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## Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Drops by 4,600 in October

In October, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 4,600 jobs, following a revised gain of 5,500 jobs in September. October's losses were largest in **professional and business services** (-1,600 jobs) and **leisure and hospitality** (-1,500). Three industries each cut 900 jobs: **manufacturing; retail trade;** and **health care and social assistance**. The only industry growing substantially in October was **construction**, which added 1,500 jobs.

Professional and business services expanded slightly slower than overall employment over the past 12 months, adding 4,400 jobs, or 1.7%, compared with growth of 44,300 jobs, or 2.3%, for total nonfarm payroll employment. While most of the industry grew rapidly over this period, **employment services** trended downward, cutting 4,100 jobs, or 9.0%, since October 2022.

Although leisure and hospitality gained 8,700 jobs, or 4.3%, in the past 12 months, the industry showed recent weakness with job declines of 300 in September and 1,500 in October. While **accommodation and food services** cut 2,500 jobs over the past two months, **arts, entertainment, and recreation** expanded in both months for a combined gain of 700 jobs.

Manufacturing continued to decline, shedding 900 jobs in October. It is down 4,400 jobs, or 2.3%, in the past 12 months. Most of the cuts were in **durable goods manufacturing**, which is down 4,900 jobs since October 2022. In contrast, **nondurable goods manufacturing** added 500 jobs over the year.

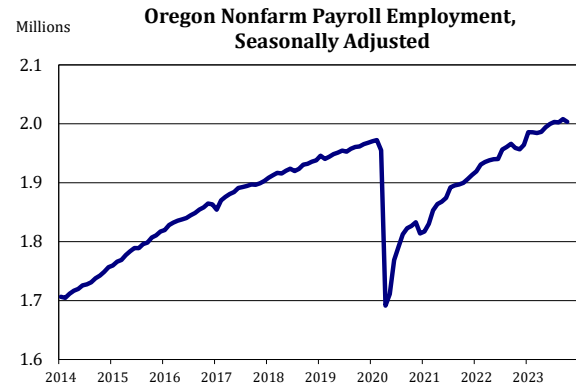
Construction employment surged to another record high in October, gaining 1,500 jobs. At 123,000 jobs in October, construction is up 6,000 jobs, or 5.1%, since October 2022.

**Health care and social assistance** grew the fastest of the major industries over the past 12 months, adding 16,300 jobs, or 6.0%. Gains since October 2022 were led by **social assistance** and **nursing and residential care facilities**, which each grew by close to 8%.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 3.6% in October and 3.5% in September. October was the sixth consecutive month in which Oregon's unemployment rate was between 3.4% and 3.7%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8% in September and 3.9% in October.

