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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 1,500 Jobs in August

In August, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment gained 1,500 jobs, following a revised increase of 6,800 jobs in July. August's gains were largest in **private educational services** (+2,000 jobs) and **health care and social assistance** (+1,200). Declines in August were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (-1,700 jobs) and **government** (-800).

Health care and social assistance expanded rapidly, adding 1,200 jobs in August and 16,100 jobs over the past 12 months. **Social assistance** grew by 8,100 jobs, or 11.0%, in 12 months. Meanwhile, the health-care component industries each added more than 2,000 jobs since August 2023: **nursing and residential care facilities** (+3,400 jobs, or 6.3%); **ambulatory health care services** (+3,300 jobs, or 3.3%); and **hospitals** (+2,300 jobs, or 3.9%).

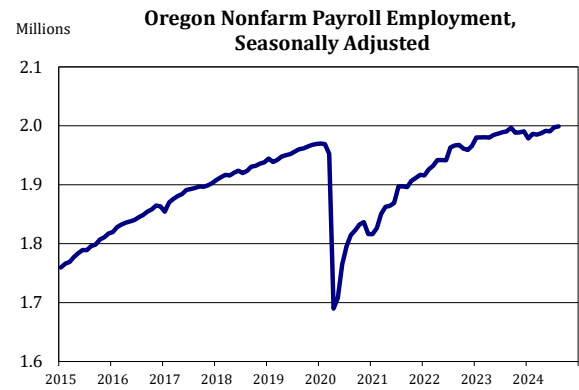
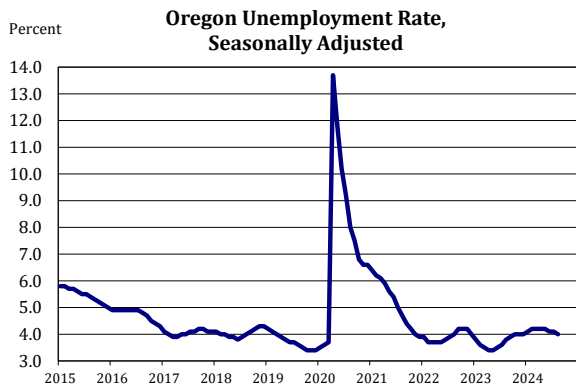
Government cut 800 jobs over the month in August, but added 6,000 jobs, or 1.9%, since August 2023. In the past 12 months each of its three components grew: **local government** (+3,700 jobs, or 1.6%), **state government** (+1,400 jobs, or 3.0%), and **federal government** (+900 jobs, or 3.1%).

Despite gains over the past year in health care and government, several industries cut jobs. Three major industries declined by at least 3,000 jobs since August 2023: **retail trade** (-6,800 jobs, or -3.3%); **professional and business services** (-4,200 jobs, or -1.6%); and **leisure and hospitality** (-3,000 jobs, or -1.4%). And **manufacturing, construction, information, and financial activities** each declined by about 1%.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.0% in August and 4.1% in July and has been in a tight range between 4.0% and 4.2% since October 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was little changed at 4.2% in August from 4.3% in July.

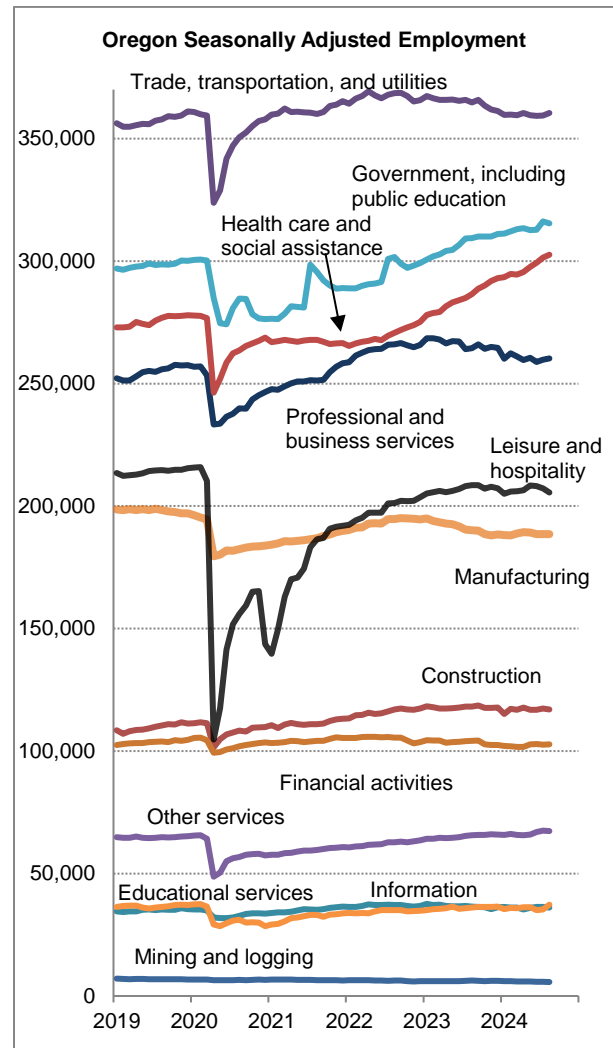
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Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes July to August 2024

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



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the component industries within health care and social assistance.

