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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Drops to 5.6% in June

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped from 5.8% in May, as revised, to 5.6% in June. Oregon's unemployment rate has gradually declined each month this year, after ending last year at 6.3%. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate ticked up from 5.8% in May to 5.9% in June.

Despite the recent declines in Oregon's unemployment rate, a large group of the unemployed have had difficulty regaining employment. The number of Oregonians unemployed for 52 weeks or more remains elevated at about 40,000 in June, compared with an average of about 8,000 during the three years prior to the recession.

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment grew by 7,500 in June, following monthly gains averaging 10,100 in the prior five months. Monthly gains in June were largest in **health care and social assistance** (+2,400 jobs); **other services** (+1,700); **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,000); **leisure and hospitality** (+1,000); and **wholesale trade** (+800). Only one major industry shed more than 300 jobs in June: **construction** (-900).

Leisure and hospitality accounts for the bulk of Oregon's jobs not recovered since early 2020. It employed 169,500 in June, and added only 1,500 jobs in the most recent three months. The industry is still 46,800 jobs (-22%) below its peak month of February 2020, so it accounts for 45% of overall nonfarm payroll jobs yet to recover from Oregon's pre-recession peak.

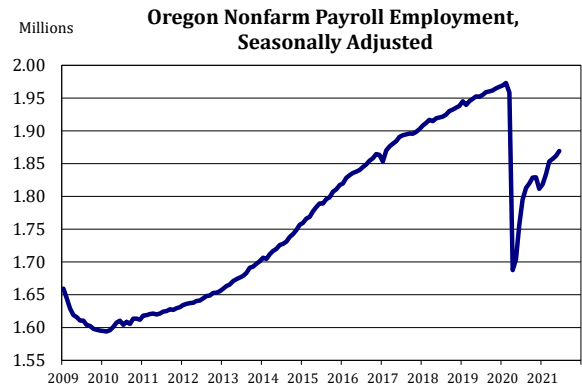
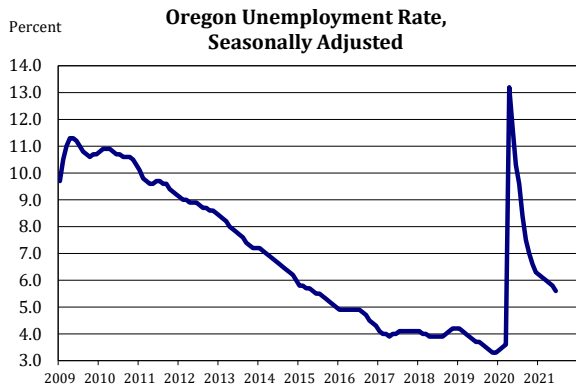
Local government employed 208,900 in June, which was 21,400 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment level of 230,300 in February 2020. With jobs still down by 9%, this industry has experienced the second largest percent reduction in that time, behind only leisure and hospitality.

Manufacturing employed 182,100 in June and remains substantially below its pre-recession total of 195,800 in February 2020. The industry was slowly declining in the second half of 2019, then plunged 15,700 jobs at the outset of the COVID recession. The manufacturing industries dropping the largest percentage over the past 24 months include **primary metals manufacturing** (-3,300 jobs, or 36%), **transportation equipment manufacturing** (-2,100, or 16%) and **fabricated metals manufacturing** (-1,500, or 9%).

While most major industries still employ fewer workers than in February 2020, two industries increased their employment levels throughout the past couple of years. **Transportation, warehousing, and utilities** added 4,400 jobs, or 6%, since prior to the recession. Similarly, **state government** gained 1,500 jobs, or 4%, in that time. **Professional and technical services** has also grown and now employs 3,100 jobs, or 3%, more than its pre-recession peak.

