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## Oregon Adds 11,600 Jobs in October

In October, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment rose by 11,600 jobs, following a revised loss of 1,100 jobs in September. The gain in October was the largest monthly increase since 14,100 jobs were added in February 2017.

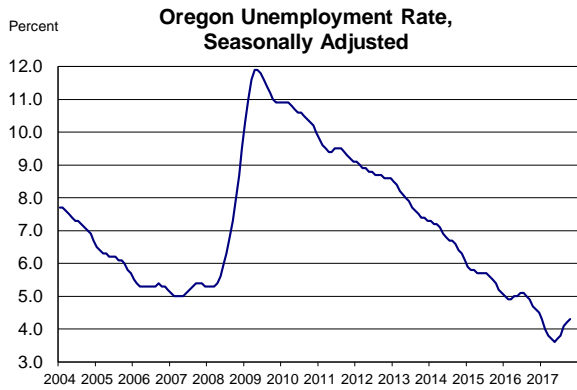
Monthly gains were concentrated in **professional and business services**, which added 5,300 jobs, and in **leisure and hospitality**, which added 3,800. Both of these industries rebounded from job losses within the prior two months. Three other industries each added at least 1,000 jobs in October: **other services** (+1,400 jobs); **manufacturing** (+1,000); and **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+1,000). **Retail trade** cut 900 jobs, posting the biggest monthly job decline.

The big job gain in October, coupled with the upward revision to September, considerably boosted Oregon's over-the-year growth rate. Since October 2016, Oregon has added 45,000 nonfarm payroll jobs, which equals an annual growth rate of 2.4 percent. **Construction** continues to lead the way with 9,400 jobs added, equaling 10.3 percent growth. The second fastest growing industry was **transportation, warehousing and utilities** (+3,400 jobs, or 5.6%). Over the past 12 months, five service-providing industries each expanded faster than the overall economy: **information** (+1,000 jobs, or 3.0%), **professional and business services** (+6,800 jobs, or 2.8%), **health care and social assistance** (+6,200 jobs, or 2.7%), **financial activities** (+2,500 jobs, or 2.6%), and **leisure and hospitality** (+5,000 jobs, or 2.5%). Meanwhile, only two industries posted declines during that time: **other services** (-900 jobs, or -1.4%) and **mining and logging** (-200 jobs, or -2.7%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.3 percent in October from 4.2 percent in September, remaining near the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent in October.

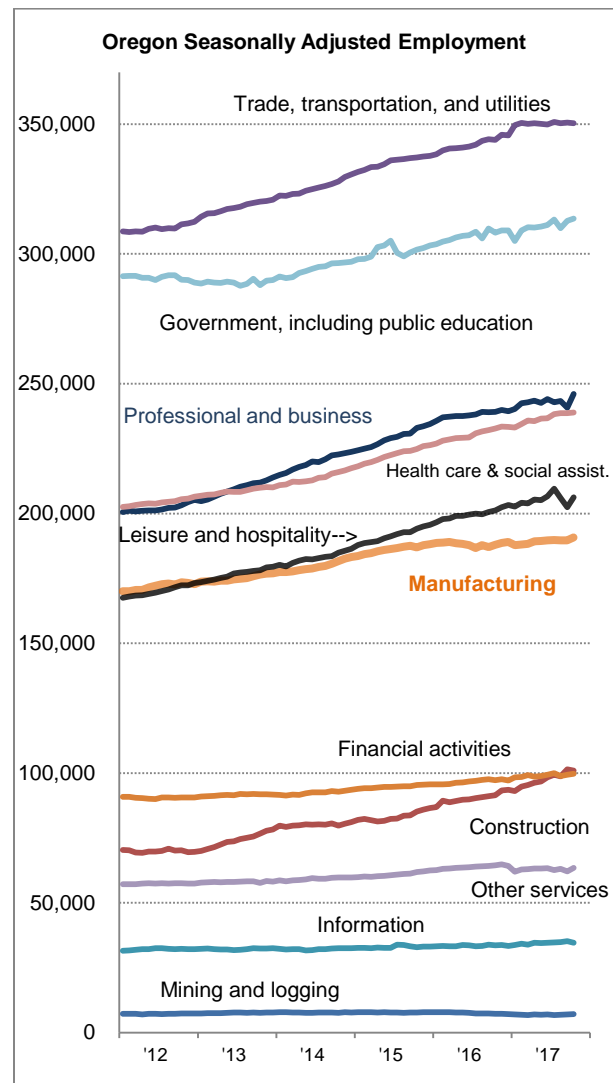
### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 21st, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 19th.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes September to October 2017**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	9,400	21,000	11,600
Total private	-8,700	2,100	10,800
Mining and logging	-100	0	100
Construction	-700	-1,200	-500
Manufacturing	-1,700	-700	1,000
Wholesale trade	-1,100	-1,400	-300
Retail trade	1,500	600	-900
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	-300	700	1,000
Information	-100	-700	-600
Financial activities	300	700	400
Professional and business services	-1,900	3,400	5,300
Private educational services	2,100	2,000	-100
Health care and social assistance	1,500	1,700	200
Leisure and hospitality	-7,600	-3,800	3,800
Other services	-600	800	1,400
Government	18,100	18,900	800