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 January, February and March 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

	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	Change From July 2024	Change From August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,208,207	2,203,089	2,179,300	5,118	28,907
Unemployed	90,232	96,184	85,762	-5,952	4,470
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.4	3.9	-0.3	0.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.0	4.1	3.8	-0.1	0.2
Employed	2,117,975	2,106,905	2,093,538	11,070	24,437
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.0	63.0	62.4	0.0	0.6
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.1	8.2	8.1	-0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,005,100	1,999,800	1,982,700	5,300	22,400
Total private	1,709,400	1,704,400	1,694,600	5,000	14,800
Mining and logging	6,100	6,100	6,500	0	-400
Logging	4,200	4,200	4,600	0	-400
Construction	123,300	122,300	121,700	1,000	1,600
Construction of buildings	35,100	34,800	34,700	300	400
Residential building construction	22,700	22,500	22,100	200	600
Nonresidential building construction	12,400	12,300	12,600	100	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12,100	12,000	11,700	100	400
Specialty trade contractors	76,100	75,500	75,300	600	800
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,000	13,900	14,200	100	-200
Building equipment contractors	35,800	35,500	34,500	300	1,300
Building finishing contractors	15,900	15,700	16,300	200	-400
Other specialty trade contractors	10,400	10,400	10,300	0	100
Manufacturing	192,800	193,500	192,200	-700	600
Durable goods	134,300	134,100	133,700	200	600
Wood product manufacturing	23,100	23,200	22,900	-100	200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,600	6,700	6,500	-100	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,400	0	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,600	15,500	15,600	100	0
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,900	14,200	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,600	40,700	40,700	-100	-100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,100	34,200	33,600	-100	500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,600	11,600	11,200	0	400
Nondurable goods	58,500	59,400	58,500	-900	0
Food manufacturing	29,800	30,300	29,500	-500	300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,700	9,700	10,100	0	-400
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	362,600	360,200	364,000	2,400	-1,400
Wholesale trade	81,000	79,600	78,700	1,400	2,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	41,300	40,800	40,200	500	1,100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	32,200	31,500	31,100	700	1,100
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,500	7,300	7,400	200	100
Retail trade	203,500	203,400	208,600	100	-5,100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,100	26,000	27,000	100	-900
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,600	17,800	18,300	-200	-700
Food and beverage retailers	47,000	46,900	47,900	100	-900
General merchandise retailers	40,000	39,900	39,400	100	600
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	15,300	15,300	15,900	0	-600
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	29,100	28,900	29,900	200	-800

	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	Change From July 2024	Change From August 2023
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,100	77,200	76,700	900	1,400
Utilities	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	73,000	72,100	71,500	900	1,500
Truck transportation	18,700	18,700	19,000	0	-300
Couriers and messengers	13,600	13,100	14,100	500	-500
Warehousing and storage	17,500	17,400	17,400	100	100
Information	36,600	37,200	36,700	-600	-100
Publishing industries	16,500	16,700	16,400	-200	100
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,300	2,300	-100	-100
Software publishers	14,300	14,400	14,100	-100	200
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Financial activities	104,200	104,400	105,100	-200	-900
Finance and insurance	53,400	53,100	54,700	300	-1,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	22,000	21,800	23,000	200	-1,000
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,200	24,900	24,800	300	400
Real estate and rental and leasing	50,800	51,300	50,400	-500	400
Real estate	45,500	45,800	44,200	-300	1,300
Professional and business services	262,600	260,800	265,900	1,800	-3,300
Professional and technical services	111,000	110,700	111,600	300	-600
Legal services	11,900	11,900	12,100	0	-200
Architectural and engineering services	19,200	19,200	19,500	0	-300
Computer systems design and related services	17,700	17,800	17,500	-100	200
Management of companies and enterprises	51,300	51,200	51,800	100	-500
Administrative and waste services	100,300	98,900	102,500	1,400	-2,200
Administrative and support services	93,800	92,500	95,800	1,300	-2,000
Employment services	38,000	37,300	39,900	700	-1,900
Business support services	6,800	6,800	7,500	0	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	30,000	29,400	28,200	600	1,800
Private education and health services	338,200	333,400	317,900	4,800	20,300
Private educational services	34,700	31,800	31,500	2,900	3,200
Health care and social assistance	303,500	301,600	286,400	1,900	17,100
Ambulatory health care services	103,100	102,900	99,800	200	3,300
Hospitals	61,800	61,400	59,500	400	2,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	57,000	56,800	53,600	200	3,400
Social assistance	81,600	80,500	73,500	1,100	8,100
Leisure and hospitality	215,900	219,400	218,100	-3,500	-2,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	29,300	30,200	30,200	-900	-900
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	21,300	21,900	21,800	-600	-500
Accommodation and food services	186,600	189,200	187,900	-2,600	-1,300
Accommodation	27,900	28,200	26,800	-300	1,100
Food services and drinking places	158,700	161,000	161,100	-2,300	-2,400
Full-service restaurants	64,800	66,800	66,600	-2,000	-1,800
Limited-service eating places	76,000	75,900	76,500	100	-500
Other services	67,100	67,100	66,500	0	600
Repair and maintenance	20,700	20,500	20,600	200	100
Personal and laundry services	15,500	15,700	15,600	-200	-100
Membership associations and organizations	30,900	30,900	30,300	0	600
Religious organizations	14,700	14,900	14,100	-200	600
Government	295,700	295,400	288,100	300	7,600
Federal government	30,400	30,600	29,600	-200	800
State government	48,300	48,300	46,800	0	1,500
State education	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local government	217,000	216,500	211,700	500	5,300
Indian tribal	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	100
Local education	112,100	111,400	110,600	700	1,500
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.