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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 6,100 in December

In Oregon, nonfarm payroll employment rose by 6,100 jobs in December, following a gain of 8,200 jobs in November. The gains in December were largest in **manufacturing** (+2,400 jobs), **construction** (+1,300), and **professional and business services** (+1,100). The largest decline in December was in **other services**, which cut 500 jobs.

Oregon's private sector added 5,600 jobs in December, reaching another all-time high of 1,694,200. This was 22,500 jobs, or 1.3%, above the pre-recession peak in February 2020.

Construction continued its rapid expansion in December. The industry added 10,200 jobs in 2022, for an annual growth rate of 9.1%. Gains were widespread throughout the industry, with all published components growing between 5.9% and 14.9% over that 12-month period. **Building equipment contractors** (+3,700 jobs, or 11.5%) and **building finishing contractors** (+2,200 jobs, or 14.9%) grew at the fastest rate.

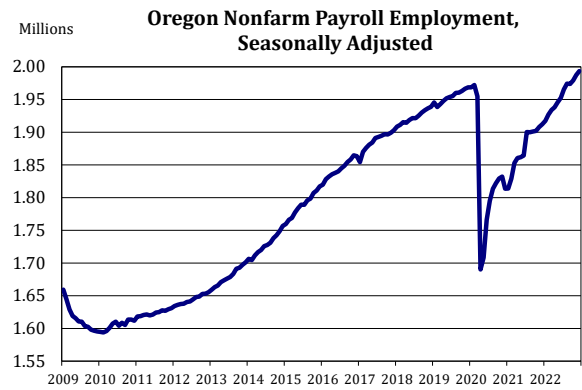
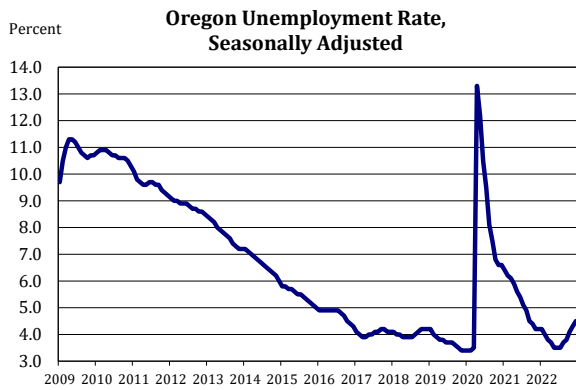
Leisure and hospitality is still substantially below its pre-pandemic peak. But its revised gain of 1,500 jobs in November, coupled with its gain of 600 in December, kept the industry on its recent upward trajectory. Over the past 12 months it added 16,900 jobs, accounting for a quarter of Oregon's private-sector job gains during that time.

Oregon's unemployment rate rose to 4.5% in December, from 4.3%, as revised, in November. The unemployment rate increased 1.0 percentage point over the past five months from its recent low of 3.5% in May, June, and July. The last time Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.5% or more was in September 2021, when it was 4.5%. In contrast, the U.S. unemployment rate remained below 4% during the last three months of 2022, and it edged down from 3.6% in November to 3.5% in December.

Putting Oregon's 4.5% December unemployment rate in a broader context: It has been relatively rare, historically, for Oregon's unemployment rate to be below 4.5%. This occurred during the 14 months prior to December, when the rate averaged 3.9%. Also, from 2017 through 2019 the rate averaged 3.9%. But prior to late 2016, Oregon's rate never dropped below 4.5% in any month dating back 40 years — from 1976, when comparable records began, to October 2016.

