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Oregon's Unemployment Rate Matches Record Low of 4.0 Percent in July

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in July, the same as the revised June rate of 4.0 percent. This was Oregon's lowest unemployment rate in the current series dating back to 1976. It tied the 4.0 percent unemployment rate reached in the state in May, June, and July 2018. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in both June and July 2019.

In July, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment added 2,400 jobs, following an over-the-month loss of 1,000 jobs, as revised, in June. Monthly gains for July were strongest in **professional and business services** (+1,300 jobs); **health care and social assistance** (+1,100); and **construction** (+800). Two industries cut more than 1,000 jobs in July: **leisure and hospitality** (-1,100 jobs) and **government** (-1,300).

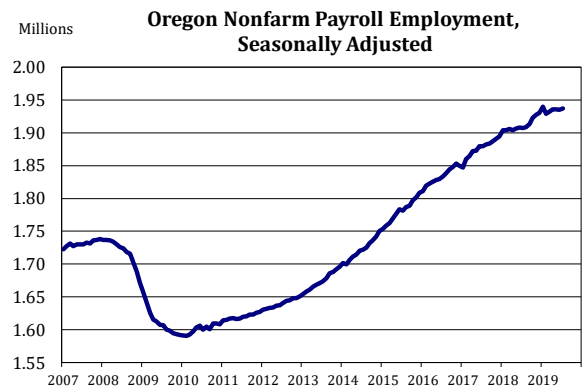
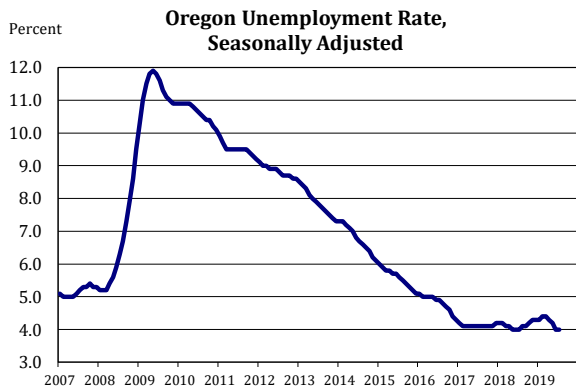
Newly revised payroll employment figures show that there was minimal growth of only 2,000 jobs between December 2018 and March 2019, which was much weaker growth in the first quarter of 2019 than was originally estimated. Oregon's total nonfarm employment for March is now pegged at 1,931,900 jobs.

Looking at longer-term trends, the new numbers show Oregon's economy growing moderately for quite some time. Since July 2018, total nonfarm payroll employment was up 29,600 jobs, or 1.6 percent. In fact, Oregon's over-the-year job growth has averaged 1.6 percent during the past 16 months.

The most rapid gains since July 2018 were in **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+4,500 jobs, or 7.0%) and **construction** (+4,500 jobs, or 4.3%). Construction's growth rate, although still rapid, has slowed from the 8.2 percent annual growth it averaged in 2015 through 2018. Several industries contributed to Oregon's expansion since last July, including **health care and social assistance** (+8,200 jobs, or 3.2%); **manufacturing** (+5,000 jobs, or 2.6%); and **professional and business services** (+5,500 jobs, or 2.2%). However, six major industries were nearly flat or down over the past 12 months, led by **retail trade** (-2,800 jobs, or -1.3%) and **information** (-1,500 jobs, or -4.4%).

