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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Changed Little in February

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment declined by 100 jobs in February, following a gain of 9,600 jobs in January. Job losses in February were largest in **manufacturing** (-1,300 jobs) and **financial activities** (-1,000). Gains were largest in **construction** (+1,400 jobs), **private educational services** (+1,000), and **government** (+700).

Nondurable goods manufacturing experienced more job cuts than normal in both January and February. The industry employed 57,800 in February, which was close to its February totals of the prior two years. **Food manufacturing** comprises about half of nondurable goods manufacturing employment and, at 27,800 jobs in February, was close to its February totals of each of the past seven years. Meanwhile, **durable goods manufacturing** hasn't gained much ground lately, as it has hovered close to 137,000 jobs during the past eight months. Recent gains in **machinery manufacturing** have been offset by declines in **computer and electronic product manufacturing**.

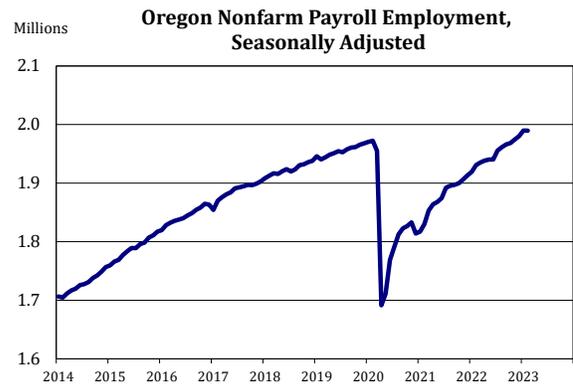
Construction employment rose sharply in February, reaching another record high of 122,700. The industry added 7,500 jobs, or 6.5%, over the past 12 months. Since February 2022, all published components of construction are up between 3.8% and 9.3%. The component that grew the fastest was **building equipment contractors**, which added 3,000 jobs, or 9.3%, in that time. Both components within **construction of buildings** grew close to 4%, with **residential building construction** up 800 jobs, or 3.8%, and **nonresidential building construction** up 500 jobs, or 4.3%.

Government employment rebounded above to its pre-pandemic high of early 2020, as it rose to 302,100 jobs in February. **Local government education** rose to 139,100 jobs in February, which was 6,500 jobs above its year-ago figure, and is now nearly back to its February 2020 total of 141,900. **Local government, excluding education** slowly expanded over the past eight months; it employed 97,700 in February.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.7% in February, little changed from 4.8% in January. Oregon's unemployment rate averaged 4.8% over the past six months. In February, the U.S. unemployment rate rose to 3.6%, from 3.4% in January.

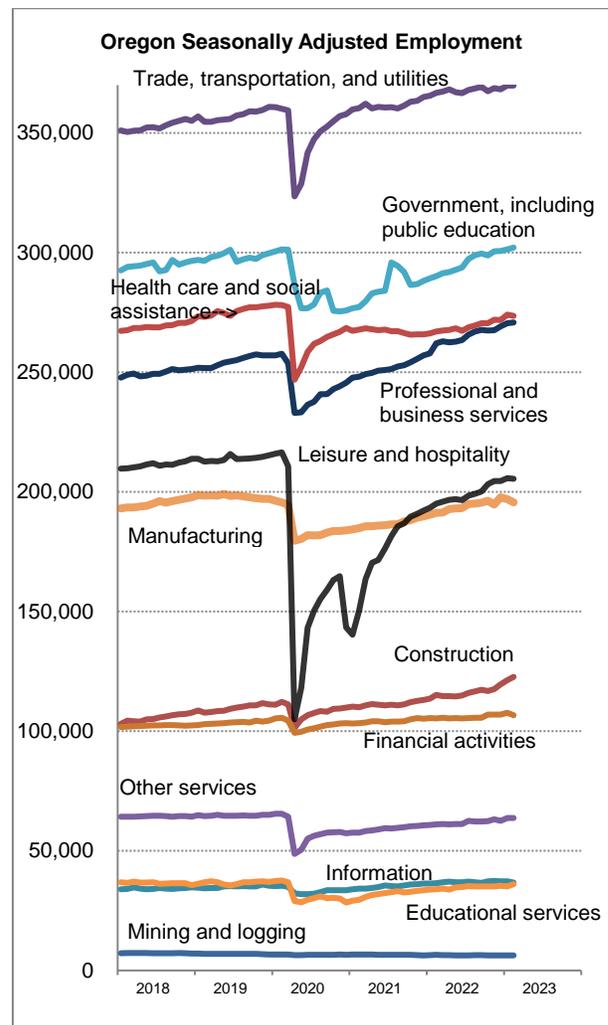
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 28, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 19.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes January to February 2023

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	9,200	9,100	-100
Total private	5,200	4,400	-800
Mining and logging	0	0	0
Construction	2,500	3,900	1,400
Manufacturing	-800	-2,100	-1,300
Wholesale trade	700	600	-100
Retail trade	-2,000	-1,700	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-1,000	-1,200	-200
Information	100	-400	-500
Financial activities	0	-1,000	-1,000
Professional and business services	2,000	2,300	300
Private educational services	1,800	2,800	1,000
Health care and social assistance	1,600	1,100	-500
Leisure and hospitality	0	-200	-200
Other services	300	300	0
Government	4,000	4,700	700



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted, except for the component industries within construction, durable goods manufacturing, nondurable goods manufacturing, and government.