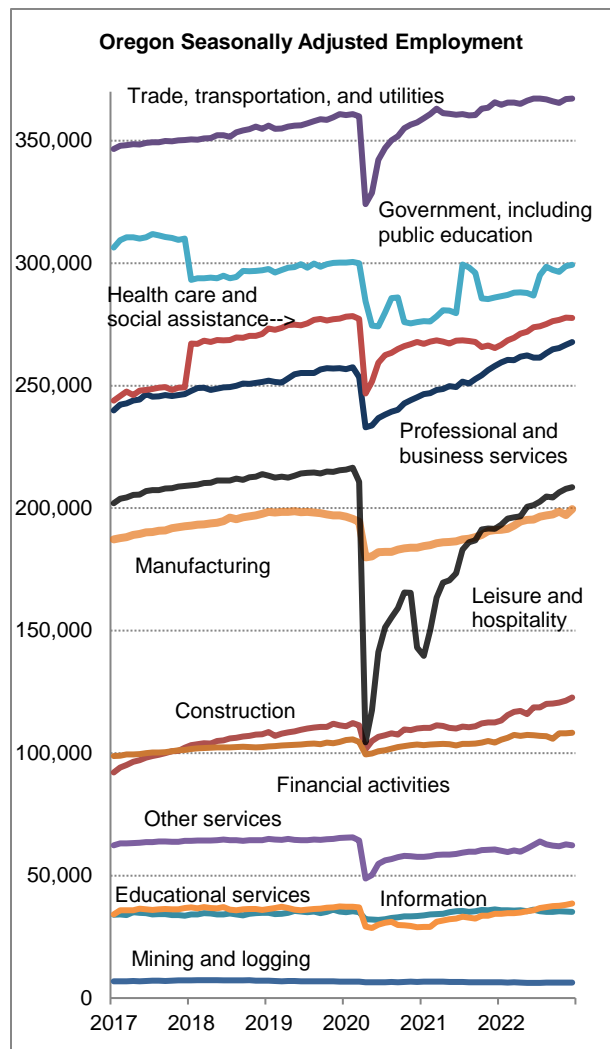
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 24, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 7.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes November to December 2022

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



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted, except for the industries within construction.

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 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 October, November and December 2021 tax records data. The department continues to make the original nonfarm payroll employment series available; these data are produced by the BLS.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	Change From November 2022	Change From December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,176,198	2,185,247	2,162,903	-9,049	13,295
Unemployed	98,007	93,558	77,422	4,449	20,585
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.3	3.6	0.2	0.9
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.5	4.3	4.2	0.2	0.3
Employed	2,078,191	2,091,689	2,085,481	-13,498	-7,290
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.9	63.1	62.2	-0.2	0.7
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.5	7.5	8.0	0.0	-0.5
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,003,800	2,002,700	1,921,400	1,100	82,400
Total private	1,699,900	1,696,900	1,631,300	3,000	68,600
Mining and logging	6,400	6,600	6,400	-200	0
Logging	4,500	4,600	4,600	-100	-100
Construction	121,900	123,300	111,600	-1,400	10,300
Construction of buildings	34,100	34,700	32,100	-600	2,000
Residential building construction	21,700	22,100	20,500	-400	1,200
Nonresidential building construction	12,400	12,600	11,600	-200	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,900	11,200	10,100	-300	800
Specialty trade contractors	76,900	77,400	69,400	-500	7,500
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,800	14,200	12,900	-400	900
Building equipment contractors	35,900	36,000	32,200	-100	3,700
Building finishing contractors	17,000	16,800	14,800	200	2,200
Other specialty trade contractors	10,200	10,400	9,500	-200	700
Manufacturing	199,300	198,800	190,300	500	9,000
Durable goods	139,200	137,500	132,100	1,700	7,100
Wood product manufacturing	23,700	23,400	23,000	300	700
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,600	6,500	6,400	100	200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,800	8,700	8,500	100	300
Other wood product manufacturing	8,300	8,200	8,100	100	200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,600	16,600	16,300	0	300
Machinery manufacturing	15,000	15,000	14,300	0	700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	39,900	40,100	39,200	-200	700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	32,800	33,000	31,900	-200	900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,600	0	300
Nondurable goods	60,100	61,300	58,200	-1,200	1,900
Food manufacturing	28,800	29,100	28,400	-300	400
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,000	10,200	9,600	-200	400
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	376,700	372,500	374,700	4,200	2,000
Wholesale trade	80,800	80,600	76,100	200	4,700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,400	40,000	38,100	400	2,300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	32,500	32,700	30,500	-200	2,000
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	400
Retail trade	212,800	210,900	215,100	1,900	-2,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,200	25,700	26,000	-500	-800
Building material and garden supply stores	17,100	17,000	17,500	100	-400
Food and beverage stores	47,300	47,700	46,200	-400	1,100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	15,400	15,100	15,200	300	200
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,800	9,700	10,000	100	-200
General merchandise stores	41,200	40,500	42,700	700	-1,500
Miscellaneous store retailers	18,300	18,200	17,400	100	900
Nonstore retailers	8,400	8,400	8,700	0	-300

