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Oregon's Employment Declines for the Second Consecutive Month in September

In September, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 3,800 jobs, following a revised loss of 7,000 in August. These job losses followed rapid gains during February through July, when a total of 42,600 jobs were added in just six months.

Recent forest fires did not have a noticeable impact on the September jobs report. Although many individuals and businesses were impacted in September by forest fires that raged in many locations within Oregon, the industry employment totals did not appear to be impacted significantly. A job is counted in this report when a worker is employed for any part of the business's pay period that includes the 12th of the month. Workers able to return to work during the September pay period are counted in the jobs report.

In September, four industries cut more than 1,000 jobs, while two added more than 1,000. Leisure and hospitality (-3,700 jobs) cut the most as this industry returned to the long-term trend line after a spike upward in June and July. With vacancy surveys indicating that many firms are having trouble attracting workers, part of the weakness in hiring is likely due to the tight labor market.

Professional and business services (-3,100 jobs) cut back at a time of year when a flat trend is typical for the industry. The industry appears to have stalled from its upward trajectory over the past eight years. Each of its published component industries cut jobs since September 2016: employment services (-1,400 jobs), business support services (-400), and services to buildings and dwellings (-1,500). The two other industries that cut substantially in September were private educational services (-1,400 jobs) and other services (-1,200).

All was not lost in September, as construction added 2,900 jobs and government added 1,400.

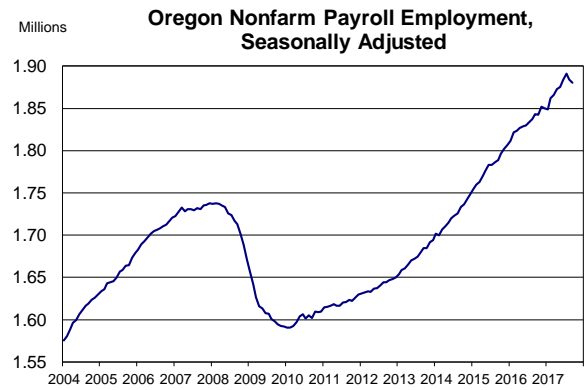
The September jobs report indicates that Oregon's over-the-year job growth, while moderate, has slowed. Between September 2016 and September 2017, payroll employment expanded by 37,400 jobs, or 2.0 percent. This is a reduction from the 3.1 percent job-growth rate seen through July. In the past 12 months, several industries continued to add jobs at a rapid clip, such as construction (+11,600 jobs, or 12.7%); health care and social assistance (+8,500 jobs, or 3.7%); and manufacturing (+5,700 jobs, or 3.0%). However, many of Oregon's industries haven't experienced the same rapid growth over the past 12 months, including government; professional and business services; wholesale trade; information; other services; and logging.

Oregon's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.2 percent in September from 4.1 percent in August. Oregon's rate was significantly below its year-ago rate of 4.9 percent in September 2016. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in September 2017.

These preliminary estimates of jobs and other labor force data are produced in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, are based largely on a survey of businesses and a survey of households, and are subject to later revision.

