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Oregon Adds 5,700 Jobs in March

Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment rose 5,700 jobs in March, following a decline of 1,200 jobs in February. Five major industries each added close to 1,000 jobs in March: **professional and business services** (+1,300 jobs), **government** (+1,100), **health care and social assistance** (+900), **other services** (+800), and **leisure and hospitality** (+700). None of the major industries cut a substantial number of jobs in March.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in March, unchanged from 4.4 percent in February. For 29 consecutive months, dating back to November 2016, Oregon's unemployment rate has been between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in both February and March of this year.

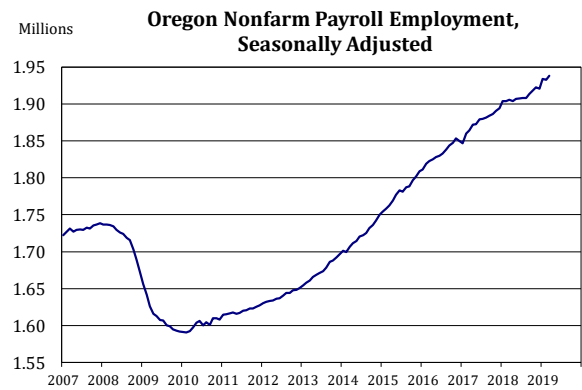
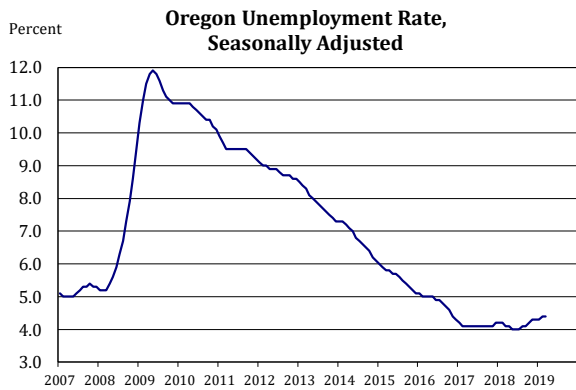
Job gains in recent months are an indication of continued moderate economic expansion in Oregon, despite the tight labor market as was evident from the near-record low unemployment rate.

Since March 2018, Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 32,600 jobs, or 1.7 percent. This was a slight acceleration from annual growth rates averaging 1.5 percent over the prior nine months. Over the past 12 months, the U.S. expanded at the same rate as Oregon: 1.7 percent.

Over the past 12 months, **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+3,400 jobs, or 5.3%) grew at the fastest rate of Oregon's major industries, due to growth at warehouses, fulfillment centers, and package delivery firms. **Construction** employment grew by 4,400 jobs, or 4.2 percent, as growth in the industry moderated from rapid expansion in recent years. **Manufacturing** added 5,500 jobs, or 2.8 percent, led by **computer and electronic product manufacturing**, which has added 1,800 jobs in the past 12 months. Meanwhile, six of the major industries were relatively flat over the year, with none gaining more than 700 jobs.

