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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was 5.2% in December

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in both November and December. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.5% in November and 4.4% in December.

In December, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 2,200 jobs, following a gain of 800 jobs, as revised, in November. December's gains were largest in **professional and business services** (+1,100 jobs) and **government** (+500). Losses were largest in **construction** (-2,500 jobs); **retail trade** (-900); and **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (-900).

Professional and business services added 1,900 jobs during the last two months of 2025, recovering some of the jobs it lost during the first half of the year. Each of its three component industries rose between October and December, with **administrative and waste services** growing the fastest (+900 jobs, or 0.9%).

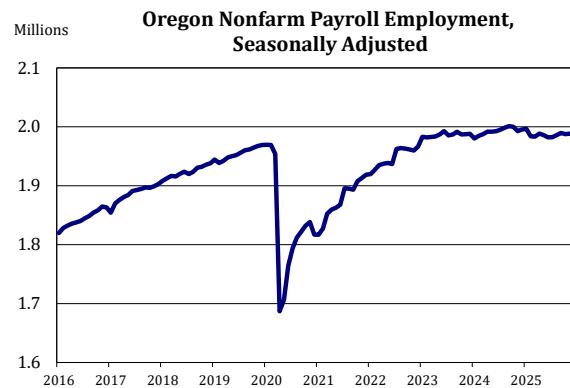
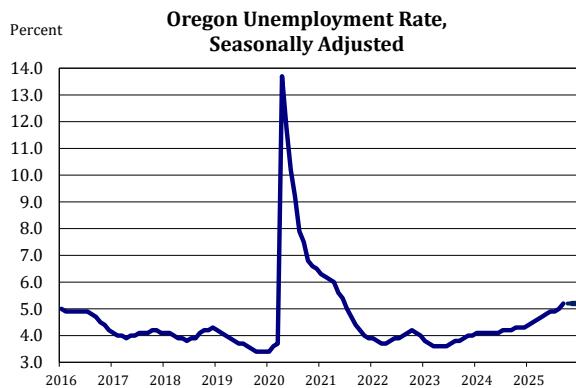
Construction cut 3,000 jobs during the last two months of 2025, following relatively strong growth during July through October. At 113,900 jobs in December, it is close to its spring level, and slightly below its three-year average of 116,900 jobs during 2022 through 2024.

Holiday hiring in retail trade was 1,200 jobs below the normal seasonal pattern during the last two months of the year. Since early 2023, retail trade has trended downward. It employed 199,200 in December, which was 11,300 jobs, or 5.4%, below three years prior.

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 1,400 jobs during November and December, following growth of a similar amount during the summer. It employed 78,200 in December, which was close to its three-year average of 78,500 jobs during 2022 through 2024.

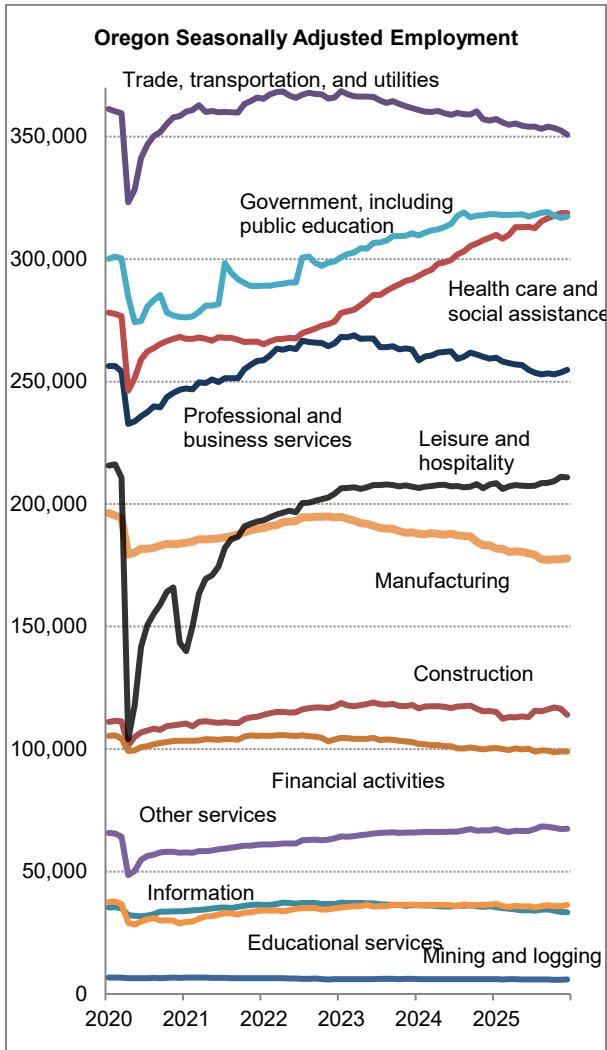
Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Jan. 27. We are awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.