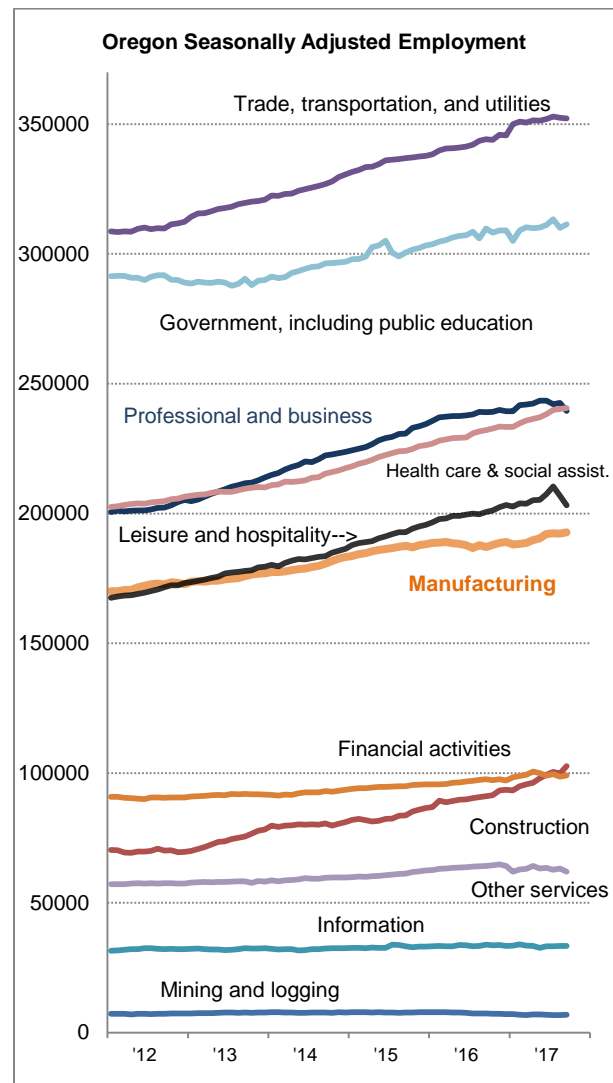
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 24th, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 14th.



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

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	5,700	1,900	-3,800
Total private	-3,900	-9,100	-5,200
Mining and logging	-100	0	100
Construction	-1,600	1,300	2,900
Manufacturing	-1,900	-1,400	500
Wholesale trade	200	300	100
Retail trade	-700	-1,000	-300
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	200	200	0
Information	-400	-400	0
Financial activities	-900	-400	500
Professional and business services	-200	-3,300	-3,100
Private educational services	4,800	3,400	-1,400
Health care and social assistance	400	800	400
Leisure and hospitality	-4,400	-8,100	-3,700
Other services	700	-500	-1,200
Government	9,600	11,000	1,400



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the detailed industries within professional and business services.

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 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. 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 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Change From August 2017	Change From September 2016
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,137,787	2,142,837	2,075,688	-5,050	62,099
Unemployed	88,962	96,579	95,099	-7,617	-6,137
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.5	4.6	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.2	4.1	4.9	0.1	-0.7
Employed	2,048,825	2,046,258	1,980,589	2,567	68,236
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.6	63.6	62.6	0.0	1.0
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.2	8.0	10.2	0.2	-2.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,886,400	1,884,500	1,847,700	1,900	38,700
Total private	1,587,500	1,596,600	1,550,700	-9,100	36,800
Mining and logging	7,300	7,300	7,600	0	-300
Logging	5,400	5,400	5,800	0	-400
Construction	106,800	105,500	95,000	1,300	11,800
Construction of buildings	28,400	28,100	24,900	300	3,500
Residential building construction	16,600	16,500	14,800	100	1,800
Nonresidential building construction	11,800	11,600	10,100	200	1,700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,200	11,200	9,900	0	1,300
Specialty trade contractors	67,200	66,200	60,200	1,000	7,000
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,800	12,700	11,600	100	1,200
Building equipment contractors	30,800	29,900	26,100	900	4,700
Building finishing contractors	14,300	14,400	14,000	-100	300
Other specialty trade contractors	9,300	9,200	8,500	100	800
Manufacturing	195,200	196,600	189,600	-1,400	5,600
Durable goods	134,000	134,800	130,600	-800	3,400
Wood product manufacturing	23,200	23,400	22,700	-200	500
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,700	8,700	8,600	0	100
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,100	7,700	-100	300
Primary metal manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,100	0	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,700	16,600	16,000	100	700
Machinery manufacturing	13,100	13,200	12,500	-100	600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,000	37,000	37,100	0	-100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,100	29,100	28,900	0	200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,100	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,800	11,900	12,000	-100	-200
Nondurable goods	61,200	61,800	59,000	-600	2,200
Food manufacturing	30,700	31,700	30,400	-1,000	300
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	12,100	12,900	12,300	-800	-200
Paper manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	354,200	354,700	345,400	-500	8,800
Wholesale trade	77,100	76,800	76,200	300	900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	34,000	33,700	33,300	300	700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	29,000	29,000	28,600	0	400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	14,100	14,100	14,300	0	-200
Retail trade	212,200	213,200	207,900	-1,000	4,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,100	26,800	26,100	-700	0
Building material and garden supply stores	16,700	17,100	16,200	-400	500
Food and beverage stores	44,200	44,200	43,400	0	800
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	17,000	17,400	16,700	-400	300
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,600	9,900	10,100	-300	-500
General merchandise stores	41,500	41,600	41,800	-100	-300
Miscellaneous store retailers	15,400	15,200	12,400	200	3,000
Nonstore retailers	8,300	7,400	7,700	900	600