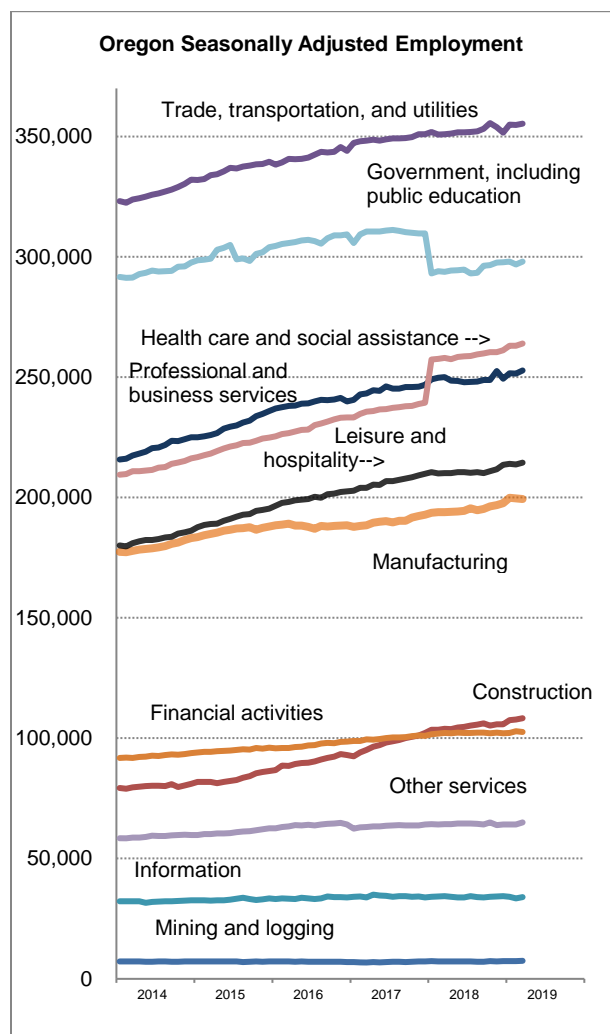
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23rd, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes February to March 2019

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	6,500	12,200	5,700
Total private	5,100	9,700	4,600
Mining and logging	0	100	100
Construction	0	500	500
Manufacturing	300	0	-300
Wholesale trade	-400	-400	0
Retail trade	600	1,100	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	300	0
Information	-400	100	500
Financial activities	-300	-600	-300
Professional and business services	1,400	2,700	1,300
Private educational services	200	100	-100
Health care and social assistance	500	1,400	900
Leisure and hospitality	2,700	3,400	700
Other services	200	1,000	800
Government	1,400	2,500	1,100



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for the jobs in computer and electronic product manufacturing.

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.

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Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	Change From February 2019	Change From March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,112,727	2,115,245	2,092,084	-2,518	20,643
Unemployed	96,718	98,838	94,516	-2,120	2,202
Unemployment rate	4.6	4.7	4.5	-0.1	0.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3
Employed	2,016,009	2,016,407	1,997,568	-398	18,441
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.3	62.3	62.5	0.0	-0.2
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.8	8.8	8.2	0.0	0.6
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,925,100	1,912,900	1,895,100	12,200	30,000
Total private	1,620,700	1,611,000	1,594,400	9,700	26,300
Mining and logging	7,200	7,100	7,100	100	100
Logging	5,200	5,100	5,200	100	0
Construction	104,000	103,500	100,900	500	3,100
Construction of buildings	31,000	30,800	28,000	200	3,000
Residential building construction	19,600	19,400	17,200	200	2,400
Nonresidential building construction	11,400	11,400	10,800	0	600
Heavy and civil engineering construction	9,400	9,300	9,400	100	0
Specialty trade contractors	63,600	63,400	63,500	200	100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,000	12,000	12,600	0	-600
Building equipment contractors	29,700	29,700	28,200	0	1,500
Building finishing contractors	13,700	13,600	14,300	100	-600
Other specialty trade contractors	8,200	8,100	8,400	100	-200
Manufacturing	197,500	197,500	191,700	0	5,800
Durable goods	138,900	138,900	134,000	0	4,900
Wood product manufacturing	23,300	23,300	23,500	0	-200
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	0
Other wood product manufacturing	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	9,000	8,900	8,400	100	600
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,300	16,300	16,300	0	0
Machinery manufacturing	14,700	14,600	14,000	100	700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	39,300	39,200	37,500	100	1,800
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,900	30,800	29,300	100	1,600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	12,500	12,500	11,900	0	600
Nondurable goods	58,600	58,600	57,700	0	900
Food manufacturing	28,800	28,700	28,800	100	0
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	10,600	10,600	10,600	0	0
Paper manufacturing	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	349,100	348,100	345,400	1,000	3,700
Wholesale trade	74,900	75,300	74,700	-400	200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	35,800	36,300	36,600	-500	-800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	31,400	31,300	30,500	100	900
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Retail trade	207,500	206,400	207,200	1,100	300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	27,100	27,000	26,900	100	200
Building material and garden supply stores	16,700	16,000	17,000	700	-300
Food and beverage stores	42,700	42,700	42,400	0	300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16,100	16,100	16,100	0	0
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,300	9,200	9,700	100	-400
General merchandise stores	40,000	40,200	40,000	-200	0
Miscellaneous store retailers	16,200	16,300	15,400	-100	800
Nonstore retailers	6,900	7,000	6,800	-100	100

