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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was 4.7% in April

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.7% in April and 4.6% in March, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in April 2024. Oregon's 4.7% unemployment rate was 1.1 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in both March and April.

In April, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1,200 jobs, following a revised gain of 6,200 jobs in March. April's gains were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (+3,300 jobs) and **professional and business services** (+900). Declines were largest in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (-1,300 jobs) and **other services** (-600). None of the other major industries had a change of more than 400 jobs.

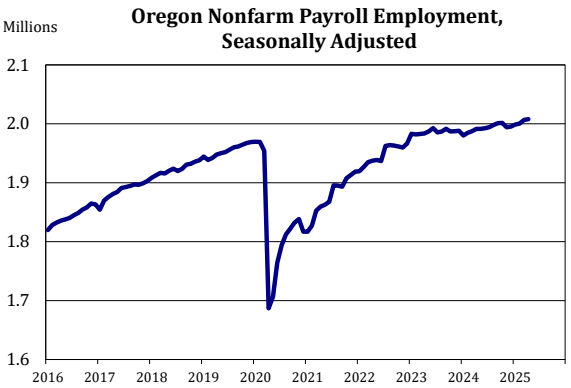
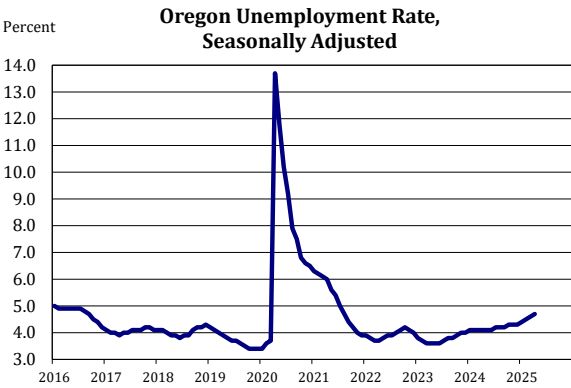
Leisure and hospitality had a larger-than-expected increase in seasonal hiring in April, adding 3,300 jobs. The April jobs total of 212,700 was 5,600 jobs, or 2.7%, above its average during the prior two years. Its component industry **arts, entertainment, and recreation** added 500 jobs in April, to reach a record high of 30,200. During the past two years it has expanded consistently. Meanwhile, the other component industry—**accommodation and food services**—is estimated to have grown rapidly this year, adding 2,800 jobs in April and 5,000 jobs so far this year, following slight declines over the prior two years.

Construction employment slipped by 200 jobs in April to a total of 114,600 jobs, continuing a gradual downward trend. Since reaching a peak of 119,000 jobs in June 2023 construction has shed 4,400 jobs, or -3.7%.

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 1,300 jobs in April, following a gradual gain of nearly the same amount during the prior 12 months. Most of the April loss occurred in **couriers and messengers** which cut 800 jobs in April and shed 1,200 jobs since April 2024.