	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016	Change From August 2017	Change From September 2016
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	64,900	64,700	61,300	200	3,600
Utilities	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	60,100	59,900	56,700	200	3,400
Truck transportation	19,400	19,100	19,100	300	300
Couriers and messengers	8,600	8,400	8,400	200	200
Warehousing and storage	8,500	8,500	7,600	0	900
Information	33,700	34,100	34,400	-400	-700
Publishing industries, except internet	14,300	14,200	14,500	100	-200
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Software publishers	10,700	10,600	10,700	100	0
Telecommunications	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Financial activities	98,000	98,400	98,200	-400	-200
Finance and insurance	57,700	57,700	56,800	0	900
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,900	27,800	26,700	100	1,200
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,300	24,300	24,400	0	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	40,300	40,700	41,400	-400	-1,100
Real estate	35,300	35,900	35,800	-600	-500
Professional and business services	243,100	246,400	241,400	-3,300	1,700
Professional and technical services	96,800	96,900	92,300	-100	4,500
Legal services	11,900	11,900	11,800	0	100
Architectural and engineering services	16,500	16,600	15,100	-100	1,400
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,600	15,900	0	700
Management of companies and enterprises	46,800	47,200	45,700	-400	1,100
Administrative and waste services	99,500	102,300	103,400	-2,800	-3,900
Administrative and support services	93,500	96,800	98,000	-3,300	-4,500
Employment services	40,700	42,100	42,100	-1,400	-1,400
Business support services	14,000	14,100	14,400	-100	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	21,900	23,200	23,400	-1,300	-1,500
Education and health services	275,500	271,300	268,100	4,200	7,400
Educational services	37,400	34,000	36,300	3,400	1,100
Health care and social assistance	238,100	237,300	231,800	800	6,300
Ambulatory health care services	90,100	90,200	87,400	-100	2,700
Hospitals	58,900	58,700	58,300	200	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,800	51,400	49,400	400	2,400
Social assistance	37,300	37,000	36,700	300	600
Leisure and hospitality	210,800	218,900	206,300	-8,100	4,500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,600	29,900	26,700	-2,300	900
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	20,200	22,200	19,200	-2,000	1,000
Accommodation and food services	183,200	189,000	179,600	-5,800	3,600
Accommodation	24,600	26,200	25,600	-1,600	-1,000
Food services and drinking places	158,600	162,800	154,000	-4,200	4,600
Full-service restaurants	73,900	75,700	71,300	-1,800	2,600
Limited-service eating places	67,000	68,700	67,000	-1,700	0
Other services	62,900	63,400	64,700	-500	-1,800
Repair and maintenance	18,900	18,900	17,900	0	1,000
Personal and laundry services	15,000	14,800	14,800	200	200
Membership associations and organizations	29,000	29,700	32,000	-700	-3,000
Religious organizations	15,700	15,100	16,500	600	-800
Government	298,900	287,900	297,000	11,000	1,900
Federal government	29,200	29,500	29,200	-300	0
State government	57,300	57,400	56,500	-100	800
State education	700	700	800	0	-100
Local government	212,400	201,000	211,300	11,400	1,100
Indian tribal	8,200	8,300	8,300	-100	-100
Local education	118,700	106,500	119,600	12,200	-900
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.