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Oregon's Employment Situation Changed Little in July

Industry Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

Payroll employment was essentially unchanged in July. Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment added 200 jobs, following a revised loss of 3,000 in June. Three major industries expanded substantially in July: **manufacturing** (+1,600 jobs), **health care and social assistance** (+1,300) and **other services** (+1,400). Meanwhile, two major industries contracted substantially: **retail trade** (-1,400 jobs) and **private educational services** (-1,300).

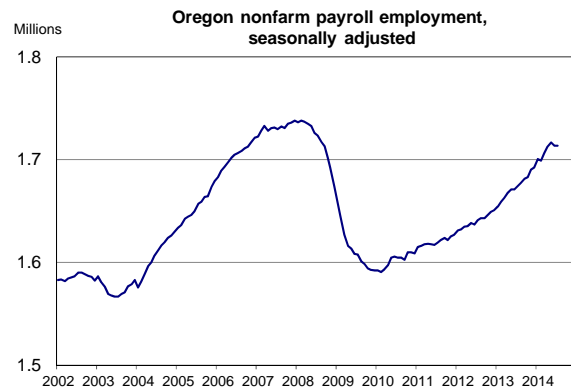
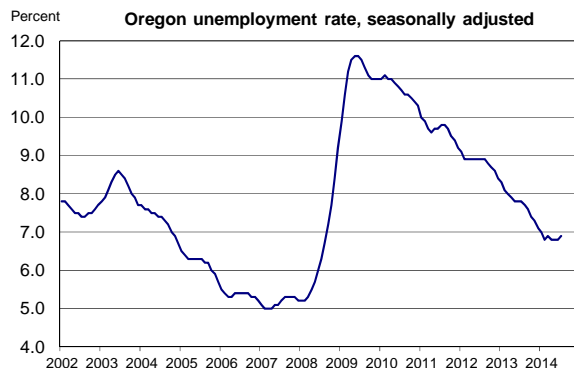
Manufacturing has been on a steady expansionary trend over the past four years. Seasonally adjusted employment in the

July Labor Market Highlights

- Oregon's unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in July and was at 6.8 or 6.9 percent for the past six months.
- Payroll employment barely budged in July, adding 200 jobs over the month. However, following strong gains during most of the past year employment is up 39,500 jobs, or 2.4 percent, since July 2013.

industry bottomed at 162,500 in October 2009. Since then the industry added back 17,900 jobs, reaching a total of 180,400 in July.

Gains within **durable goods manufacturing** were noteworthy over the past 12 months.



Wood products grew by 1,000 jobs since July 2013, **machinery** added 800, and **transportation equipment** added 1,200. Within the nondurable goods component, **food manufacturing** added 1,000 during that time.

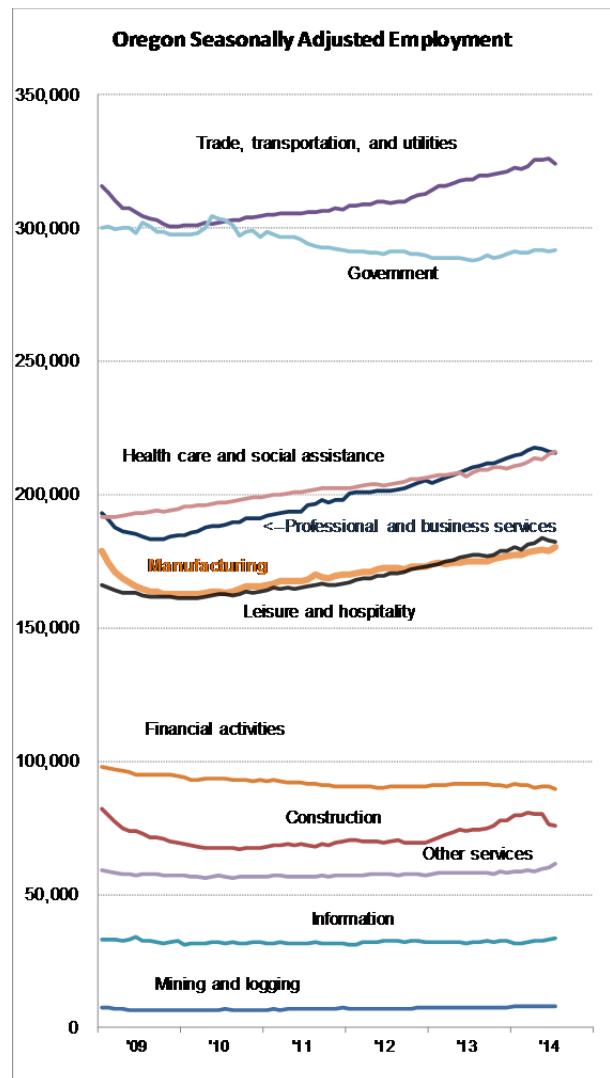
Health care and social assistance accelerated its pace of hiring in recent months. The 1,300 seasonally adjusted job gain in July was more than the average monthly gain of the past 12 months. Since July 2013 the industry added 8,100 jobs, which equaled 3.9 percent growth and was one of the fastest growing economic sectors in Oregon. All of its component industries