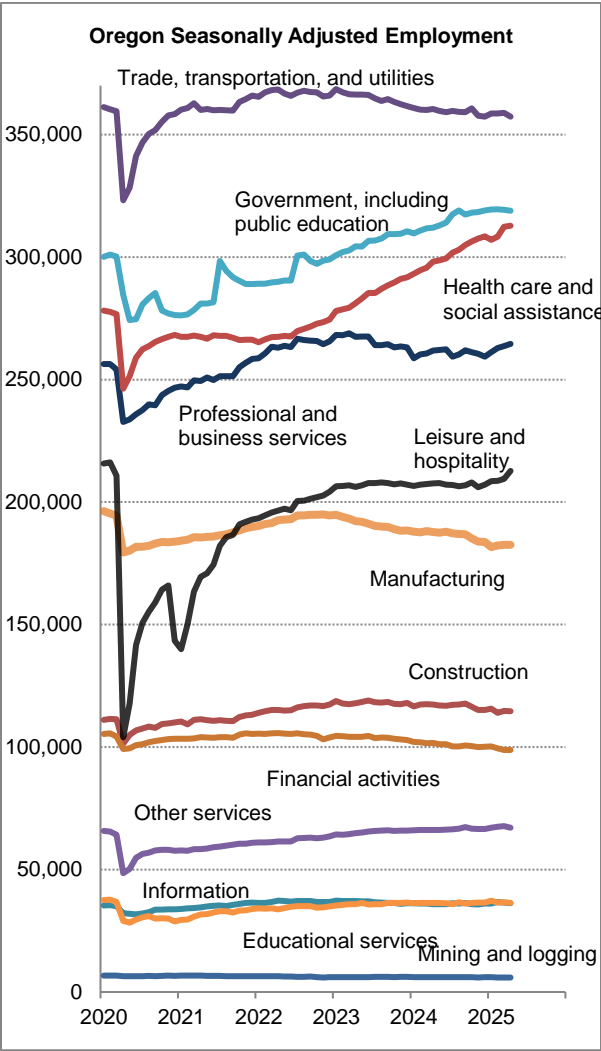
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 18.



**Seasonal Expectations and
Over-the-Month Employment Changes
March to April 2025**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	6,900	8,100	1,200
Total private	7,200	8,800	1,600
Mining and logging	0	0	0
Construction	1,300	1,100	-200
Manufacturing	1,400	1,400	0
Wholesale trade	-600	-1,000	-400
Retail trade	600	700	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-300	-1,600	-1,300
Information	500	200	-300
Financial activities	1,000	1,000	0
Professional and business services	700	1,600	900
Private educational services	-300	-600	-300
Health care and social assistance	-400	0	400
Leisure and hospitality	2,900	6,200	3,300
Other services	400	-200	-600
Government	-300	-700	-400



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the jobs in the couriers and messengers industry.

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 2024 tax records data. In addition, data for July, August, and September 2024 were revised by a total of up to 4,000 jobs per month. 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

	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	Change From March 2025	Change From April 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,198,576	2,210,802	2,190,910	-12,226	7,666
Unemployed	90,726	114,261	80,703	-23,535	10,023
Unemployment rate	4.1	5.2	3.7	-1.1	0.4
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.7	4.6	4.1	0.1	0.6
Employed	2,107,850	2,096,541	2,110,207	11,309	-2,357
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.7	62.7	62.6	0.0	0.1
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.7	8.5	8.2	0.2	0.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,004,000	1,995,900	1,996,000	8,100	8,000
Total private	1,679,100	1,670,300	1,676,800	8,800	2,300
Mining and logging	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Logging	4,000	3,900	4,100	100	-100
Construction	113,700	112,600	116,600	1,100	-2,900
Construction of buildings	31,700	31,000	32,800	700	-1,100
Residential building construction	20,100	19,600	21,000	500	-900
Nonresidential building construction	11,600	11,400	11,800	200	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,300	11,100	11,100	200	200
Specialty trade contractors	70,700	70,500	72,700	200	-2,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,600	12,400	13,400	200	-800
Building equipment contractors	34,100	34,400	34,400	-300	-300
Building finishing contractors	14,300	14,200	15,100	100	-800
Other specialty trade contractors	9,700	9,500	9,800	200	-100
Manufacturing	181,500	180,100	186,900	1,400	-5,400
Durable goods	128,100	126,800	132,100	1,300	-4,000
Wood product manufacturing	22,400	22,400	22,500	0	-100
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	-200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,400	8,400	8,300	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,800	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,500	100	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,200	15,100	15,500	100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,200	37,100	40,100	100	-2,900
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,600	30,500	33,300	100	-2,700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,500	10,500	11,200	0	-700
Nondurable goods	53,400	53,300	54,800	100	-1,400
Food manufacturing	27,400	27,100	27,400	300	0
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	8,800	8,700	9,000	100	-200
Paper manufacturing	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	352,600	354,500	357,500	-1,900	-4,900
Wholesale trade	75,900	76,900	78,100	-1,000	-2,200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,500	40,100	40,200	-600	-700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,400	29,700	30,700	-300	-1,300
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,000	7,100	7,200	-100	-200
Retail trade	199,600	198,900	202,900	700	-3,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,400	25,300	26,200	100	-800
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	16,800	16,500	18,100	300	-1,300
Food and beverage retailers	46,700	46,700	46,800	0	-100
General merchandise retailers	38,100	38,100	39,300	0	-1,200
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,700	14,800	15,000	-100	-300
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	28,200	28,500	28,300	-300	-100

