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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Drops to 5.7 Percent in November

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 5.7 percent in November, from 6.0 percent in October. This decrease moves Oregon's rate closer to the national level, as the U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 5.0 percent in both October and November. A year ago, Oregon's unemployment rate was significantly higher, at 6.8 percent.

Oregon's payroll employment shot upward by 9,600 jobs in November, the largest monthly gain since November 1996, when 9,800 jobs were added. November's rapid hiring pace put payroll employment 58,200 jobs above November 2014—a gain of 3.3 percent. November marked the 10th consecutive month with over-the-year growth of close to 3.4 percent; Oregon hasn't seen this rapid pace of hiring since 2006, during the prior economic expansion.

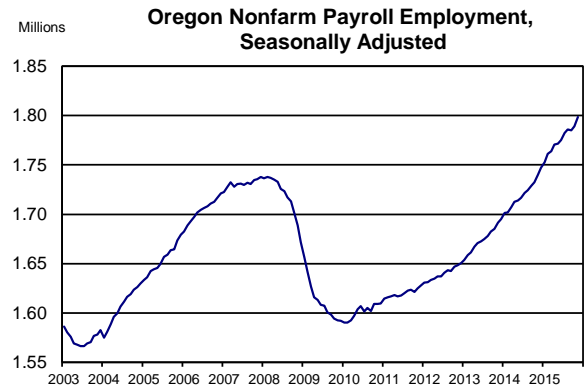
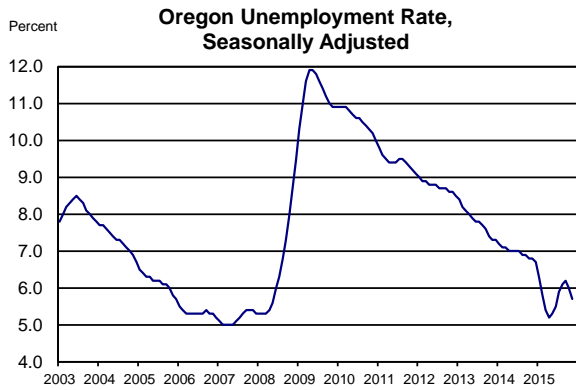
"November's gains continued to propel Oregon's rapid job growth," said Nick Beleiciks, Oregon's state employment economist. "Although such large preliminary job change estimates are sometimes revised down, Oregon's job growth persists as being faster than the nation and as strong as the previous expansion."

Gains across most sectors were strong in November, as eight of the 13 major industries added 800 jobs or more. **Retail** expanded the most of the major industries, with a gain of 2,400 jobs above its usual seasonal increase for the month. **Clothing stores; sporting goods, hobby and book stores; general merchandise stores; and nonstore retailers** led the holiday hiring. **Transportation, warehousing and utilities** grew by 900 in November, responding to robust demand for holiday-season package delivery.

Professional and business services (+1,800 jobs in November, and +4.2% over the year) and **health care and social assistance** (+1,000 in November, and +4.4% over the year) continued the rapid growth they have experienced all year.