**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 2017 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, including tables and graphs, can be found at [www.QualityInfo.org/press-release](http://www.QualityInfo.org/press-release). To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit [www.QualityInfo.org](http://www.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

	October 2017	September 2017	October 2016	Change From September 2017	Change From October 2016
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,151,230	2,139,304	2,076,489	11,926	74,741
Unemployed	88,502	88,695	94,169	-193	-5,667
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.1	4.5	0.0	-0.4
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.3	4.2	4.7	0.1	-0.4
Employed	2,062,728	2,050,609	1,982,320	12,119	80,408
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.6	63.6	62.5	0.0	1.1
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.5	8.3	10.0	0.2	-1.5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,902,100	1,881,100	1,860,000	21,000	42,100
Total private	1,582,800	1,580,700	1,546,400	2,100	36,400
Mining and logging	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Logging	5,300	5,300	5,600	0	-300
Construction	103,700	104,900	94,600	-1,200	9,100
Construction of buildings	28,400	28,600	25,200	-200	3,200
Residential building construction	16,800	17,000	15,000	-200	1,800
Nonresidential building construction	11,600	11,600	10,200	0	1,400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,500	10,700	9,600	-200	900
Specialty trade contractors	64,800	65,600	59,800	-800	5,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,900	13,000	11,600	-100	1,300
Building equipment contractors	29,000	29,000	26,100	0	2,900
Building finishing contractors	13,800	14,400	13,800	-600	0
Other specialty trade contractors	9,100	9,200	8,300	-100	800
Manufacturing	192,700	193,400	188,900	-700	3,800
Durable goods	133,100	132,200	130,900	900	2,200
Wood product manufacturing	23,000	23,000	22,700	0	300
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,800	8,800	8,600	0	200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,700	0	100
Primary metal manufacturing	8,200	8,200	8,100	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,400	15,900	15,900	500	500
Machinery manufacturing	13,200	13,200	12,400	0	800
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,300	37,200	37,700	100	-400
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,200	29,200	29,600	0	-400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,700	11,900	11,800	-200	-100
Nondurable goods	59,600	61,200	58,000	-1,600	1,600
Food manufacturing	30,700	31,200	29,800	-500	900
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	11,900	12,700	11,700	-800	200
Paper manufacturing	4,100	4,200	4,200	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	351,900	352,000	346,100	-100	5,800
Wholesale trade	75,800	77,200	76,000	-1,400	-200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33,700	34,300	33,200	-600	500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	28,500	28,900	28,500	-400	0
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	13,600	14,000	14,300	-400	-700
Retail trade	211,300	210,700	208,900	600	2,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,600	26,200	26,200	400	400
Building material and garden supply stores	16,100	16,600	16,100	-500	0
Food and beverage stores	43,700	43,800	43,100	-100	600
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,200	16,600	16,800	-400	-600
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	10,200	9,900	10,300	300	-100
General merchandise stores	42,000	41,400	42,500	600	-500
Miscellaneous store retailers	15,700	15,500	12,600	200	3,100
Nonstore retailers	8,700	8,400	8,000	300	700

