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Oregon Jobs Recovery Slows in July

Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 20,500 jobs in July, following a gain of 57,000 jobs in June. Over the past three months, employers added back 38 percent of the jobs that were cut in March and April.

Over-the-month job gains in July were largest in **leisure and hospitality** (+7,300 jobs); **government** (+5,700); **retail trade** (+3,600); **health care and social assistance** (+3,100); and **professional and business services** (+1,900). Meanwhile, three of the major industries cut a substantial number of jobs in July: **construction** (-1,900 jobs); **manufacturing** (-1,500); and **information** (-1,200).

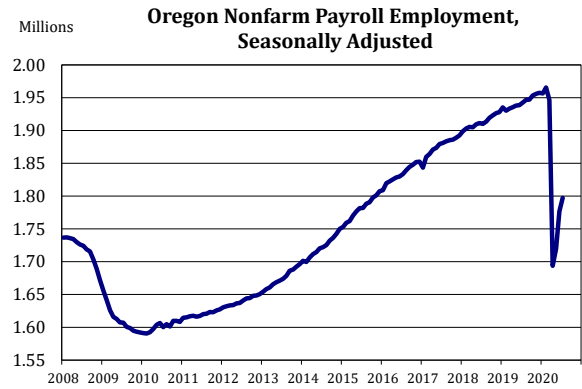
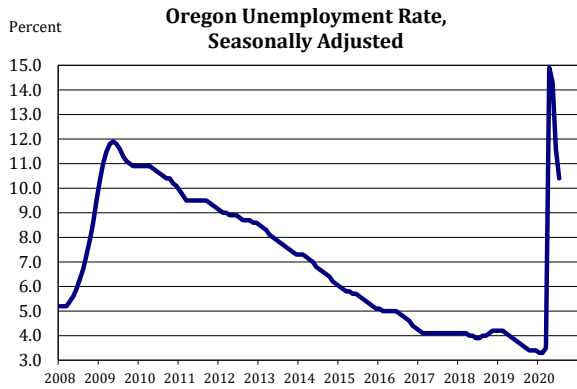
Over the past five months the major industries were impacted differently by the pandemic. Leisure and hospitality suffered by far the largest job loss during March and April, shedding 118,700 jobs during the outset of the pandemic-induced drop in business. Then, between April and July, the industry regained half of the loss, as it rebounded by 58,900 jobs over the past three months. Three industries regained more than half of their lost jobs. Health care and social assistance regained two-thirds of its lost jobs, with a rebound of 18,700 jobs over the past three months. During that time, two industries regained nearly two-thirds of their lost jobs: other services (+9,300 jobs, or a 63% rebound) and retail trade (+13,900 jobs, or 62%).

However, several key industries experienced substantial job losses in March and April but have not rebounded substantially or have even declined further over the past three months. The following industries shed jobs between April and July: government (-5,200 jobs); manufacturing (-3,100); and information (-1,900). Most of the other major industries have regained fewer than 5,000 jobs each over the past three months while regaining less than a third of jobs lost during March and April. These industries include construction; financial activities; private education; professional and business services; and transportation, warehousing, and utilities.

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 10.4 percent in July from 11.6 percent, as revised, in June. In July, Oregon's unemployment rate was very close to the U.S. unemployment rate; the U.S. rate dropped to 10.2 percent in July from 11.1 percent in June.