	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	Change From November 2022	Change From December 2021
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	83,100	81,000	83,500	2,100	-400
Utilities	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Transportation and warehousing	78,200	76,200	78,600	2,000	-400
Truck transportation	18,000	18,100	19,000	-100	-1,000
Couriers and messengers	18,500	16,400	19,000	2,100	-500
Warehousing and storage	21,100	21,200	20,300	-100	800
Information	35,200	35,300	36,300	-100	-1,100
Publishing industries, except internet	16,000	16,100	16,100	-100	-100
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,300	2,300	-100	-100
Software publishers	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0
Telecommunications	4,300	4,300	4,400	0	-100
Financial activities	108,200	107,400	104,500	800	3,700
Finance and insurance	54,900	54,100	56,400	800	-1,500
Credit intermediation and related activities	24,500	24,000	25,600	500	-1,100
Insurance carriers and related activities	23,300	23,100	24,400	200	-1,100
Real estate and rental and leasing	53,300	53,300	48,100	0	5,200
Real estate	46,300	46,200	42,900	100	3,400
Professional and business services	269,100	268,900	258,500	200	10,600
Professional and technical services	110,900	110,300	107,300	600	3,600
Legal services	12,100	12,100	11,900	0	200
Architectural and engineering services	19,800	19,600	18,200	200	1,600
Computer systems design and related services	17,400	17,000	17,200	400	200
Management of companies and enterprises	50,800	50,600	48,500	200	2,300
Administrative and waste services	107,400	108,000	102,700	-600	4,700
Administrative and support services	101,600	102,200	96,500	-600	5,100
Employment services	47,400	47,500	44,100	-100	3,300
Business support services	9,400	9,400	9,900	0	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	29,400	30,300	24,800	-900	4,600
Education and health services	317,600	318,500	302,000	-900	15,600
Educational services	39,500	39,700	35,100	-200	4,400
Health care and social assistance	278,100	278,800	266,900	-700	11,200
Ambulatory health care services	98,800	99,300	94,500	-500	4,300
Hospitals	58,500	58,500	57,800	0	700
Nursing and residential care facilities	50,000	50,300	48,500	-300	1,500
Social assistance	70,800	70,700	66,100	100	4,700
Leisure and hospitality	203,800	203,300	187,000	500	16,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,200	26,300	22,700	900	4,500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,800	19,100	16,100	700	3,700
Accommodation and food services	176,600	177,000	164,300	-400	12,300
Accommodation	22,700	23,600	20,800	-900	1,900
Food services and drinking places	153,900	153,400	143,500	500	10,400
Full-service restaurants	64,900	65,900	61,300	-1,000	3,600
Limited-service eating places	72,900	72,100	67,800	800	5,100
Other services	61,700	62,300	60,000	-600	1,700
Repair and maintenance	19,800	19,900	18,500	-100	1,300
Personal and laundry services	14,300	14,500	14,100	-200	200
Membership associations and organizations	27,600	27,900	27,400	-300	200
Religious organizations	13,800	14,000	14,400	-200	-600
Government	303,900	305,800	290,100	-1,900	13,800
Federal government	27,100	27,900	27,500	-800	-400
State government	42,600	43,100	41,900	-500	700
State education	1,200	1,200	1,000	0	200
Local government	234,200	234,800	220,700	-600	13,500
Indian tribal	8,000	8,200	7,500	-200	500
Local education	135,700	136,100	127,900	-400	7,800
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.