**Seasonal Expectations and
Over-the-Month Employment Changes
November to December 2025**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-6,900	-9,100	-2,200
Total private	-5,700	-8,400	-2,700
Mining and logging	0	100	100
Construction	-2,900	-5,400	-2,500
Manufacturing	-500	-100	400
Wholesale trade	-400	-300	100
Retail trade	900	0	-900
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,100	200	-900
Information	0	-200	-200
Financial activities	-300	-500	-200
Professional and business services	-1,600	-500	1,100
Private educational services	-600	-200	400
Health care and social assistance	500	500	0
Leisure and hospitality	-1,500	-1,700	-200
Other services	-400	-300	100
Government	-1,200	-700	500



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted.

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 April, May, and June 2025 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

	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	Change From November 2025	Change From December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,214,373	2,236,740	2,193,324	-22,367	21,049
Unemployed	112,319	108,793	93,666	3,526	18,653
Unemployment rate	5.1	4.9	4.3	0.2	0.8
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.2	5.2	4.3	0.0	0.9
Employed	2,102,054	2,127,947	2,099,658	-25,893	2,396
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.2	63.1	62.7	0.1	0.5
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	9.0	9.0	7.7	0.0	1.3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,992,200	2,001,300	2,001,800	-9,100	-9,600
Total private	1,670,800	1,679,200	1,679,500	-8,400	-8,700
Mining and logging	5,900	5,800	6,000	100	-100
Logging	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Construction	111,800	117,200	114,200	-5,400	-2,400
Construction of buildings	32,500	33,500	31,500	-1,000	1,000
Residential building construction	21,400	22,000	19,900	-600	1,500
Nonresidential building construction	11,100	11,500	11,600	-400	-500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,400	12,000	11,800	-600	-400
Specialty trade contractors	67,900	71,700	70,900	-3,800	-3,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,300	12,900	12,800	-600	-500
Building equipment contractors	32,900	33,800	34,300	-900	-1,400
Building finishing contractors	13,100	14,900	14,100	-1,800	-1,000
Other specialty trade contractors	9,600	10,100	9,700	-500	-100
Manufacturing	177,500	177,600	182,700	-100	-5,200
Durable goods	124,100	124,000	128,500	100	-4,400
Wood product manufacturing	22,300	22,200	22,300	100	0
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,600	8,500	100	200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,600	7,600	7,800	0	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,300	15,200	15,400	100	-100
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,900	13,900	0	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	33,700	33,800	38,000	-100	-4,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,000	27,900	31,400	100	-3,400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,400	4,500	100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,900	10,800	10,700	100	200
Nondurable goods	53,400	53,600	54,200	-200	-800
Food manufacturing	27,900	28,000	27,600	-100	300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,100	9,200	8,900	-100	200
Paper manufacturing	3,900	3,800	3,800	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	361,100	361,200	365,700	-100	-4,600
Wholesale trade	74,400	74,700	76,900	-300	-2,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	38,300	38,500	40,000	-200	-1,700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,900	30,000	30,200	-100	-300
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	6,200	6,200	6,700	0	-500
Retail trade	204,600	204,600	206,300	0	-1,700
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,700	25,800	25,900	-100	-200
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	16,900	16,900	16,600	0	300
Food and beverage retailers	46,700	47,000	47,400	-300	-700
General merchandise retailers	42,600	42,100	41,100	500	1,500
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	15,900	15,600	16,300	300	-400
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and misc	28,800	29,200	29,500	-400	-700

