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Oregon's Job Growth Cools in September

In September, Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment added 200 jobs, following a loss of 900 jobs in August. Job gains have cooled recently, averaging only 100 per month over the past five months. This flat economic trend is in contrast to gains that averaged 3,000 jobs per month in all of calendar year 2018, and 4,100 jobs per month during the rapid and consistent growth Oregon experienced during the prior five-year period.

During September, some industries expanded while others contracted. Monthly gains were strongest in **health care and social assistance** (+2,300 jobs); **wholesale trade** (+1,000); and **manufacturing** (+400). These gains were offset by cutbacks in **government** (-2,100 jobs); **financial activities** (-500); **professional and business services** (-500); and **retail trade** (-400).

Health care and social assistance has grown consistently for many years. Over the past 12 months the industry grew by 9,000 jobs, or 3.5 percent, with each of its components adding jobs rapidly as demand for health care services increased along with Oregon's expanding and aging population. Since September 2018, **ambulatory health care services** added 2,900 jobs, **social assistance** added 2,400 jobs, **nursing and residential care facilities** added 1,800 jobs, and **hospitals** added 1,100 jobs.

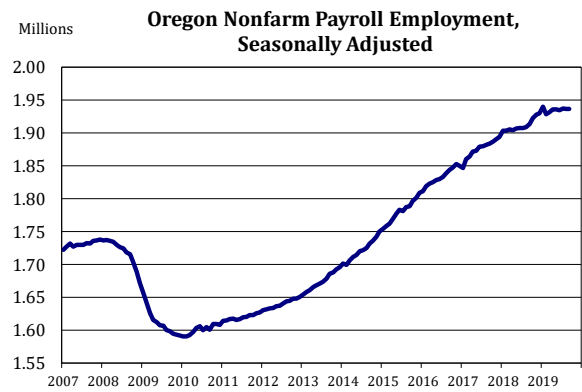
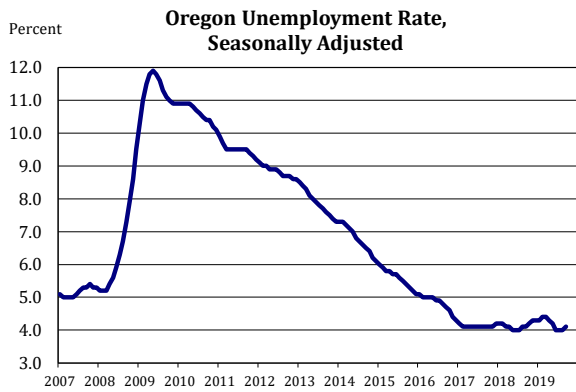
Manufacturing continued to grow faster than Oregon's overall economy over the past 12 months, with gains of 6,100 jobs, or 3.1 percent. **Nondurable goods** (+4,000 jobs, or 6.5%) and **transportation equipment manufacturing** (+900 jobs, or 7.4%) led manufacturing's growth. However, **construction** jobs have stabilized, with little overall change in employment over the past six months.

Retail trade is down by 3,900 jobs over the past 12 months, while **transportation, warehousing and utilities** counterbalanced that loss with a gain of 4,100 jobs as more shopping takes place online.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in September, essentially unchanged from 4.0 percent in August. The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 3.5 percent in September, from 3.7 percent in August. Oregon's unemployment rate has been between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent for 35 consecutive months dating back to November 2016.