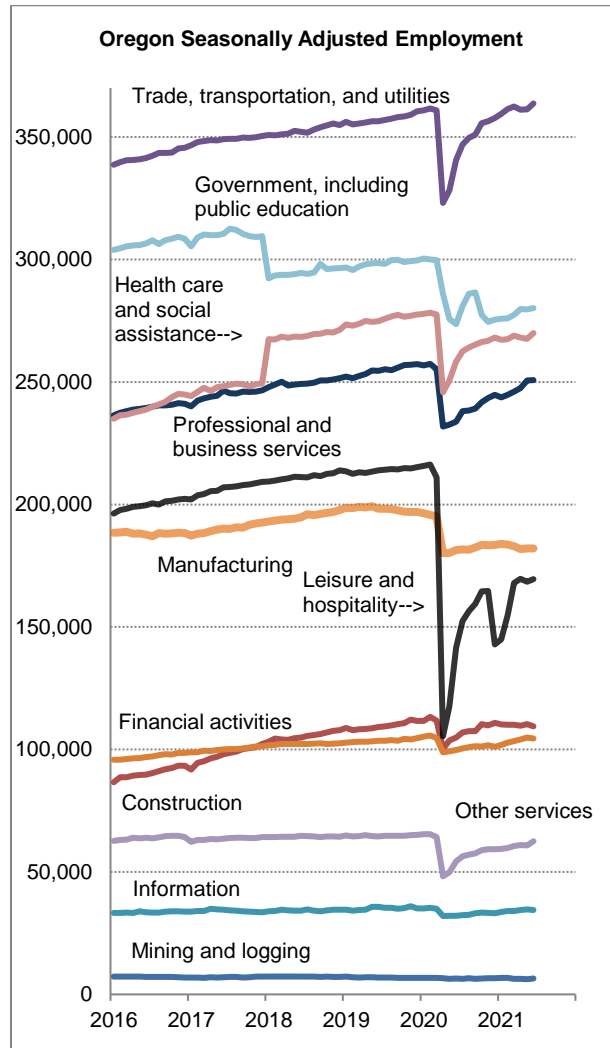
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, Aug. 17.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes May to June 2021

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	12,400	19,900	7,500
Total private	11,800	18,800	7,000
Mining and logging	100	400	300
Construction	1,200	300	-900
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	0
Wholesale trade	300	1,100	800
Retail trade	1,600	2,200	600
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	1,400	1,000
Information	-100	-400	-300
Financial activities	700	400	-300
Professional and business services	500	700	200
Private educational services	-1,100	-600	500
Health care and social assistance	-1,300	1,100	2,400
Leisure and hospitality	6,500	7,500	1,000
Other services	200	1,900	1,700
Government	600	1,100	500



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted, except for the detailed manufacturing industries.

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 October, November and December 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

	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	Change From May 2021	Change From June 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,175,131	2,160,642	2,142,246	14,489	32,885
Unemployed	115,165	113,930	221,839	1,235	-106,674
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.3	10.4	0.0	-5.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.6	5.8	10.3	-0.2	-4.7
Employed	2,059,966	2,046,712	1,920,407	13,254	139,559
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.5	62.5	62.0	0.0	0.5
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	10.8	11.1	17.8	-0.3	-7.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,893,500	1,873,600	1,770,700	19,900	122,800
Total private	1,604,600	1,585,800	1,488,100	18,800	116,500
Mining and logging	6,700	6,300	6,500	400	200
Logging	4,700	4,400	4,700	300	0
Construction	112,900	112,600	106,800	300	6,100
Construction of buildings	31,900	31,000	30,600	900	1,300
Residential building construction	19,700	19,200	18,300	500	1,400
Nonresidential building construction	12,200	11,800	12,300	400	-100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,100	10,900	10,400	200	700
Specialty trade contractors	69,900	70,700	65,800	-800	4,100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,200	12,400	12,400	-200	-200
Building equipment contractors	33,500	33,600	29,200	-100	4,300
Building finishing contractors	13,900	14,500	15,000	-600	-1,100
Other specialty trade contractors	10,300	10,200	9,200	100	1,100
Manufacturing	185,600	182,800	182,700	2,800	2,900
Durable goods	126,300	125,800	126,000	500	300
Wood product manufacturing	22,200	22,100	21,600	100	600
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,100	6,100	6,100	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,900	8,700	8,200	200	700
Other wood product manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,300	-100	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	5,900	6,000	7,200	-100	-1,300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,400	15,300	15,300	100	100
Machinery manufacturing	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,500	38,200	37,900	300	600
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,800	30,500	30,400	300	400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,100	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,800	10,800	10,500	0	300
Nondurable goods	59,300	57,000	56,700	2,300	2,600
Food manufacturing	29,600	28,500	28,300	1,100	1,300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,400	9,800	10,700	600	-300
Paper manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	364,000	359,300	339,000	4,700	25,000
Wholesale trade	76,500	75,400	72,400	1,100	4,100
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	38,400	37,800	36,100	600	2,300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,800	30,500	29,400	300	1,400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,300	7,100	6,900	200	400
Retail trade	208,900	206,700	194,200	2,200	14,700
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,000	24,900	23,200	100	1,800
Building material and garden supply stores	19,500	19,200	18,800	300	700
Food and beverage stores	45,700	45,200	45,200	500	500
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	12,700	12,500	9,900	200	2,800
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,100	9,000	7,500	100	1,600
General merchandise stores	41,200	40,100	41,000	1,100	200
Miscellaneous store retailers	17,200	16,900	13,300	300	3,900
Nonstore retailers	7,800	8,000	7,000	-200	800