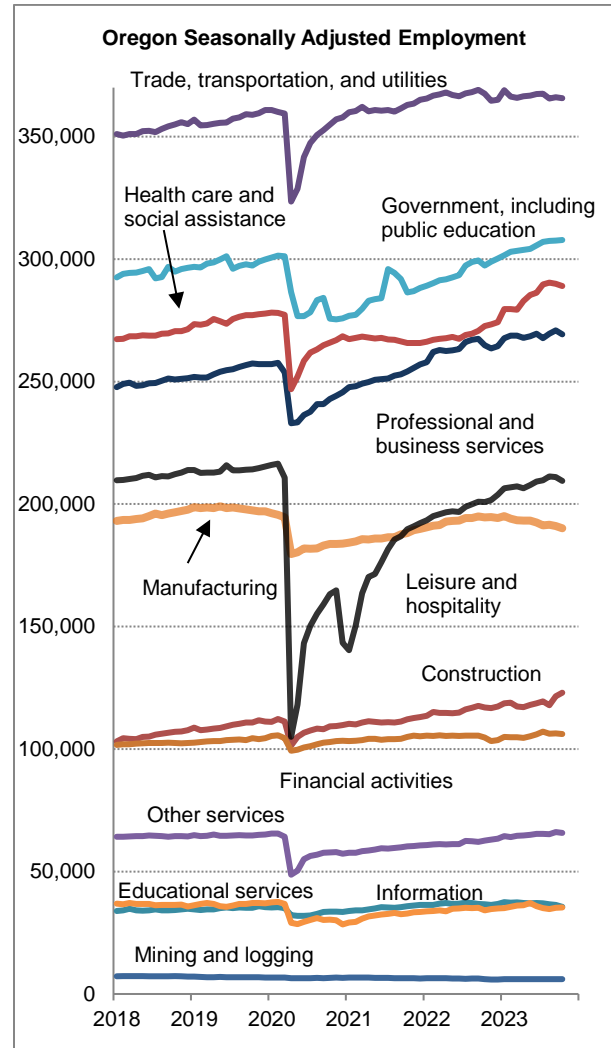
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 21, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 20.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes September to October 2023**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	8,300	3,700	-4,600
Total private	-1,700	-6,600	-4,900
Mining and logging	-100	0	100
Construction	-300	1,200	1,500
Manufacturing	-700	-1,600	-900
Wholesale trade	-100	-100	0
Retail trade	1,900	1,000	-900
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,000	1,500	500
Information	-100	-800	-700
Financial activities	-100	-400	-300
Professional and business services	900	-700	-1,600
Private educational services	700	800	100
Health care and social assistance	-400	-1,300	-900
Leisure and hospitality	-4,200	-5,700	-1,500
Other services	-200	-500	-300
Government	10,000	10,300	300



**Notes:**

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for employment services and the component industries within 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 April, May, and June 2023 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

	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	Change From September 2023	Change From October 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,155,402	2,149,050	2,193,626	6,352	-38,224
Unemployed	71,820	75,156	97,715	-3,336	-25,895
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.5	4.5	-0.2	-1.2
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	3.6	3.5	4.8	0.1	-1.2
Employed	2,083,582	2,073,894	2,095,911	9,688	-12,329
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	61.7	61.7	63.0	0.0	-1.3
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.0	7.9	7.8	0.1	0.2
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	2,005,700	2,002,000	1,970,500	3,700	35,200
Total private	1,694,200	1,700,800	1,669,200	-6,600	25,000
Mining and logging	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Logging	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Construction	123,800	122,600	119,000	1,200	4,800
Construction of buildings	35,600	35,400	33,900	200	1,700
Residential building construction	22,900	22,800	21,900	100	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	12,700	12,600	12,000	100	700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,700	11,800	11,200	-100	500
Specialty trade contractors	76,500	75,400	73,900	1,100	2,600
Building foundation and exterior contractors	14,500	14,200	13,700	300	800
Building equipment contractors	35,200	34,400	34,400	800	800
Building finishing contractors	16,400	16,300	15,800	100	600
Other specialty trade contractors	10,400	10,500	10,000	-100	400
Manufacturing	190,400	192,000	194,900	-1,600	-4,500
Durable goods	131,800	132,800	136,300	-1,000	-4,500
Wood product manufacturing	22,800	23,000	23,000	-200	-200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,400	8,500	8,600	-100	-200
Other wood product manufacturing	7,900	8,000	8,100	-100	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,500	15,600	16,300	-100	-800
Machinery manufacturing	14,100	14,200	14,600	-100	-500
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,100	40,600	42,100	-500	-2,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,000	33,200	34,800	-200	-1,800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,200	11,200	11,100	0	100
Nondurable goods	58,600	59,200	58,600	-600	0
Food manufacturing	29,200	29,200	29,000	0	200
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,600	9,900	10,200	-300	-600
Paper manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	366,900	364,500	368,100	2,400	-1,200
Wholesale trade	79,800	79,900	77,500	-100	2,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,400	40,300	39,300	100	1,100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,800	32,000	30,900	-200	900
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,600	7,600	7,300	0	300
Retail trade	208,500	207,500	211,000	1,000	-2,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,900	26,700	26,900	200	0
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,700	18,000	17,900	-300	-200
Food and beverage retailers	46,900	47,300	48,100	-400	-1,200
General merchandise retailers	41,200	40,000	39,800	1,200	1,400
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	16,400	16,100	15,700	300	700
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	30,500	29,900	31,000	600	-500

