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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was 4.8% in May

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.8% in May and 4.7% in April, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in May 2024. Oregon's 4.8% unemployment rate was 1.2 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in both April and May.

In May, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 1,400 jobs, following a revised gain of 1,000 jobs in April. May's gains were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (+1,300 jobs); **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,200); and **health care and social assistance** (+900). Declines were largest in **construction** (-1,700 jobs); **manufacturing** (-1,200); and **professional and business services** (-900).

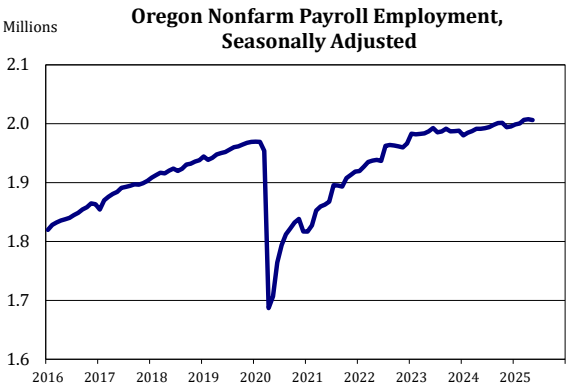
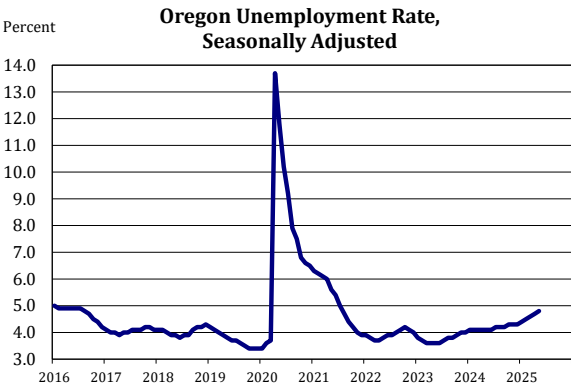
Leisure and hospitality has grown rapidly this year, adding 1,300 jobs in May and 6,000 jobs so far this year, following slight declines over the prior two years. In the past 12 months, three component industries grew rapidly: **amusement, gambling, and recreation** (+1,700 jobs, or 8.5%); **limited-service restaurants and other eating places** (+3,600 jobs, or 4.8%); and **accommodation** (+1,100 jobs, or 4.5%).

Construction employment dropped by 1,700 jobs in May, to a total of 112,300 jobs, continuing a downward trend. Since reaching a peak of 119,000 jobs in June 2023, construction has shed 6,700 jobs, or -5.6%.

Manufacturing cut 1,200 jobs in May, continuing its decline of the past two years. Since May 2024, manufacturing has lost 6,100 jobs, or -3.3%. In that time, the component industries cutting the most jobs were **semiconductor and other electronic component manufacturing** (-2,900 jobs, or -8.7%); **transportation equipment manufacturing** (-500 jobs, or -4.5%); and **fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty food manufacturing** (-400 jobs, or -4.4%).

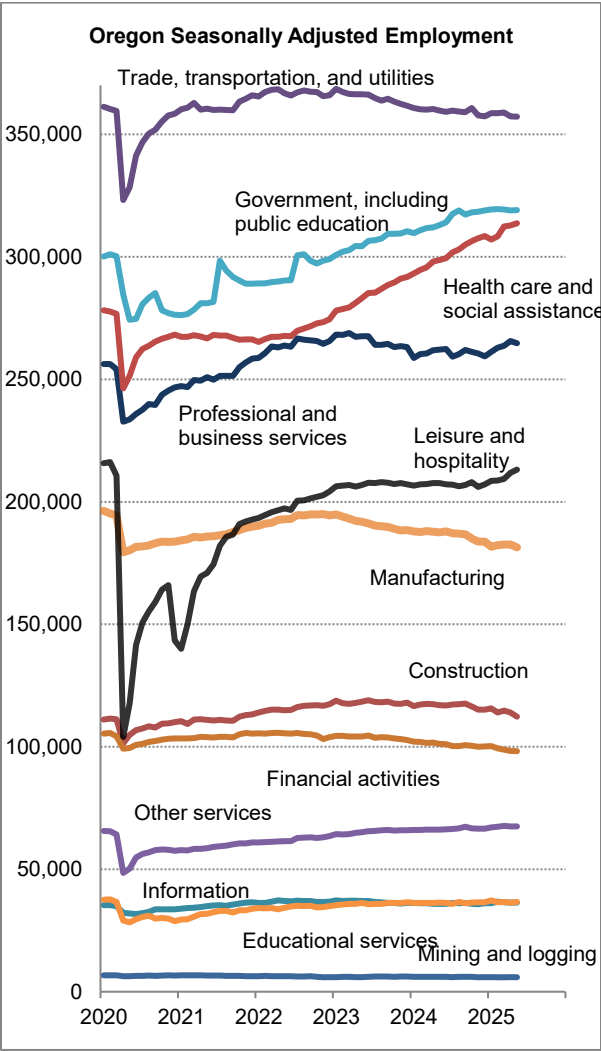
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Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes April to May 2025

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	11,100	9,700	-1,400
Total private	9,700	8,100	-1,600
Mining and logging	100	0	-100
Construction	1,300	-400	-1,700
Manufacturing	1,000	-200	-1,200
Wholesale trade	200	-400	-600
Retail trade	800	100	-700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	0	1,200	1,200
Information	500	500	0
Financial activities	400	300	-100
Professional and business services	700	-200	-900
Private educational services	-900	-600	300
Health care and social assistance	-400	500	900
Leisure and hospitality	6,100	7,400	1,300
Other services	-100	-100	0
Government	1,400	1,600	200



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the component industries within leisure and hospitality and manufacturing.