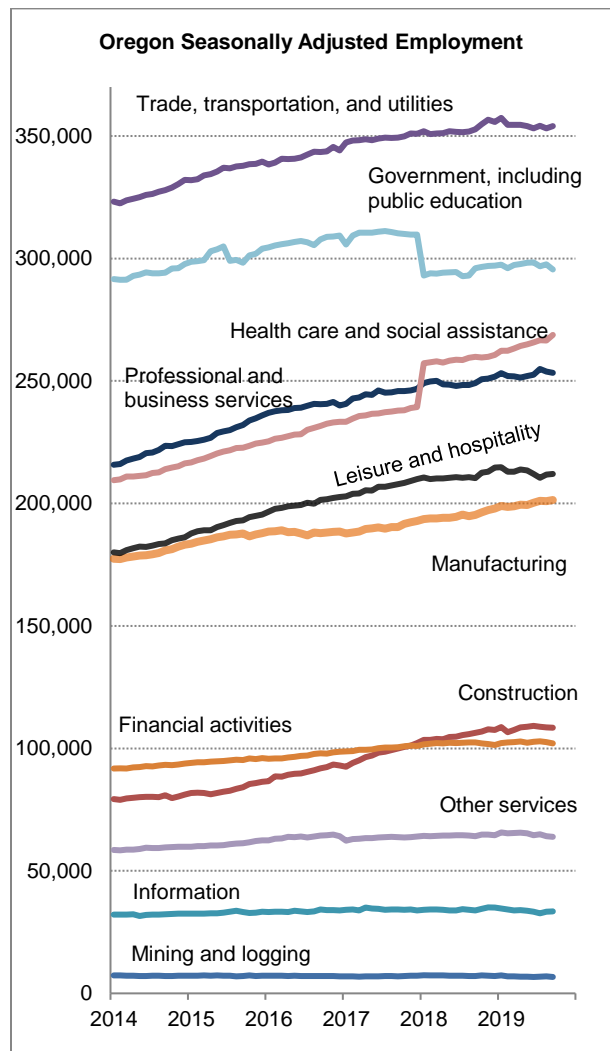
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 22nd, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, November 13th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes August to September 2019

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	4,000	4,200	200
Total private	-9,500	-7,200	2,300
Mining and logging	-100	-300	-200
Construction	-1,700	-1,800	-100
Manufacturing	-2,100	-1,700	400
Wholesale trade	0	1,000	1,000
Retail trade	-1,200	-1,600	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	700	300
Information	-500	-300	200
Financial activities	-900	-1,400	-500
Professional and business services	-2,300	-2,800	-500
Private educational services	4,500	4,400	-100
Health care and social assistance	-100	2,200	2,300
Leisure and hospitality	-5,800	-5,600	200
Other services	300	0	-300
Government	13,500	11,400	-2,100



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the detailed industry jobs numbers within manufacturing and health care and social assistance.

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

	September 2019	August 2019	September 2018	Change From August 2019	Change From September 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,123,310	2,139,838	2,112,722	-16,528	10,588
Unemployed	82,548	94,534	77,800	-11,986	4,748
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.4	3.7	-0.5	0.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.1	4.0	4.1	0.1	0.0
Employed	2,040,762	2,045,304	2,034,922	-4,542	5,840
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.7	61.8	62.2	-0.1	-0.5
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.5	8.4	8.5	0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,943,300	1,939,100	1,919,400	4,200	23,900
Total private	1,656,200	1,663,400	1,632,700	-7,200	23,500
Mining and logging	7,000	7,300	7,300	-300	-300
Logging	5,000	5,400	5,300	-400	-300
Construction	113,300	115,100	109,000	-1,800	4,300
Construction of buildings	31,700	31,900	30,500	-200	1,200
Residential building construction	19,100	19,200	18,700	-100	400
Nonresidential building construction	12,600	12,700	11,800	-100	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,200	11,400	10,900	-200	300
Specialty trade contractors	70,400	71,800	67,600	-1,400	2,800
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,300	13,700	13,100	-400	200
Building equipment contractors	31,500	31,800	29,600	-300	1,900
Building finishing contractors	16,100	16,700	15,700	-600	400
Other specialty trade contractors	9,500	9,600	9,200	-100	300
Manufacturing	203,400	205,100	197,500	-1,700	5,900
Durable goods	138,000	137,900	136,100	100	1,900
Wood product manufacturing	23,500	23,600	23,600	-100	-100
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	9,000	9,100	9,200	-100	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	8,200	8,200	8,000	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,700	0	500
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	17,100	17,300	16,700	-200	400
Machinery manufacturing	14,400	14,500	14,300	-100	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,900	38,100	38,000	800	900
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,600	29,800	29,800	800	800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,500	5,600	5,500	-100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	13,100	13,100	12,200	0	900
Nondurable goods	65,400	67,200	61,400	-1,800	4,000
Food manufacturing	32,200	34,200	30,900	-2,000	1,300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	12,300	13,300	11,900	-1,000	400
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	355,400	355,300	354,500	100	900
Wholesale trade	77,500	76,500	76,100	1,000	1,400
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	38,500	37,600	37,300	900	1,200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,300	31,300	31,100	0	200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,700	7,600	7,700	100	0
Retail trade	207,800	209,400	212,200	-1,600	-4,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,500	26,800	26,900	-300	-400
Building material and garden supply stores	16,900	17,300	16,500	-400	400
Food and beverage stores	43,700	44,000	43,500	-300	200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,100	16,600	16,100	-500	0
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,300	9,400	9,600	-100	-300
General merchandise stores	40,900	40,700	41,900	200	-1,000
Miscellaneous store retailers	17,200	16,900	16,600	300	600
Nonstore retailers	7,500	7,300	8,200	200	-700