	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	Change From May 2021	Change From June 2020
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,600	77,200	72,400	1,400	6,200
Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	73,900	72,500	67,600	1,400	6,300
Truck transportation	19,000	18,500	18,200	500	800
Couriers and messengers	13,000	12,700	12,300	300	700
Warehousing and storage	21,300	21,000	19,200	300	2,100
Information	34,800	35,200	31,700	-400	3,100
Publishing industries, except internet	15,600	15,700	14,800	-100	800
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,500	2,600	2,600	-100	-100
Software publishers	13,100	13,100	12,200	0	900
Telecommunications	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
Financial activities	104,200	103,800	99,800	400	4,400
Finance and insurance	57,900	58,100	56,500	-200	1,400
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,100	26,300	26,300	-200	-200
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,700	24,600	24,100	100	600
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,300	45,700	43,300	600	3,000
Real estate	40,700	40,600	38,900	100	1,800
Professional and business services	251,400	250,700	234,200	700	17,200
Professional and technical services	104,200	103,700	96,200	500	8,000
Legal services	11,700	11,700	11,600	0	100
Architectural and engineering services	17,600	17,600	17,300	0	300
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	16,600	16,500	200	300
Management of companies and enterprises	47,900	48,000	48,600	-100	-700
Administrative and waste services	99,300	99,000	89,400	300	9,900
Administrative and support services	92,800	92,800	83,400	0	9,400
Employment services	39,800	37,500	31,000	2,300	8,800
Business support services	11,100	11,300	11,500	-200	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,400	26,200	24,300	-800	1,100
Education and health services	303,300	302,800	284,300	500	19,000
Educational services	34,300	34,900	26,900	-600	7,400
Health care and social assistance	269,000	267,900	257,400	1,100	11,600
Ambulatory health care services	93,900	92,600	87,400	1,300	6,500
Hospitals	59,900	59,900	58,500	0	1,400
Nursing and residential care facilities	52,100	51,000	52,100	1,100	0
Social assistance	63,100	64,400	59,400	-1,300	3,700
Leisure and hospitality	178,900	171,400	148,300	7,500	30,600
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	20,200	18,100	16,400	2,100	3,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	14,800	13,300	11,900	1,500	2,900
Accommodation and food services	158,700	153,300	131,900	5,400	26,800
Accommodation	20,500	19,600	16,900	900	3,600
Food services and drinking places	138,200	133,700	115,000	4,500	23,200
Full-service restaurants	59,200	55,800	45,500	3,400	13,700
Limited-service eating places	67,400	66,700	61,400	700	6,000
Other services	62,800	60,900	54,800	1,900	8,000
Repair and maintenance	19,200	18,300	17,200	900	2,000
Personal and laundry services	13,800	13,600	11,600	200	2,200
Membership associations and organizations	29,800	29,000	26,000	800	3,800
Religious organizations	14,800	14,700	13,700	100	1,100
Government	288,900	287,800	282,600	1,100	6,300
Federal government	29,800	29,200	29,300	600	500
State government	42,500	42,500	41,200	0	1,300
State education	800	900	900	-100	-100
Local government	216,600	216,100	212,100	500	4,500
Indian tribal	7,600	7,600	7,500	0	100
Local education	124,400	124,700	120,600	-300	3,800
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.