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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Rises to 3.7% in August

Oregon's unemployment rate rose to 3.7% in August from 3.5% in July. This was the first increase in Oregon's unemployment rate since April 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate was the same as in Oregon, at 3.7% in August and 3.5% in July. Over the past six months, Oregon's unemployment rate has remained low by historic standards, averaging 3.6% during that period.

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment grew by 9,300 in August, following an upwardly revised gain of 13,000 jobs in July. Monthly gains in August were largest in **government** (+3,800 jobs), **leisure and hospitality** (+1,900), **construction** (+1,400), **professional and business services** (+1,000), and **manufacturing** (+900). **Other services** (-800 jobs) and **financial activities** (-700) were the only major industries that shed more than 500 jobs.

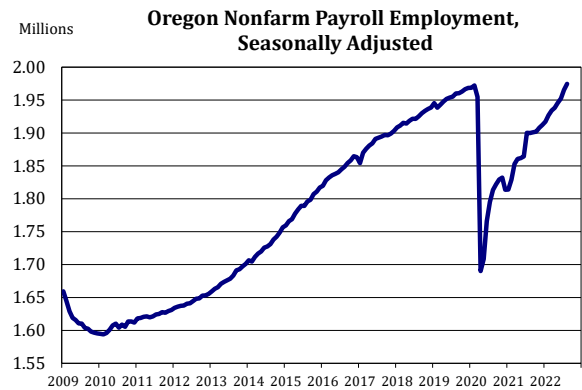
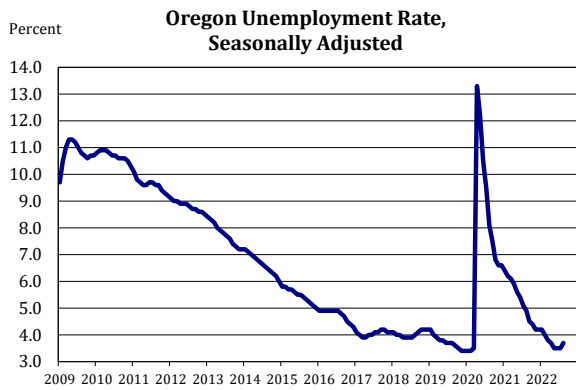
With the rapid gains in total nonfarm payroll jobs in July and August, Oregon reached a record employment total of 1,974,700 jobs in August, which was 2,500 jobs above the pre-pandemic peak reached in February 2020. The private sector has also regained all of the jobs it lost during the pandemic recession.

Over the past 12 months, total nonfarm payroll employment grew by 74,800 jobs, or 3.9%. The following industries are powering the recovery, as each added more than 6,000 jobs while expanding at a faster rate than total nonfarm: leisure and hospitality (+18,500 jobs, or 9.9%), construction (+9,600 jobs, or 8.7%), manufacturing (+9,900 jobs, or 5.3%), and professional and business services (+11,700 jobs, or 4.7%).

Local government strayed from its usual seasonal pattern as local schools experienced fewer summer job reductions than normal, adding jobs in both July and August. This trend followed the first six months of the year, when local government employment averaged nearly 12,000 fewer jobs than in 2019, prior to the recession. But with fewer short-term job reductions in July and August of this year, local government education employed a total of 108,600 in August, which was 2,500 above its level in August 2019.