	September 2019	August 2019	September 2018	Change From August 2019	Change From September 2018
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	70,100	69,400	66,200	700	3,900
Utilities	4,700	4,800	4,900	-100	-200
Transportation and warehousing	65,400	64,600	61,300	800	4,100
Truck transportation	19,300	19,300	19,000	0	300
Couriers and messengers	10,000	9,700	9,500	300	500
Warehousing and storage	12,600	12,500	10,100	100	2,500
Information	33,800	34,100	34,000	-300	-200
Publishing industries, except internet	14,800	14,800	14,700	0	100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,000	3,000	3,200	0	-200
Software publishers	11,800	11,800	11,500	0	300
Telecommunications	5,000	5,000	5,200	0	-200
Financial activities	101,300	102,700	102,800	-1,400	-1,500
Finance and insurance	55,300	55,700	57,200	-400	-1,900
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,200	26,700	27,000	-500	-800
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,900	23,600	24,200	300	-300
Real estate and rental and leasing	46,000	47,000	45,600	-1,000	400
Real estate	40,100	40,900	39,900	-800	200
Professional and business services	255,600	258,400	251,500	-2,800	4,100
Professional and technical services	100,300	100,200	96,800	100	3,500
Legal services	11,800	12,200	11,700	-400	100
Architectural and engineering services	18,100	18,000	16,800	100	1,300
Computer systems design and related services	16,700	16,700	16,300	0	400
Management of companies and enterprises	50,400	51,100	48,800	-700	1,600
Administrative and waste services	104,900	107,100	105,900	-2,200	-1,000
Administrative and support services	98,900	101,300	100,100	-2,400	-1,200
Employment services	42,900	45,800	43,400	-2,900	-500
Business support services	12,700	12,900	13,000	-200	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,900	25,500	24,600	400	1,300
Education and health services	304,500	297,900	295,500	6,600	9,000
Educational services	37,400	33,000	36,600	4,400	800
Health care and social assistance	267,100	264,900	258,900	2,200	8,200
Ambulatory health care services	95,400	95,100	92,500	300	2,900
Hospitals	60,400	60,300	59,300	100	1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	53,200	52,900	51,400	300	1,800
Social assistance	58,100	56,600	55,700	1,500	2,400
Leisure and hospitality	218,500	224,100	216,300	-5,600	2,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	29,600	31,500	27,800	-1,900	1,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	21,200	23,000	19,900	-1,800	1,300
Accommodation and food services	188,900	192,600	188,500	-3,700	400
Accommodation	28,300	29,700	27,200	-1,400	1,100
Food services and drinking places	160,600	162,900	161,300	-2,300	-700
Full-service restaurants	72,600	74,200	73,800	-1,600	-1,200
Limited-service eating places	71,600	73,200	70,400	-1,600	1,200
Other services	63,400	63,400	64,300	0	-900
Repair and maintenance	18,000	18,300	18,900	-300	-900
Personal and laundry services	15,700	15,900	15,500	-200	200
Membership associations and organizations	29,700	29,200	29,900	500	-200
Religious organizations	16,000	15,300	16,400	700	-400
Government	287,100	275,700	286,700	11,400	400
Federal government	30,200	30,600	29,000	-400	1,200
State government	40,900	41,200	40,200	-300	700
State education	800	900	800	-100	0
Local government	216,000	203,900	217,500	12,100	-1,500
Indian tribal	8,300	8,500	8,200	-200	100
Local education	118,800	105,600	122,900	13,200	-4,100
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.