	October 2017	September 2017	October 2016	Change From September 2017	Change From October 2016
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	64,800	64,100	61,200	700	3,600
Utilities	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	60,000	59,300	56,600	700	3,400
Truck transportation	19,600	19,600	18,900	0	700
Couriers and messengers	8,900	8,700	8,600	200	300
Warehousing and storage	8,600	8,600	7,600	0	1,000
Information	34,200	34,900	33,800	-700	400
Publishing industries, except internet	14,900	15,000	14,400	-100	500
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,600	3,700	3,800	-100	-200
Software publishers	11,300	11,300	10,600	0	700
Telecommunications	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Financial activities	99,800	99,100	97,800	700	2,000
Finance and insurance	57,200	57,500	56,900	-300	300
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,100	27,500	26,700	-400	400
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,000	24,100	24,500	-100	-500
Real estate and rental and leasing	42,600	41,600	40,900	1,000	1,700
Real estate	36,800	36,300	35,600	500	1,200
Professional and business services	247,000	243,600	241,400	3,400	5,600
Professional and technical services	96,000	95,400	92,700	600	3,300
Legal services	12,000	11,900	11,900	100	100
Architectural and engineering services	15,900	16,100	15,100	-200	800
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,500	16,000	100	600
Management of companies and enterprises	47,100	46,700	45,900	400	1,200
Administrative and waste services	103,900	101,500	102,800	2,400	1,100
Administrative and support services	97,900	95,500	97,400	2,400	500
Employment services	42,300	41,800	42,000	500	300
Business support services	13,900	13,700	14,200	200	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	22,700	22,300	23,100	400	-400
Education and health services	277,200	273,500	271,700	3,700	5,500
Educational services	38,000	36,000	38,300	2,000	-300
Health care and social assistance	239,200	237,500	233,400	1,700	5,800
Ambulatory health care services	89,800	89,700	88,000	100	1,800
Hospitals	59,000	58,900	58,400	100	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	52,200	51,700	49,600	500	2,600
Social assistance	38,200	37,200	37,400	1,000	800
Leisure and hospitality	204,800	208,600	200,000	-3,800	4,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	25,100	27,400	24,600	-2,300	500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	17,800	19,600	17,600	-1,800	200
Accommodation and food services	179,700	181,200	175,400	-1,500	4,300
Accommodation	24,300	25,300	24,300	-1,000	0
Food services and drinking places	155,400	155,900	151,100	-500	4,300
Full-service restaurants	71,700	72,500	69,900	-800	1,800
Limited-service eating places	68,200	68,000	65,900	200	2,300
Other services	64,200	63,400	64,700	800	-500
Repair and maintenance	18,200	18,600	17,700	-400	500
Personal and laundry services	15,200	15,200	14,700	0	500
Membership associations and organizations	30,800	29,600	32,300	1,200	-1,500
Religious organizations	16,800	16,100	16,700	700	100
Government	319,300	300,400	313,600	18,900	5,700
Federal government	28,500	28,900	28,600	-400	-100
State government	56,500	56,900	56,300	-400	200
State education	900	700	800	200	100
Local government	234,300	214,600	228,700	19,700	5,600
Indian tribal	8,100	8,300	8,200	-200	-100
Local education	141,100	121,200	137,100	19,900	4,000
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.