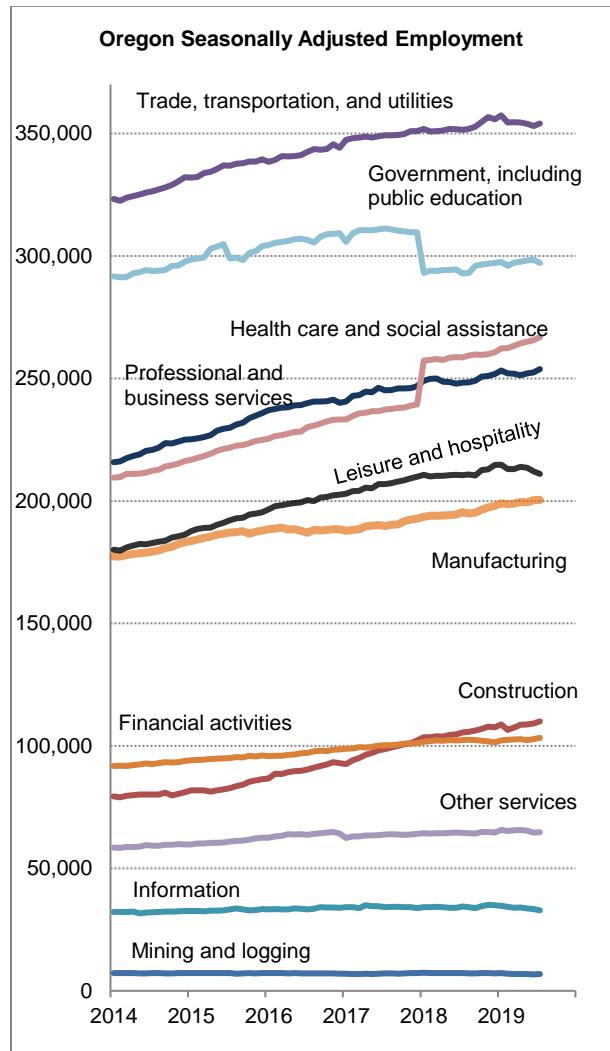
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 20th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 17th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes June to July 2019

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-19,800	-17,400	2,400
Total private	11,100	14,800	3,700
Mining and logging	200	300	100
Construction	2,200	3,000	800
Manufacturing	2,900	3,000	100
Wholesale trade	800	700	-100
Retail trade	1,900	2,400	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-300	300	600
Information	200	-300	-500
Financial activities	400	1,000	600
Professional and business services	2,900	4,200	1,300
Private educational services	-3,100	-2,900	200
Health care and social assistance	-100	1,000	1,100
Leisure and hospitality	3,700	2,600	-1,100
Other services	-600	-500	100
Government	-30,900	-32,200	-1,300



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 2019 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

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	Change From June 2019	Change From July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,135,330	2,118,160	2,125,001	17,170	10,329
Unemployed	89,909	83,833	89,375	6,076	534
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.0	4.2	0.2	0.0
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Employed	2,045,421	2,034,327	2,035,626	11,094	9,795
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.8	62.0	62.2	-0.2	-0.4
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.2
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,938,400	1,955,800	1,899,400	-17,400	39,000
Total private	1,662,000	1,647,200	1,629,100	14,800	32,900
Mining and logging	7,200	6,900	7,400	300	-200
Logging	5,300	5,100	5,400	200	-100
Construction	115,100	112,100	109,100	3,000	6,000
Construction of buildings	31,600	31,200	30,400	400	1,200
Residential building construction	19,000	19,000	18,700	0	300
Nonresidential building construction	12,600	12,200	11,700	400	900
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,300	10,600	10,800	700	500
Specialty trade contractors	72,200	70,300	67,900	1,900	4,300
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,700	13,200	13,200	500	500
Building equipment contractors	32,100	31,500	29,300	600	2,800
Building finishing contractors	16,800	16,400	16,000	400	800
Other specialty trade contractors	9,600	9,200	9,400	400	200
Manufacturing	204,700	201,700	199,200	3,000	5,500
Durable goods	138,200	138,100	136,300	100	1,900
Wood product manufacturing	23,900	23,800	23,700	100	200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	9,200	9,200	9,200	0	0
Other wood product manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,000	100	300
Primary metal manufacturing	9,300	9,200	8,600	100	700
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	17,200	17,100	16,700	100	500
Machinery manufacturing	14,500	14,400	14,400	100	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,200	38,900	38,200	-700	0
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,800	30,600	29,900	-800	-100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,500	0	100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	13,300	13,100	12,100	200	1,200
Nondurable goods	66,500	63,600	62,900	2,900	3,600
Food manufacturing	33,500	31,800	32,600	1,700	900
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	13,500	12,000	13,300	1,500	200
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	355,900	352,500	351,200	3,400	4,700
Wholesale trade	77,100	76,400	75,800	700	1,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	37,700	37,300	37,400	400	300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,900	31,600	30,700	300	1,200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,500	7,500	7,700	0	-200
Retail trade	210,000	207,600	212,000	2,400	-2,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,300	26,100	27,200	200	-900
Building material and garden supply stores	17,600	17,700	17,400	-100	200
Food and beverage stores	44,100	42,900	43,800	1,200	300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,600	15,900	16,600	700	0
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,400	9,300	9,700	100	-300
General merchandise stores	40,200	40,200	40,800	0	-600
Miscellaneous store retailers	16,800	16,600	16,200	200	600
Nonstore retailers	7,300	7,000	7,200	300	100