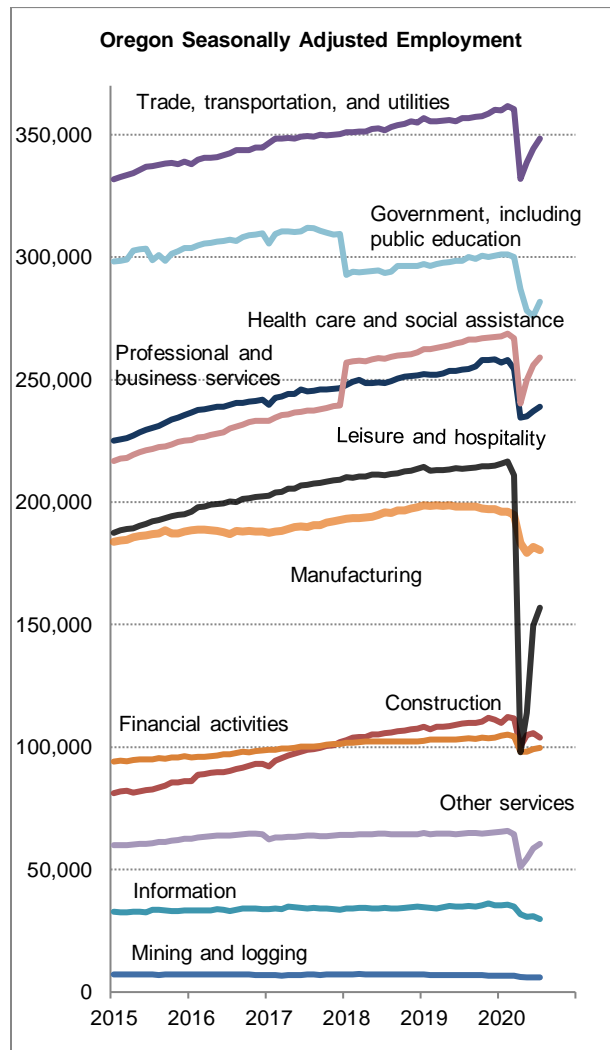
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 25th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 15th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes June to July 2020

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-16,800	3,700	20,500
Total private	12,700	27,500	14,800
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Construction	3,700	1,800	-1,900
Manufacturing	2,200	700	-1,500
Wholesale trade	700	200	-500
Retail trade	2,200	5,800	3,600
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	1,200	900
Information	100	-1,100	-1,200
Financial activities	500	1,000	500
Professional and business services	2,600	4,500	1,900
Private educational services	-2,000	-1,100	900
Health care and social assistance	-700	2,400	3,100
Leisure and hospitality	2,900	10,200	7,300
Other services	100	1,800	1,700
Government	-29,500	-23,800	5,700



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 January, February and March 2020 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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Change From June 2020	Change From July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,082,253	2,173,018	2,126,411	-90,765	-44,158
Unemployed	219,802	253,740	85,756	-33,938	134,046
Unemployment rate	10.6	11.7	4.0	-1.1	6.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	10.4	11.6	3.7	-1.2	6.7
Employed	1,862,451	1,919,278	2,040,655	-56,827	-178,204
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	59.7	62.7	61.7	-3.0	-2.0
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	17.0	18.9	8.0	-1.9	9.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,795,800	1,792,100	1,932,600	3,700	-136,800
Total private	1,535,000	1,507,500	1,657,800	27,500	-122,800
Mining and logging	6,200	6,100	7,100	100	-900
Logging	4,100	4,000	5,200	100	-1,100
Construction	110,800	109,000	113,100	1,800	-2,300
Construction of buildings	30,200	29,700	32,000	500	-1,800
Residential building construction	17,000	16,800	19,500	200	-2,500
Nonresidential building construction	13,200	12,900	12,500	300	700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,900	10,700	11,300	200	-400
Specialty trade contractors	69,700	68,600	69,800	1,100	-100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,800	14,000	13,100	-200	700
Building equipment contractors	29,900	29,500	30,500	400	-600
Building finishing contractors	16,000	15,300	16,400	700	-400
Other specialty trade contractors	10,000	9,800	9,800	200	200
Manufacturing	184,400	183,700	201,700	700	-17,300
Durable goods	127,700	128,400	137,900	-700	-10,200
Wood product manufacturing	21,900	22,200	23,200	-300	-1,300
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,000	6,200	6,200	-200	-200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,200	8,300	9,000	-100	-800
Other wood product manufacturing	7,700	7,700	8,000	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,100	6,600	9,300	500	-2,200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,600	15,800	16,800	-200	-1,200
Machinery manufacturing	13,500	13,400	14,200	100	-700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,300	37,600	39,000	-300	-1,700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,600	30,700	30,800	-100	-200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,800	5,000	5,600	-200	-800
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,200	10,300	12,700	-100	-2,500
Nondurable goods	56,700	55,300	63,800	1,400	-7,100
Food manufacturing	27,400	26,700	31,900	700	-4,500
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	11,200	11,000	12,700	200	-1,500
Paper manufacturing	4,000	3,900	4,000	100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	350,100	342,900	356,400	7,200	-6,300
Wholesale trade	76,200	76,000	77,000	200	-800
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	36,100	35,800	38,000	300	-1,900
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	33,000	33,200	31,400	-200	1,600
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,100	7,000	7,600	100	-500
Retail trade	203,800	198,000	210,900	5,800	-7,100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24,900	24,700	27,100	200	-2,200
Building material and garden supply stores	18,000	18,100	17,500	-100	500
Food and beverage stores	45,600	44,800	44,000	800	1,600
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,700	7,300	16,100	400	-8,400
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	7,700	7,400	9,600	300	-1,900
General merchandise stores	41,100	40,800	40,300	300	800
Miscellaneous store retailers	13,200	12,500	16,800	700	-3,600
Nonstore retailers	7,200	7,100	7,400	100	-200