	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	Change From November 2025	Change From December 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	82,100	81,900	82,500	200	-400
Utilities	5,200	5,300	5,200	-100	0
Transportation and warehousing	76,900	76,600	77,300	300	-400
Truck transportation	18,000	18,200	18,300	-200	-300
Couriers and messengers	16,300	15,000	17,200	1,300	-900
Warehousing and storage	19,500	19,700	19,000	-200	500
Information	32,100	32,300	35,700	-200	-3,600
Publishing industries	14,400	14,600	15,700	-200	-1,300
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,000	2,100	2,200	-100	-200
Software publishers	12,400	12,500	13,500	-100	-1,100
Telecommunications	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Financial activities	98,100	98,600	100,300	-500	-2,200
Finance and insurance	51,900	52,100	53,200	-200	-1,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	20,700	20,900	21,200	-200	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,800	24,000	25,200	-200	-1,400
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,200	46,500	47,100	-300	-900
Real estate	40,500	40,800	41,500	-300	-1,000
Professional and business services	254,700	255,200	258,800	-500	-4,100
Professional and technical services	110,900	110,100	110,700	800	200
Legal services	12,600	12,400	12,300	200	300
Architectural and engineering services	19,600	19,200	19,200	400	400
Computer systems design and related services	17,600	17,600	17,700	0	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	48,100	48,000	48,700	100	-600
Administrative and waste services	95,700	97,100	99,400	-1,400	-3,700
Administrative and support services	88,800	90,300	92,500	-1,500	-3,700
Employment services	35,800	37,400	38,700	-1,600	-2,900
Business support services	5,900	5,900	6,500	0	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,600	28,800	26,800	-200	1,800
Private education and health services	357,000	356,700	346,800	300	10,200
Private educational services	36,900	37,100	37,500	-200	-600
Health care and social assistance	320,100	319,600	309,300	500	10,800
Ambulatory health care services	108,600	108,600	105,500	0	3,100
Hospitals	64,500	64,300	63,600	200	900
Nursing and residential care facilities	62,900	62,700	58,200	200	4,700
Social assistance	84,100	84,000	82,000	100	2,100
Leisure and hospitality	205,300	207,000	203,100	-1,700	2,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	26,800	27,400	28,500	-600	-1,700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,500	19,900	20,800	-400	-1,300
Accommodation and food services	178,500	179,600	174,600	-1,100	3,900
Accommodation	24,200	24,500	23,500	-300	700
Food services and drinking places	154,300	155,100	151,100	-800	3,200
Full-service restaurants	62,400	63,200	60,800	-800	1,600
Limited-service eating places	72,900	73,600	73,100	-700	-200
Other services	67,300	67,600	66,200	-300	1,100
Repair and maintenance	20,400	20,600	20,400	-200	0
Personal and laundry services	16,300	16,300	15,600	0	700
Membership associations and organizations	30,600	30,700	30,200	-100	400
Religious organizations	15,000	15,100	14,600	-100	400
Government	321,400	322,100	322,300	-700	-900
Federal government	27,700	27,600	29,100	100	-1,400
State government	49,000	49,100	49,100	-100	-100
State education	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Local government	244,700	245,400	244,100	-700	600
Indian tribal	8,900	8,900	8,700	0	200
Local education	137,000	137,800	140,100	-800	-3,100
Labor-management disputes	0	0	200	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.