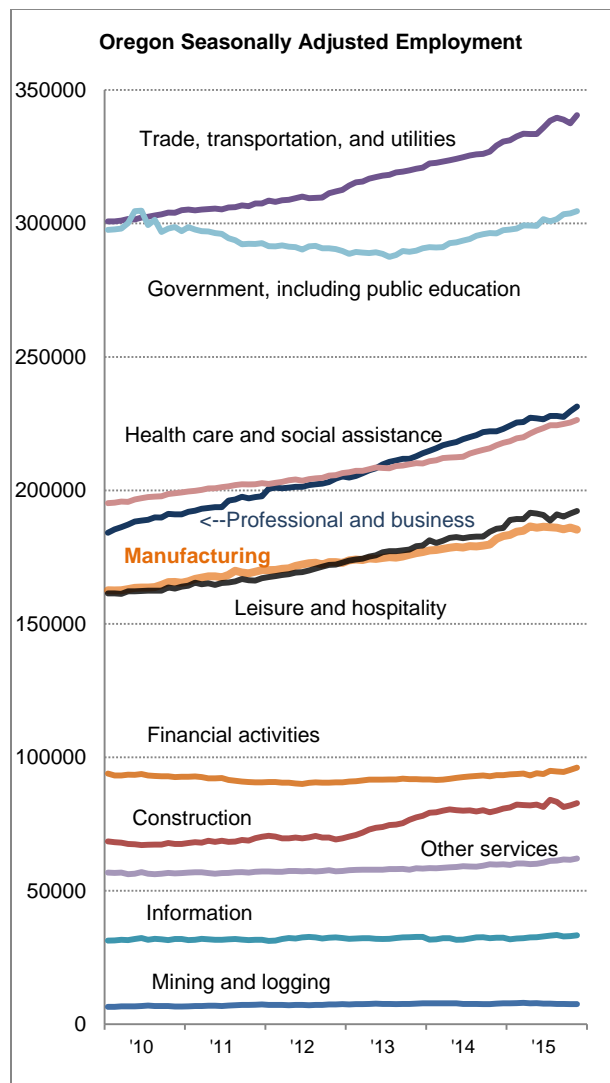
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, December 22nd, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, January 20th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes October to November 2015

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-3,600	6,000	9,600
Total private	-6,400	2,400	8,800
Mining and logging	-300	-300	0
Construction	-2,300	-1,500	800
Manufacturing	-900	-1,700	-800
Wholesale trade	-100	-300	-200
Retail trade	5,100	7,500	2,400
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	400	1,300	900
Information	0	300	300
Financial activities	-800	0	800
Professional and business services	-2,600	-800	1,800
Private educational services	500	800	300
Health care and social assistance	-900	100	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	-4,200	-3,200	1,000
Other services	-300	200	500
Government	2,800	3,600	800



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the detailed industry employment components.

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 2015 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. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit 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

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change From October 2015	Change From November 2014
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,991,474	1,982,847	1,967,265	8,627	24,209
Unemployed	104,787	106,437	127,807	-1,650	-23,020
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.4	6.5	-0.1	-1.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.7	6.0	6.8	-0.3	-1.1
Employed	1,886,687	1,876,410	1,839,458	10,277	47,229
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.3	60.9	61.6	0.4	-0.3
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	11.9	12.3	13.3	-0.4	-1.4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,813,200	1,807,200	1,757,200	6,000	56,000
Total private	1,501,100	1,498,700	1,453,000	2,400	48,100
Mining and logging	7,600	7,900	7,800	-300	-200
Logging	5,900	6,100	6,200	-200	-300
Construction	83,500	85,000	80,200	-1,500	3,300
Construction of buildings	22,400	22,500	20,800	-100	1,600
Residential building construction	13,000	13,100	12,000	-100	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	9,400	9,400	8,800	0	600
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,000	9,700	9,000	-700	0
Specialty trade contractors	52,100	52,800	50,400	-700	1,700
Building foundation and exterior contractors	10,200	10,500	9,600	-300	600
Building equipment contractors	22,300	22,300	22,700	0	-400
Building finishing contractors	12,200	12,300	11,200	-100	1,000
Other specialty trade contractors	7,400	7,700	6,900	-300	500
Manufacturing	185,300	187,000	181,500	-1,700	3,800
Durable goods	129,900	129,600	127,800	300	2,100
Wood product manufacturing	23,100	23,100	22,000	0	1,100
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,600	6,700	6,500	-100	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,800	8,700	8,100	100	700
Other wood product manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,400	0	300
Primary metal manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,400	-100	-100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,900	15,900	15,400	0	500
Machinery manufacturing	12,600	12,600	12,300	0	300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,900	36,900	36,800	0	100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,400	28,500	28,300	-100	100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,200	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	12,600	12,600	12,000	0	600
Nondurable goods	55,400	57,400	53,700	-2,000	1,700
Food manufacturing	27,900	28,700	27,100	-800	800
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	11,100	11,800	10,000	-700	1,100
Paper manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	348,400	339,900	336,800	8,500	11,600
Wholesale trade	74,600	74,900	73,100	-300	1,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33,300	33,300	32,600	0	700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	27,100	27,300	26,700	-200	400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	14,200	14,300	13,800	-100	400
Retail trade	213,000	205,500	205,400	7,500	7,600
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	24,900	24,800	24,100	100	800
Building material and garden supply stores	15,200	15,300	14,500	-100	700
Food and beverage stores	44,200	43,700	41,600	500	2,600
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	17,000	15,100	17,500	1,900	-500
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	11,700	10,900	11,100	800	600
General merchandise stores	46,200	43,600	44,400	2,600	1,800
Miscellaneous store retailers	11,300	11,300	10,900	0	400
Nonstore retailers	8,800	7,900	8,100	900	700