	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	Change From March 2025	Change From April 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,100	78,700	76,500	-1,600	600
Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	71,900	73,500	71,400	-1,600	500
Truck transportation	18,000	18,100	18,500	-100	-500
Couriers and messengers	12,800	13,600	14,000	-800	-1,200
Warehousing and storage	17,800	18,000	17,000	-200	800
Information	36,200	36,000	36,100	200	100
Publishing industries	15,900	15,900	16,200	0	-300
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	-100
Software publishers	13,700	13,700	13,900	0	-200
Telecommunications	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Financial activities	98,800	97,800	101,000	1,000	-2,200
Finance and insurance	52,700	52,300	53,400	400	-700
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,000	20,900	21,600	100	-600
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,100	25,000	24,900	100	200
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,100	45,500	47,600	600	-1,500
Real estate	40,400	39,900	41,800	500	-1,400
Professional and business services	263,700	262,100	262,600	1,600	1,100
Professional and technical services	112,100	112,000	111,700	100	400
Legal services	12,300	12,200	12,100	100	200
Architectural and engineering services	19,300	19,200	19,200	100	100
Computer systems design and related services	17,400	17,500	17,500	-100	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	48,200	48,200	50,500	0	-2,300
Administrative and waste services	103,400	101,900	100,400	1,500	3,000
Administrative and support services	96,400	94,700	93,700	1,700	2,700
Employment services	41,300	40,500	38,800	800	2,500
Business support services	6,200	6,100	6,800	100	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	27,600	27,000	27,500	600	100
Private education and health services	351,100	351,700	337,600	-600	13,500
Private educational services	38,400	39,000	38,900	-600	-500
Health care and social assistance	312,700	312,700	298,700	0	14,000
Ambulatory health care services	106,100	106,000	102,700	100	3,400
Hospitals	63,900	63,900	61,500	0	2,400
Nursing and residential care facilities	58,800	58,900	56,100	-100	2,700
Social assistance	83,900	83,900	78,400	0	5,500
Leisure and hospitality	208,700	202,500	206,000	6,200	2,700
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	29,500	28,700	28,600	800	900
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	21,600	21,100	20,500	500	1,100
Accommodation and food services	179,200	173,800	177,400	5,400	1,800
Accommodation	24,600	22,800	23,800	1,800	800
Food services and drinking places	154,600	151,000	153,600	3,600	1,000
Full-service restaurants	62,800	61,700	63,100	1,100	-300
Limited-service eating places	74,600	73,300	73,200	1,300	1,400
Other services	67,000	67,200	66,500	-200	500
Repair and maintenance	20,800	20,600	20,600	200	200
Personal and laundry services	15,700	15,700	15,600	0	100
Membership associations and organizations	30,500	30,900	30,300	-400	200
Religious organizations	14,700	14,700	14,500	0	200
Government	324,900	325,600	319,200	-700	5,700
Federal government	29,000	28,800	29,100	200	-100
State government	49,200	49,000	46,800	200	2,400
State education	1,400	1,400	1,300	0	100
Local government	246,700	247,800	243,300	-1,100	3,400
Indian tribal	9,100	9,100	8,400	0	700
Local education	144,200	145,400	141,800	-1,200	2,400
Labor-management disputes	200	200	0	0	200

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.