added substantially during that time, with **social assistance** growing the fastest by adding 2,500 jobs to reach 31,900 in July.

Retail trade contracted for the second consecutive month, following strong gains earlier in the year. This put retail up only 2,000 jobs, or 1.0 percent, since July 2013. Nationally, surveys suggest that overall retail store visits are down since last summer. Some retailers are reporting slower sales growth even as total consumer spending continues to expand. In Oregon, the only published retail industry which grew by more than 1,000 jobs over the year was **motor**

Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes June to July 2014

| INDUSTRY | Normal Seasonal Movement | Unadjusted Change | Seasonally Adjusted Change |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Total nonfarm payroll employment | -22,300 | -22,100 | 200 |
| Total private | 9,200 | 9,000 | -200 |
| Mining and logging | 200 | 300 | 100 |
| Construction | 1,900 | 1,400 | -500 |
| Manufacturing | 2,700 | 4,300 | 1,600 |
| Wholesale trade | 400 | 800 | 400 |
| Retail trade | 1,300 | -100 | -1,400 |
| Transportation, warehousing and utilities | -100 | -900 | -800 |
| Information | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| Financial activities | 600 | 0 | -600 |
| Professional and business services | 2,400 | 2,200 | -200 |
| Private educational services | -2,700 | -4,000 | -1,300 |
| Health care and social assistance | -800 | 500 | 1,300 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 4,300 | 3,900 | -400 |
| Other services | -1,000 | 400 | 1,400 |
| Government | -31,500 | -31,100 | 400 |



vehicle and parts dealers, which added 1,300 jobs since July 2013.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in July and 6.8 percent in June. Oregon's unemployment rate was between 6.8 and 6.9 percent in each month between February and July. Despite the flat trend in recent months, the rate has fallen from a year ago when Oregon's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in July 2013.

Oregon's labor force expanded over the year, totaling 1,965,255 in July, which was nearly 22,000 more individuals than in July 2013. The growth in the labor force was roughly consistent with the growth in the population, as the seasonally adjusted labor force participation rate, at 61.2 percent in July, changed little over the year.

Hours and Earnings (Establishment Survey Data)

The average workweek for Oregon manufacturing production workers decreased from 40.7 hours in June to 40.0 in July. This put the manufacturing workweek back to where it was in April and May when it was also 40.0 hours. The manufacturing workweek dropped 0.3 hour since last year. In July 2013, this workweek averaged 40.3 hours.

In July, the average wage was \$22.80 per hour for Oregon's private-sector payroll employees, down from \$22.82 in June. Wages increased 46 cents, or 2.1 percent, from July 2013 when the average was \$22.34.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Monday, August 18th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 16th.

The Oregon Employment Department is responsible for releasing Oregon's monthly payroll employment and labor force data. The data are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The BLS estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other inputs.

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 2014 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS and are revised annually.

