Nondurable goods	56,600	55,500	58,300	1,100	-1,700
Food manufacturing	28,100	27,800	28,000	300	100
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,300	9,400	9,900	-100	-600
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	356,500	355,000	354,800	1,500	1,700
Wholesale trade	74,100	73,800	76,400	300	-2,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,900	37,600	37,900	300	0
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,000	29,100	31,300	-100	-2,300
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,200	7,100	7,200	100	0
Retail trade	202,800	203,000	205,800	-200	-3,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,100	25,000	26,500	100	-1,400
Building material and garden supply stores	18,600	18,100	17,100	500	1,500
Food and beverage stores	45,500	45,900	43,300	-400	2,200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	12,500	12,500	15,000	0	-2,500
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	8,000	7,900	9,200	100	-1,200
General merchandise stores	41,200	41,400	39,600	-200	1,600
Miscellaneous store retailers	15,600	15,300	16,300	300	-700
Nonstore retailers	7,500	7,700	7,100	-200	400

	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	Change From February 2021	Change From March 2020
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	79,600	78,200	72,600	1,400	7,000
Utilities	4,800	4,700	4,900	100	-100
Transportation and warehousing	74,800	73,500	67,700	1,300	7,100
Truck transportation	18,700	18,500	18,600	200	100
Couriers and messengers	15,900	15,700	11,100	200	4,800
Warehousing and storage	20,500	20,500	15,800	0	4,700
Information	32,700	32,900	34,600	-200	-1,900
Publishing industries, except internet	15,400	15,400	15,200	0	200
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	-100
Software publishers	12,700	12,700	12,400	0	300
Telecommunications	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	-200
Financial activities	102,300	102,600	103,500	-300	-1,200
Finance and insurance	57,900	57,300	57,300	600	600
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,200	26,200	26,500	0	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,900	24,300	24,600	600	300
Real estate and rental and leasing	44,400	45,300	46,200	-900	-1,800
Real estate	39,500	40,400	40,800	-900	-1,300
Professional and business services	246,500	244,300	252,300	2,200	-5,800
Professional and technical services	103,100	102,200	101,400	900	1,700
Legal services	12,100	12,100	11,700	0	400
Architectural and engineering services	18,200	18,400	17,600	-200	600
Computer systems design and related services	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	47,600	47,000	50,600	600	-3,000
Administrative and waste services	95,800	95,100	100,300	700	-4,500
Administrative and support services	89,300	88,600	94,300	700	-5,000
Employment services	36,300	35,800	39,100	500	-2,800
Business support services	11,300	11,400	12,700	-100	-1,400
Services to buildings and dwellings	24,000	23,700	24,100	300	-100
Education and health services	298,800	297,400	317,100	1,400	-18,300
Educational services	33,600	32,800	39,200	800	-5,600
Health care and social assistance	265,200	264,600	277,900	600	-12,700
Ambulatory health care services	90,900	90,900	94,800	0	-3,900
Hospitals	59,000	58,500	60,100	500	-1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,500	52,000	53,200	-500	-1,700
Social assistance	63,800	63,200	69,800	600	-6,000
Leisure and hospitality	156,700	140,100	205,000	16,600	-48,300
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,100	14,600	28,000	1,500	-11,900
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,000	10,700	20,100	1,300	-8,100
Accommodation and food services	140,600	125,500	177,000	15,100	-36,400
Accommodation	17,300	16,600	24,600	700	-7,300
Food services and drinking places	123,300	108,900	152,400	14,400	-29,100
Full-service restaurants	48,900	37,300	66,600	11,600	-17,700
Limited-service eating places	65,200	64,600	70,000	600	-4,800
Other services	59,000	58,400	63,800	600	-4,800
Repair and maintenance	17,100	17,100	18,500	0	-1,400
Personal and laundry services	13,400	13,400	15,700	0	-2,300
Membership associations and organizations	28,500	27,900	29,600	600	-1,100
Religious organizations	15,400	15,200	16,000	200	-600
Government	280,800	280,300	306,700	500	-25,900
Federal government	27,500	27,400	27,600	100	-100
State government	41,900	41,900	40,800	0	1,100
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	211,400	211,000	238,300	400	-26,900
Indian tribal	7,500	7,400	8,000	100	-500
Local education	122,300	120,500	142,500	1,800	-20,200
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.