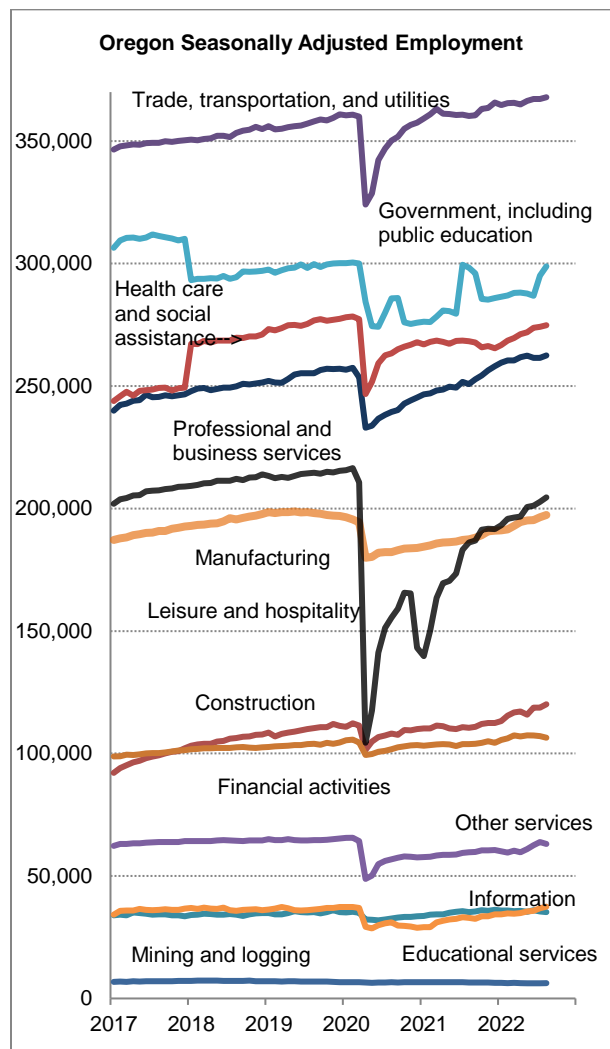
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 19.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes July to August 2022

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,700	11,000	9,300
Total private	2,600	8,100	5,500
Mining and logging	100	200	100
Construction	1,800	3,200	1,400
Manufacturing	0	900	900
Wholesale trade	100	600	500
Retail trade	500	1,200	700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	0	-500	-500
Information	-300	-600	-300
Financial activities	-100	-800	-700
Professional and business services	-100	900	1,000
Private educational services	800	1,500	700
Health care and social assistance	400	1,000	600
Leisure and hospitality	-1,000	900	1,900
Other services	400	-400	-800
Government	-900	2,900	3,800



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted, except for local government education.

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 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 2021 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

The PDF version of the news release can be found at QualityInfo.org/press-release. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit QualityInfo.org, then within the top banner, select *Economic Data*, then choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Change From July 2022	Change From August 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,217,815	2,212,209	2,159,313	5,606	58,502
Unemployed	95,391	86,629	109,017	8,762	-13,626
Unemployment rate	4.3	3.9	5.0	0.4	-0.7
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.7	3.5	4.9	0.2	-1.2
Employed	2,122,424	2,125,580	2,050,296	-3,156	72,128
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.5	63.5	62.2	0.0	1.3
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.1	6.8	9.0	0.3	-1.9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,976,000	1,965,000	1,891,400	11,000	84,600
Total private	1,697,200	1,689,100	1,617,200	8,100	80,000
Mining and logging	6,800	6,600	6,700	200	100
Logging	4,800	4,700	4,900	100	-100
Construction	127,000	123,800	114,500	3,200	12,500
Construction of buildings	35,900	35,200	33,200	700	2,700
Residential building construction	22,900	22,600	21,200	300	1,700
Nonresidential building construction	13,000	12,600	12,000	400	1,000
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,700	11,400	10,700	300	1,000
Specialty trade contractors	79,400	77,200	70,600	2,200	8,800
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,700	14,300	13,100	400	1,600
Building equipment contractors	36,600	35,000	31,800	1,600	4,800
Building finishing contractors	17,200	17,300	15,600	-100	1,600
Other specialty trade contractors	10,900	10,600	10,100	300	800
Manufacturing	202,700	201,800	189,800	900	12,900
Durable goods	139,100	138,500	129,900	600	9,200
Wood product manufacturing	23,500	23,500	22,800	0	700
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,800	8,800	8,500	0	300
Other wood product manufacturing	8,200	8,200	8,000	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,400	7,300	6,700	100	700
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,700	16,800	16,100	-100	600
Machinery manufacturing	15,000	15,000	14,000	0	1,000
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,300	41,000	38,000	300	3,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,800	33,900	30,700	-100	3,100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,600	0	300
Nondurable goods	63,600	63,300	59,900	300	3,700
Food manufacturing	30,600	30,200	29,500	400	1,100
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	11,100	11,000	10,500	100	600
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	366,600	365,300	360,300	1,300	6,300
Wholesale trade	80,100	79,500	74,900	600	5,200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	38,900	38,900	37,700	0	1,200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	33,300	32,800	29,900	500	3,400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,900	7,800	7,300	100	600
Retail trade	208,300	207,100	209,500	1,200	-1,200
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,000	25,300	26,100	-300	-1,100
Building material and garden supply stores	17,600	17,800	18,800	-200	-1,200
Food and beverage stores	48,200	47,200	46,000	1,000	2,200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	14,500	14,300	13,600	200	900
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	100
General merchandise stores	37,900	38,100	39,800	-200	-1,900
Miscellaneous store retailers	18,300	18,100	17,400	200	900
Nonstore retailers	7,800	7,700	7,800	100	0