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Equal Opportunity program — auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities

Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

| | July 2014 | June 2014 | July 2013 | Change From June 2014 | Change From July 2013 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 1,965,255 | 1,943,566 | 1,943,465 | 21,689 | 21,790 |
| Unemployed | 138,452 | 128,804 | 150,177 | 9,648 | -11,725 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 0.4 | -0.7 |
| Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.8 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Employed | 1,826,803 | 1,814,762 | 1,793,288 | 12,041 | 33,515 |
| Other Labor Force Indicators | | | | | |
| Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted | 61.2 | 61.1 | 61.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted | 13.1 | 13.0 | 16.1 | 0.1 | -3.0 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm payroll employment | 1,708,900 | 1,731,000 | 1,665,800 | -22,100 | 43,100 |
| Total private | 1,437,800 | 1,428,800 | 1,401,200 | 9,000 | 36,600 |
| Mining and logging | 8,600 | 8,300 | 8,000 | 300 | 600 |
| Logging | 6,900 | 6,600 | 6,400 | 300 | 500 |
| Construction | 81,000 | 79,600 | 78,400 | 1,400 | 2,600 |
| Construction of buildings | 20,600 | 19,800 | 19,500 | 800 | 1,100 |
| Residential building construction | 11,800 | 11,300 | 10,800 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Nonresidential building construction | 8,800 | 8,500 | 8,700 | 300 | 100 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 8,900 | 8,600 | 9,500 | 300 | -600 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 51,500 | 51,200 | 49,400 | 300 | 2,100 |
| Building foundation and exterior contractors | 9,700 | 9,400 | 9,200 | 300 | 500 |
| Building equipment contractors | 23,000 | 23,600 | 22,400 | -600 | 600 |
| Building finishing contractors | 11,800 | 11,500 | 11,100 | 300 | 700 |
| Other specialty trade contractors | 7,000 | 6,700 | 6,700 | 300 | 300 |
| Manufacturing | 184,400 | 180,100 | 178,400 | 4,300 | 6,000 |
| Durable goods | 128,900 | 128,000 | 123,800 | 900 | 5,100 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 22,400 | 22,200 | 21,400 | 200 | 1,000 |
| Sawmills and wood preservation | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,400 | 0 | -100 |
| Plywood and engineered wood product mfg. | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,000 | 100 | 500 |
| Other wood product manufacturing | 7,600 | 7,500 | 7,000 | 100 | 600 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 15,400 | 15,300 | 15,700 | 100 | -300 |
| Machinery manufacturing | 12,600 | 12,500 | 11,800 | 100 | 800 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 36,700 | 36,500 | 37,200 | 200 | -500 |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg. | 28,200 | 28,000 | 28,300 | 200 | -100 |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing | 11,200 | 11,200 | 10,000 | 0 | 1,200 |
| Nondurable goods | 55,500 | 52,100 | 54,600 | 3,400 | 900 |
| Food manufacturing | 29,200 | 26,500 | 28,200 | 2,700 | 1,000 |
| Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty | 11,800 | 10,100 | 11,500 | 1,700 | 300 |
| Paper manufacturing | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,700 | 0 | -200 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 324,100 | 324,300 | 318,700 | -200 | 5,400 |
| Wholesale trade | 73,500 | 72,700 | 72,100 | 800 | 1,400 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 32,900 | 32,600 | 32,800 | 300 | 100 |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 26,600 | 26,300 | 25,700 | 300 | 900 |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers | 14,000 | 13,800 | 13,600 | 200 | 400 |
| Retail trade | 194,100 | 194,200 | 192,900 | -100 | 1,200 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 24,300 | 24,000 | 23,000 | 300 | 1,300 |
| Building material and garden supply stores | 15,500 | 15,500 | 15,100 | 0 | 400 |
| Food and beverage stores | 40,200 | 40,900 | 40,400 | -700 | -200 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 15,900 | 15,500 | 16,200 | 400 | -300 |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,800 | 0 | 100 |
| General merchandise stores | 41,000 | 40,700 | 40,500 | 300 | 500 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 10,400 | 10,300 | 10,200 | 100 | 200 |
| Nonstore retailers | 6,300 | 6,100 | 6,100 | 200 | 200 |