	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	Change From February 2019	Change From March 2018
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	66,700	66,400	63,500	300	3,200
Utilities	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	61,800	61,500	58,800	300	3,000
Truck transportation	19,000	18,800	18,500	200	500
Couriers and messengers	9,900	10,100	9,000	-200	900
Warehousing and storage	10,100	10,000	9,000	100	1,100
Information	33,600	33,500	34,400	100	-800
Publishing industries, except internet	14,500	14,500	14,700	0	-200
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,100	3,100	3,400	0	-300
Software publishers	11,400	11,400	11,300	0	100
Telecommunications	5,200	5,200	5,400	0	-200
Financial activities	102,200	102,800	100,900	-600	1,300
Finance and insurance	57,300	57,000	57,600	300	-300
Credit intermediation and related activities	27,200	27,200	27,400	0	-200
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,200	24,200	24,400	0	-200
Real estate and rental and leasing	44,900	45,800	43,300	-900	1,600
Real estate	39,700	40,600	38,000	-900	1,700
Professional and business services	250,300	247,600	247,500	2,700	2,800
Professional and technical services	98,400	97,000	98,000	1,400	400
Legal services	11,600	11,500	11,900	100	-300
Architectural and engineering services	17,200	16,800	16,300	400	900
Computer systems design and related services	16,500	16,300	16,200	200	300
Management of companies and enterprises	49,500	49,300	47,900	200	1,600
Administrative and waste services	102,400	101,300	101,600	1,100	800
Administrative and support services	96,300	95,200	96,100	1,100	200
Employment services	40,600	40,600	42,000	0	-1,400
Business support services	13,000	12,700	13,200	300	-200
Services to buildings and dwellings	23,600	23,100	22,900	500	700
Education and health services	304,200	302,700	297,800	1,500	6,400
Educational services	39,000	38,900	39,700	100	-700
Health care and social assistance	265,200	263,800	258,100	1,400	7,100
Ambulatory health care services	96,500	95,600	91,500	900	5,000
Hospitals	60,000	60,000	59,200	0	800
Nursing and residential care facilities	51,100	50,800	51,200	300	-100
Social assistance	57,600	57,400	56,200	200	1,400
Leisure and hospitality	207,800	204,400	204,800	3,400	3,000
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	26,200	25,800	26,700	400	-500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,100	18,800	19,600	300	-500
Accommodation and food services	181,600	178,600	178,100	3,000	3,500
Accommodation	24,000	23,200	23,800	800	200
Food services and drinking places	157,600	155,400	154,300	2,200	3,300
Full-service restaurants	71,200	70,100	70,100	1,100	1,100
Limited-service eating places	69,600	68,900	68,500	700	1,100
Other services	64,800	63,800	63,900	1,000	900
Repair and maintenance	18,000	17,400	18,500	600	-500
Personal and laundry services	15,500	15,400	15,300	100	200
Membership associations and organizations	31,300	31,000	30,100	300	1,200
Religious organizations	17,100	17,000	16,800	100	300
Government	304,400	301,900	300,700	2,500	3,700
Federal government	27,100	27,000	27,100	100	0
State government	40,100	39,800	38,900	300	1,200
State education	800	800	800	0	0
Local government	237,200	235,100	234,700	2,100	2,500
Indian tribal	8,300	8,300	8,100	0	200
Local education	142,600	140,800	141,600	1,800	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.