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Change From July 2022	Change From August 2021
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,200	78,700	75,900	-500	2,300
Utilities	4,900	4,900	4,800	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	73,300	73,800	71,100	-500	2,200
Truck transportation	18,300	18,500	19,100	-200	-800
Couriers and messengers	15,000	15,000	13,600	0	1,400
Warehousing and storage	19,900	20,100	19,000	-200	900
Information	35,100	35,700	35,400	-600	-300
Publishing industries, except internet	15,900	16,100	16,000	-200	-100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Software publishers	13,600	13,800	13,600	-200	0
Telecommunications	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
Financial activities	107,400	108,200	105,300	-800	2,100
Finance and insurance	56,100	56,200	56,200	-100	-100
Credit intermediation and related activities	25,200	25,300	25,700	-100	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	23,800	24,100	100	-200
Real estate and rental and leasing	51,300	52,000	49,100	-700	2,200
Real estate	44,200	45,400	43,600	-1,200	600
Professional and business services	263,600	262,700	252,600	900	11,000
Professional and technical services	110,600	111,600	104,700	-1,000	5,900
Legal services	12,200	12,400	11,900	-200	300
Architectural and engineering services	19,800	19,600	18,100	200	1,700
Computer systems design and related services	17,400	17,900	17,200	-500	200
Management of companies and enterprises	49,800	49,600	48,600	200	1,200
Administrative and waste services	103,200	101,500	99,300	1,700	3,900
Administrative and support services	97,300	95,600	93,100	1,700	4,200
Employment services	43,600	43,100	39,000	500	4,600
Business support services	9,300	9,100	10,000	200	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,800	28,500	26,300	300	2,500
Education and health services	309,800	307,300	296,100	2,500	13,700
Educational services	34,800	33,300	28,000	1,500	6,800
Health care and social assistance	275,000	274,000	268,100	1,000	6,900
Ambulatory health care services	99,100	99,100	94,600	0	4,500
Hospitals	57,900	57,700	58,700	200	-800
Nursing and residential care facilities	50,200	49,800	49,200	400	1,000
Social assistance	67,800	67,400	65,600	400	2,200
Leisure and hospitality	215,300	214,400	196,100	900	19,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	28,400	28,900	24,400	-500	4,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	20,800	21,100	17,900	-300	2,900
Accommodation and food services	186,900	185,500	171,700	1,400	15,200
Accommodation	26,000	26,000	23,700	0	2,300
Food services and drinking places	160,900	159,500	148,000	1,400	12,900
Full-service restaurants	69,600	70,700	63,600	-1,100	6,000
Limited-service eating places	74,500	73,400	70,200	1,100	4,300
Other services	62,900	63,300	60,400	-400	2,500
Repair and maintenance	19,000	19,200	19,000	-200	0
Personal and laundry services	14,700	15,000	14,300	-300	400
Membership associations and organizations	29,200	29,100	27,100	100	2,100
Religious organizations	14,200	14,500	13,800	-300	400
Government	278,800	275,900	274,200	2,900	4,600
Federal government	28,700	28,900	29,300	-200	-600
State government	43,400	43,200	42,900	200	500
State education	1,200	1,100	1,000	100	200
Local government	206,700	203,800	202,000	2,900	4,700
Indian tribal	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
Local education	108,600	106,200	107,900	2,400	700
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.