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Change From June 2020	Change From July 2019
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	70,100	68,900	68,500	1,200	1,600
Utilities	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	65,100	63,900	63,600	1,200	1,500
Truck transportation	17,900	17,500	19,300	400	-1,400
Couriers and messengers	12,100	11,900	9,600	200	2,500
Warehousing and storage	15,900	15,700	13,300	200	2,600
Information	30,400	31,500	35,100	-1,100	-4,700
Publishing industries, except internet	15,700	15,400	15,300	300	400
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
Software publishers	12,900	12,600	12,300	300	600
Telecommunications	4,900	4,800	5,000	100	-100
Financial activities	99,800	98,800	104,800	1,000	-5,000
Finance and insurance	56,100	56,000	57,100	100	-1,000
Credit intermediation and related activities	25,900	25,900	26,300	0	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,600	24,200	24,600	400	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	43,700	42,800	47,700	900	-4,000
Real estate	39,300	39,600	41,600	-300	-2,300
Professional and business services	242,100	237,600	256,800	4,500	-14,700
Professional and technical services	95,900	94,800	100,600	1,100	-4,700
Legal services	11,400	11,700	11,900	-300	-500
Architectural and engineering services	17,300	17,000	17,800	300	-500
Computer systems design and related services	16,500	16,500	17,200	0	-700
Management of companies and enterprises	48,500	47,800	51,100	700	-2,600
Administrative and waste services	97,700	95,000	105,100	2,700	-7,400
Administrative and support services	91,200	88,600	99,000	2,600	-7,800
Employment services	36,300	33,800	41,000	2,500	-4,700
Business support services	12,100	12,100	13,200	0	-1,100
Services to buildings and dwellings	24,700	24,700	25,700	0	-1,000
Education and health services	285,600	284,300	293,400	1,300	-7,800
Educational services	29,200	30,300	29,600	-1,100	-400
Health care and social assistance	256,400	254,000	263,800	2,400	-7,400
Ambulatory health care services	94,100	92,600	94,800	1,500	-700
Hospitals	58,100	58,800	59,400	-700	-1,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	53,100	52,100	52,300	1,000	800
Social assistance	51,100	50,500	57,300	600	-6,200
Leisure and hospitality	165,900	155,700	224,000	10,200	-58,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	21,800	22,300	30,900	-500	-9,100
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	16,800	16,500	22,700	300	-5,900
Accommodation and food services	144,100	133,400	193,100	10,700	-49,000
Accommodation	19,600	17,700	29,100	1,900	-9,500
Food services and drinking places	124,500	115,700	164,000	8,800	-39,500
Full-service restaurants	51,500	46,500	74,400	5,000	-22,900
Limited-service eating places	58,600	56,300	73,000	2,300	-14,400
Other services	59,700	57,900	65,400	1,800	-5,700
Repair and maintenance	18,500	19,100	19,000	-600	-500
Personal and laundry services	15,100	12,500	16,200	2,600	-1,100
Membership associations and organizations	26,100	26,300	30,200	-200	-4,100
Religious organizations	13,600	13,800	15,800	-200	-2,200
Government	260,800	284,600	274,800	-23,800	-14,000
Federal government	29,900	29,500	29,700	400	200
State government	41,000	41,000	41,500	0	-500
State education	900	900	800	0	100
Local government	189,900	214,100	203,600	-24,200	-13,700
Indian tribal	7,400	7,500	8,300	-100	-900
Local education	95,900	120,700	106,600	-24,800	-10,700
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.