	November 2015	October 2015	November 2014	Change From October 2015	Change From November 2014
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	60,800	59,500	58,300	1,300	2,500
Utilities	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	56,300	55,000	53,800	1,300	2,500
Truck transportation	19,000	18,800	18,500	200	500
Couriers and messengers	8,500	7,600	8,100	900	400
Warehousing and storage	7,400	7,400	7,100	0	300
Information	33,300	33,000	32,400	300	900
Publishing industries, except internet	14,500	14,400	14,100	100	400
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Software publishers	10,600	10,500	10,000	100	600
Telecommunications	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Financial activities	95,900	95,900	93,600	0	2,300
Finance and insurance	57,300	57,100	56,400	200	900
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,000	26,900	26,400	100	600
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,700	24,900	24,500	-200	200
Real estate and rental and leasing	38,600	38,800	37,200	-200	1,400
Real estate	33,300	33,100	32,200	200	1,100
Professional and business services	231,300	232,100	223,400	-800	7,900
Professional and technical services	89,900	89,500	85,800	400	4,100
Legal services	12,100	11,900	11,900	200	200
Architectural and engineering services	14,100	14,300	13,600	-200	500
Computer systems design and related services	14,900	14,900	14,700	0	200
Management of companies and enterprises	43,900	43,800	40,900	100	3,000
Administrative and waste services	97,500	98,800	96,700	-1,300	800
Administrative and support services	93,100	94,000	91,700	-900	1,400
Employment services	39,300	39,500	39,300	-200	0
Business support services	15,900	15,400	15,600	500	300
Services to buildings and dwellings	22,400	22,700	21,000	-300	1,400
Educational and health services	265,900	265,000	256,100	900	9,800
Educational services	38,700	37,900	38,300	800	400
Health care and social assistance	227,200	227,100	217,800	100	9,400
Ambulatory health care services	85,400	85,000	80,400	400	5,000
Hospitals	56,600	56,600	54,300	0	2,300
Nursing and residential care facilities	48,700	49,000	47,400	-300	1,300
Social assistance	36,500	36,500	35,700	0	800
Leisure and hospitality	187,800	191,000	181,700	-3,200	6,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	22,900	23,000	21,900	-100	1,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	16,600	16,300	15,900	300	700
Accommodation and food services	164,900	168,000	159,800	-3,100	5,100
Accommodation	21,800	24,000	21,600	-2,200	200
Food services and drinking places	143,100	144,000	138,200	-900	4,900
Full-service restaurants	65,800	67,200	64,700	-1,400	1,100
Limited-service eating places	62,500	62,200	59,300	300	3,200
Other services	62,100	61,900	59,500	200	2,600
Repair and maintenance	17,500	17,400	16,700	100	800
Personal and laundry services	14,100	14,100	13,800	0	300
Membership associations and organizations	30,500	30,400	29,000	100	1,500
Religious organizations	17,000	16,900	16,600	100	400
Government	312,100	308,500	304,200	3,600	7,900
Federal government	27,400	28,000	27,400	-600	0
State government	89,700	88,600	86,800	1,100	2,900
State education	35,500	34,300	34,800	1,200	700
Local government	195,000	191,900	190,000	3,100	5,000
Indian tribal	8,000	8,000	8,200	0	-200
Local education	104,100	101,400	101,500	2,700	2,600
Labor-management disputes	0	200	0	-200	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.