| | July 2014 | June 2014 | July 2013 | Change From June 2014 | Change From July 2013 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 56,500 | 57,400 | 53,700 | -900 | 2,800 |
| Utilities | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 52,000 | 52,900 | 49,200 | -900 | 2,800 |
| Truck transportation | 19,000 | 18,800 | 18,400 | 200 | 600 |
| Couriers and messengers | 6,500 | 6,600 | 6,100 | -100 | 400 |
| Warehousing and storage | 6,800 | 6,900 | 6,700 | -100 | 100 |
| Information | 33,400 | 33,200 | 32,000 | 200 | 1,400 |
| Publishing industries, except internet | 13,700 | 13,700 | 13,800 | 0 | -100 |
| Newspaper, book, and directory publishers | 4,000 | 4,100 | 4,300 | -100 | -300 |
| Software publishers | 9,700 | 9,600 | 9,500 | 100 | 200 |
| Telecommunications | 6,800 | 6,800 | 6,700 | 0 | 100 |
| Financial activities | 90,600 | 90,600 | 92,800 | 0 | -2,200 |
| Finance and insurance | 55,000 | 55,400 | 56,500 | -400 | -1,500 |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 26,800 | 26,800 | 27,700 | 0 | -900 |
| Insurance carriers and related activities | 23,600 | 23,700 | 23,400 | -100 | 200 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 35,600 | 35,200 | 36,300 | 400 | -700 |
| Real estate | 30,900 | 30,600 | 30,800 | 300 | 100 |
| Professional and business services | 218,800 | 216,600 | 213,700 | 2,200 | 5,100 |
| Professional and technical services | 81,800 | 82,500 | 80,200 | -700 | 1,600 |
| Legal services | 11,800 | 11,900 | 12,100 | -100 | -300 |
| Architectural and engineering services | 13,200 | 13,200 | 13,300 | 0 | -100 |
| Computer systems design and related services | 14,500 | 14,300 | 13,500 | 200 | 1,000 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 39,900 | 39,700 | 38,400 | 200 | 1,500 |
| Administrative and waste services | 97,100 | 94,400 | 95,100 | 2,700 | 2,000 |
| Administrative and support services | 92,400 | 89,900 | 89,800 | 2,500 | 2,600 |
| Employment services | 39,700 | 37,400 | 37,300 | 2,300 | 2,400 |
| Business support services | 15,300 | 15,200 | 15,500 | 100 | -200 |
| Services to buildings and dwellings | 21,600 | 21,600 | 21,300 | 0 | 300 |
| Educational and health services | 243,500 | 247,000 | 234,600 | -3,500 | 8,900 |
| Educational services | 29,100 | 33,100 | 27,000 | -4,000 | 2,100 |
| Health care and social assistance | 214,400 | 213,900 | 207,600 | 500 | 6,800 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 77,900 | 78,000 | 76,300 | -100 | 1,600 |
| Hospitals | 54,800 | 54,700 | 54,000 | 100 | 800 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 47,300 | 46,600 | 45,400 | 700 | 1,900 |
| Social assistance | 34,400 | 34,600 | 31,900 | -200 | 2,500 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 193,100 | 189,200 | 186,000 | 3,900 | 7,100 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 25,500 | 23,600 | 24,800 | 1,900 | 700 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation | 18,700 | 17,600 | 18,200 | 1,100 | 500 |
| Accommodation and food services | 167,600 | 165,600 | 161,200 | 2,000 | 6,400 |
| Accommodation | 26,700 | 25,400 | 24,700 | 1,300 | 2,000 |
| Food services and drinking places | 140,900 | 140,200 | 136,500 | 700 | 4,400 |
| Full-service restaurants | 67,900 | 67,500 | 65,400 | 400 | 2,500 |
| Limited-service eating places | 58,500 | 58,200 | 58,500 | 300 | 0 |
| Other services | 60,300 | 59,900 | 58,600 | 400 | 1,700 |
| Repair and maintenance | 16,600 | 16,300 | 16,200 | 300 | 400 |
| Personal and laundry services | 14,500 | 14,700 | 13,700 | -200 | 800 |
| Membership associations and organizations | 29,200 | 28,900 | 28,700 | 300 | 500 |
| Religious organizations | 15,900 | 15,800 | 15,700 | 100 | 200 |
| Government | 271,100 | 302,200 | 264,600 | -31,100 | 6,500 |
| Federal government | 28,700 | 28,000 | 28,500 | 700 | 200 |
| State government | 78,800 | 85,600 | 76,300 | -6,800 | 2,500 |
| State education | 27,200 | 34,000 | 26,700 | -6,800 | 500 |
| Local government | 163,600 | 188,600 | 159,800 | -25,000 | 3,800 |
| Indian tribal | 8,900 | 8,600 | 8,800 | 300 | 100 |
| Local education | 75,800 | 99,100 | 72,400 | -23,300 | 3,400 |
| Labor-management disputes | 0 | 0 | 800 | 0 | -800 |

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.