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. 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

	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	Change From April 2025	Change From May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,204,277	2,198,255	2,185,971	6,022	18,306
Unemployed	100,791	89,986	79,460	10,805	21,331
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.1	3.6	0.5	1.0
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.8	4.7	4.1	0.1	0.7
Employed	2,103,486	2,108,269	2,106,511	-4,783	-3,025
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	9.0	8.7	8.1	0.3	0.9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,014,900	2,005,200	2,004,000	9,700	10,900
Total private	1,688,300	1,680,200	1,682,900	8,100	5,400
Mining and logging	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Logging	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
Construction	113,000	113,400	117,200	-400	-4,200
Construction of buildings	30,600	31,200	32,800	-600	-2,200
Residential building construction	19,100	19,600	21,000	-500	-1,900
Nonresidential building construction	11,500	11,600	11,800	-100	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,400	11,400	11,300	0	100
Specialty trade contractors	71,000	70,800	73,100	200	-2,100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,500	12,600	13,500	-100	-1,000
Building equipment contractors	33,900	34,200	34,200	-300	-300
Building finishing contractors	14,800	14,200	15,300	600	-500
Other specialty trade contractors	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	-300
Manufacturing	181,200	181,400	187,500	-200	-6,300
Durable goods	127,700	128,300	131,900	-600	-4,200
Wood product manufacturing	22,300	22,400	22,500	-100	-200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,100	6,200	6,400	-100	-300
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	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,100	15,200	15,400	-100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	13,800	13,800	13,700	0	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,000	37,200	40,200	-200	-3,200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,500	30,600	33,400	-100	-2,900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,500	10,500	11,000	0	-500
Nondurable goods	53,500	53,100	55,600	400	-2,100
Food manufacturing	28,400	27,400	27,900	1,000	500
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	8,700	8,700	9,100	0	-400
Paper manufacturing	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	353,900	353,000	357,900	900	-4,000
Wholesale trade	75,600	76,000	78,200	-400	-2,600
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	39,400	39,600	40,200	-200	-800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,300	29,400	30,800	-100	-1,500
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-300
Retail trade	200,000	199,900	203,200	100	-3,200
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,400	25,500	26,300	-100	-900
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,100	17,000	18,400	100	-1,300
Food and beverage retailers	47,100	46,700	46,800	400	300
General merchandise retailers	38,200	38,300	39,300	-100	-1,100
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,700	14,700	15,000	0	-300
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	28,600	28,400	28,300	200	300

	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	Change From April 2025	Change From May 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,300	77,100	76,500	1,200	1,800
Utilities	5,300	5,200	5,100	100	200
Transportation and warehousing	73,000	71,900	71,400	1,100	1,600
Truck transportation	18,200	18,000	18,600	200	-400
Couriers and messengers	12,700	12,700	13,900	0	-1,200
Warehousing and storage	17,900	17,900	16,800	0	1,100
Information	36,900	36,400	36,200	500	700
Publishing industries	16,000	16,000	16,100	0	-100
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	-100
Software publishers	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0
Telecommunications	3,900	3,800	3,900	100	0
Financial activities	98,500	98,200	101,300	300	-2,800
Finance and insurance	52,400	52,400	53,200	0	-800
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,000	20,900	21,500	100	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,000	25,000	24,900	0	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,100	45,800	48,100	300	-2,000
Real estate	40,100	40,100	42,200	0	-2,100
Professional and business services	264,900	265,100	262,900	-200	2,000
Professional and technical services	111,500	112,400	110,500	-900	1,000
Legal services	12,400	12,400	12,100	0	300
Architectural and engineering services	19,400	19,400	19,200	0	200
Computer systems design and related services	17,700	17,500	17,400	200	300
Management of companies and enterprises	48,300	48,300	50,400	0	-2,100
Administrative and waste services	105,100	104,400	102,000	700	3,100
Administrative and support services	98,000	97,400	95,200	600	2,800
Employment services	42,800	41,500	39,600	1,300	3,200
Business support services	6,100	6,200	6,700	-100	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,300	28,300	28,200	0	100
Private education and health services	351,100	351,200	337,200	-100	13,900
Private educational services	37,900	38,500	37,300	-600	600
Health care and social assistance	313,200	312,700	299,900	500	13,300
Ambulatory health care services	105,100	106,200	103,100	-1,100	2,000
Hospitals	64,300	63,800	61,700	500	2,600
Nursing and residential care facilities	59,300	58,800	56,400	500	2,900
Social assistance	84,500	83,900	78,700	600	5,800
Leisure and hospitality	215,500	208,100	209,700	7,400	5,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	30,100	29,600	28,600	500	1,500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	21,700	21,700	20,000	0	1,700
Accommodation and food services	185,400	178,500	181,100	6,900	4,300
Accommodation	25,800	24,400	24,700	1,400	1,100
Food services and drinking places	159,600	154,100	156,400	5,500	3,200
Full-service restaurants	64,100	62,800	64,400	1,300	-300
Limited-service eating places	78,100	74,400	74,500	3,700	3,600
Other services	67,400	67,500	66,900	-100	500
Repair and maintenance	21,100	20,800	20,600	300	500
Personal and laundry services	15,800	15,700	15,700	100	100
Membership associations and organizations	30,500	31,000	30,600	-500	-100
Religious organizations	14,700	14,800	14,600	-100	100
Government	326,600	325,000	321,100	1,600	5,500
Federal government	29,100	29,000	29,800	100	-700
State government	49,200	49,100	47,100	100	2,100
State education	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Local government	248,300	246,900	244,200	1,400	4,100
Indian tribal	9,100	9,100	8,500	0	600
Local education	145,300	144,400	142,100	900	3,200
Labor-management disputes	0	200	0	-200	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.