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 2023	January 2023	February 2022	Change From January 2023	Change From February 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,163,910	2,164,688	2,169,415	-778	-5,505
Unemployed	100,418	108,055	85,859	-7,637	14,559
Unemployment rate	4.6	5.0	4.0	-0.4	0.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.7	4.8	3.7	-0.1	1.0
Employed	2,063,492	2,056,633	2,083,556	6,859	-20,064
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	59.9	60.0	60.3	-0.1	-0.4
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.8	7.8	7.2	0.0	0.6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,972,100	1,963,000	1,917,100	9,100	55,000
Total private	1,665,400	1,661,000	1,623,000	4,400	42,400
Mining and logging	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	-200
Logging	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Construction	118,300	114,400	111,600	3,900	6,700
Construction of buildings	34,100	32,800	32,800	1,300	1,300
Residential building construction	21,900	20,800	21,100	1,100	800
Nonresidential building construction	12,200	12,000	11,700	200	500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,500	10,000	9,800	500	700
Specialty trade contractors	73,700	71,600	69,000	2,100	4,700
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,600	13,000	13,000	600	600
Building equipment contractors	35,100	34,400	32,100	700	3,000
Building finishing contractors	15,300	14,800	14,600	500	700
Other specialty trade contractors	9,700	9,400	9,300	300	400
Manufacturing	192,600	194,700	189,500	-2,100	3,100
Durable goods	136,800	137,700	133,200	-900	3,600
Wood product manufacturing	23,300	23,500	23,200	-200	100
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,500	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,600	8,500	-100	0
Other wood product manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,200	-100	100
Primary metal manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,000	0	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,300	16,500	16,100	-200	200
Machinery manufacturing	14,900	15,000	14,400	-100	500
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,200	41,300	39,900	-100	1,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,400	34,600	32,600	-200	1,800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,000	11,000	10,800	0	200
Nondurable goods	55,800	57,000	56,300	-1,200	-500
Food manufacturing	27,800	28,600	28,000	-800	-200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,800	9,900	9,600	-100	200
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	365,500	367,800	364,100	-2,300	1,400
Wholesale trade	79,200	78,600	76,300	600	2,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,900	40,400	38,200	500	2,700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,700	30,700	30,700	0	0
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,600	7,500	7,400	100	200
Retail trade	207,000	208,700	208,500	-1,700	-1,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,200	26,400	26,500	-200	-300
Building material and garden equipment and supplies c	17,600	17,500	17,800	100	-200
Food and beverage retailers	47,700	48,200	46,600	-500	1,100
General merchandise retailers	40,500	41,100	40,800	-600	-300
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retail	15,500	16,300	15,400	-800	100
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and	29,900	30,300	29,600	-400	300

	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	Change From January 2023	Change From February 2022
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	79,300	80,500	79,300	-1,200	0
Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	74,300	75,500	74,500	-1,200	-200
Truck transportation	18,800	19,100	18,800	-300	0
Couriers and messengers	15,200	16,500	15,700	-1,300	-500
Warehousing and storage	19,200	19,200	20,000	0	-800
Information	36,600	37,000	36,300	-400	300
Publishing industries	16,600	16,700	16,500	-100	100
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	-200
Software publishers	14,300	14,400	14,000	-100	300
Telecommunications	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	-200
Financial activities	106,100	107,100	104,500	-1,000	1,600
Finance and insurance	54,500	55,100	56,000	-600	-1,500
Credit intermediation and related activities	23,800	23,900	25,400	-100	-1,600
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,100	24,400	24,200	-300	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	51,600	52,000	48,500	-400	3,100
Real estate	45,900	46,200	43,400	-300	2,500
Professional and business services	269,000	266,700	259,900	2,300	9,100
Professional and technical services	109,600	108,700	108,400	900	1,200
Legal services	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
Architectural and engineering services	18,600	18,500	18,200	100	400
Computer systems design and related services	16,800	17,200	17,700	-400	-900
Management of companies and enterprises	50,200	50,400	48,300	-200	1,900
Administrative and waste services	109,200	107,600	103,200	1,600	6,000
Administrative and support services	102,700	101,100	97,100	1,600	5,600
Employment services	45,800	45,300	44,700	500	1,100
Business support services	8,800	8,700	9,500	100	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,500	27,300	24,900	1,200	3,600
Private education and health services	311,300	307,400	303,300	3,900	8,000
Private educational services	37,300	34,500	36,200	2,800	1,100
Health care and social assistance	274,000	272,900	267,100	1,100	6,900
Ambulatory health care services	94,100	94,600	95,000	-500	-900
Hospitals	58,100	58,100	57,600	0	500
Nursing and residential care facilities	50,600	50,100	48,600	500	2,000
Social assistance	71,200	70,100	65,900	1,100	5,300
Leisure and hospitality	196,600	196,800	187,100	-200	9,500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	26,800	26,600	23,300	200	3,500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	18,500	18,500	16,900	0	1,600
Accommodation and food services	169,800	170,200	163,800	-400	6,000
Accommodation	21,700	21,900	20,400	-200	1,300
Food services and drinking places	148,100	148,300	143,400	-200	4,700
Full-service restaurants	62,500	62,100	60,500	400	2,000
Limited-service eating places	69,100	69,600	68,800	-500	300
Other services	63,300	63,000	60,400	300	2,900
Repair and maintenance	19,500	19,800	18,900	-300	600
Personal and laundry services	14,600	14,600	14,200	0	400
Membership associations and organizations	29,200	28,600	27,300	600	1,900
Religious organizations	14,500	14,400	14,400	100	100
Government	306,700	302,000	294,100	4,700	12,600
Federal government	27,000	26,700	27,000	300	0
State government	42,900	42,800	41,900	100	1,000
State education	1,300	1,300	1,100	0	200
Local government	236,800	232,500	225,200	4,300	11,600
Indian tribal	7,800	7,800	7,400	0	400
Local education	139,100	135,200	132,600	3,900	6,500
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.