	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	Change From September 2023	Change From October 2022
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	78,600	77,100	79,600	1,500	-1,000
Utilities	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	73,400	71,900	74,600	1,500	-1,200
Truck transportation	19,400	19,300	19,600	100	-200
Couriers and messengers	14,500	14,200	15,100	300	-600
Warehousing and storage	17,300	17,000	18,700	300	-1,400
Information	35,200	36,000	36,900	-800	-1,700
Publishing industries	16,100	16,400	16,700	-300	-600
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,300	2,400	2,400	-100	-100
Software publishers	13,800	14,000	14,300	-200	-500
Telecommunications	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Financial activities	106,000	106,400	105,300	-400	700
Finance and insurance	55,100	55,000	55,000	100	100
Credit intermediation and related activities	23,100	23,100	23,900	0	-800
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,400	25,600	24,100	-200	1,300
Real estate and rental and leasing	50,900	51,400	50,300	-500	600
Real estate	46,500	46,900	44,300	-400	2,200
Professional and business services	268,900	269,600	266,700	-700	2,200
Professional and technical services	113,200	112,500	109,600	700	3,600
Legal services	12,100	12,100	11,600	0	500
Architectural and engineering services	19,100	19,100	18,700	0	400
Computer systems design and related services	17,900	17,500	17,700	400	200
Management of companies and enterprises	52,500	52,300	50,500	200	2,000
Administrative and waste services	103,200	104,800	106,600	-1,600	-3,400
Administrative and support services	96,200	98,000	100,300	-1,800	-4,100
Employment services	41,700	43,000	45,800	-1,300	-4,100
Business support services	7,500	7,700	8,600	-200	-1,100
Services to buildings and dwellings	28,100	28,300	27,100	-200	1,000
Private education and health services	322,700	323,200	308,700	-500	14,000
Private educational services	35,700	34,900	36,500	800	-800
Health care and social assistance	287,000	288,300	272,200	-1,300	14,800
Ambulatory health care services	99,400	100,900	96,400	-1,500	3,000
Hospitals	60,400	60,700	57,900	-300	2,500
Nursing and residential care facilities	53,700	53,400	49,500	300	4,200
Social assistance	73,500	73,300	68,400	200	5,100
Leisure and hospitality	207,900	213,600	200,600	-5,700	7,300
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	27,500	28,500	24,300	-1,000	3,200
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,100	20,000	17,000	-900	2,100
Accommodation and food services	180,400	185,100	176,300	-4,700	4,100
Accommodation	26,000	26,700	24,100	-700	1,900
Food services and drinking places	154,400	158,400	152,200	-4,000	2,200
Full-service restaurants	64,700	66,400	64,300	-1,700	400
Limited-service eating places	72,500	74,300	71,100	-1,800	1,400
Other services	66,200	66,700	62,800	-500	3,400
Repair and maintenance	20,700	21,400	19,500	-700	1,200
Personal and laundry services	15,700	15,500	14,700	200	1,000
Membership associations and organizations	29,800	29,800	28,600	0	1,200
Religious organizations	14,300	14,200	14,400	100	-100
Government	311,500	301,200	301,300	10,300	10,200
Federal government	29,100	29,500	27,800	-400	1,300
State government	46,100	46,000	43,500	100	2,600
State education	1,400	1,300	1,200	100	200
Local government	236,300	225,700	230,000	10,600	6,300
Indian tribal	8,400	8,400	7,700	0	700
Local education	134,300	123,700	133,300	10,600	1,000
Labor-management disputes	0	0	500	0	-500

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.