	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	Change From June 2019	Change From July 2018
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	68,800	68,500	63,400	300	5,400
Utilities	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	64,000	63,700	58,500	300	5,500
Truck transportation	19,100	19,000	19,100	100	0
Couriers and messengers	9,600	9,600	9,100	0	500
Warehousing and storage	12,100	12,000	9,100	100	3,000
Information	33,800	34,100	34,400	-300	-600
Publishing industries, except internet	14,800	14,900	14,900	-100	-100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,000	3,100	3,300	-100	-300
Software publishers	11,800	11,800	11,600	0	200
Telecommunications	5,000	5,000	5,300	0	-300
Financial activities	103,100	102,100	103,800	1,000	-700
Finance and insurance	56,400	55,500	57,600	900	-1,200
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,700	26,300	27,200	400	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,000	23,500	24,300	500	-300
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,700	46,600	46,200	100	500
Real estate	40,600	40,400	40,400	200	200
Professional and business services	257,400	253,200	251,200	4,200	6,200
Professional and technical services	100,400	99,300	97,500	1,100	2,900
Legal services	11,900	11,800	11,900	100	0
Architectural and engineering services	17,900	17,400	16,900	500	1,000
Computer systems design and related services	16,700	16,700	16,400	0	300
Management of companies and enterprises	51,100	50,600	48,900	500	2,200
Administrative and waste services	105,900	103,300	104,800	2,600	1,100
Administrative and support services	99,700	97,500	98,900	2,200	800
Employment services	43,900	42,100	41,900	1,800	2,000
Business support services	13,000	12,900	13,100	100	-100
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,700	25,000	25,100	700	600
Education and health services	296,000	297,900	286,700	-1,900	9,300
Educational services	31,900	34,800	29,500	-2,900	2,400
Health care and social assistance	264,100	263,100	257,200	1,000	6,900
Ambulatory health care services	94,700	93,200	92,400	1,500	2,300
Hospitals	60,100	59,900	58,900	200	1,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	52,400	52,400	51,500	0	900
Social assistance	56,900	57,600	54,400	-700	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	225,200	222,600	221,000	2,600	4,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	32,400	30,400	30,600	2,000	1,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	23,600	22,000	22,500	1,600	1,100
Accommodation and food services	192,800	192,200	190,400	600	2,400
Accommodation	30,000	29,300	28,600	700	1,400
Food services and drinking places	162,800	162,900	161,800	-100	1,000
Full-service restaurants	74,400	74,600	74,700	-200	-300
Limited-service eating places	72,200	72,000	71,200	200	1,000
Other services	63,600	64,100	65,100	-500	-1,500
Repair and maintenance	18,000	18,500	19,000	-500	-1,000
Personal and laundry services	16,100	15,900	15,700	200	400
Membership associations and organizations	29,500	29,700	30,400	-200	-900
Religious organizations	15,500	15,400	15,900	100	-400
Government	276,400	308,600	270,300	-32,200	6,100
Federal government	30,200	29,900	29,200	300	1,000
State government	41,200	41,000	40,200	200	1,000
State education	1,000	900	800	100	200
Local government	205,000	237,700	200,900	-32,700	4,100
Indian tribal	8,500	8,300	8,400	200	100
Local education	106,500	139,900	105,500	-33,400	1,000
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.