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## Oregon Drops 25,500 Jobs in December

Oregon's unemployment rose to 6.4% in December from 6.0% in November. This was the state's first monthly increase in its unemployment rate following seven months of declines. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate remained at 6.7% in both November and December.

Oregon's over-the-month percent job loss was much greater than nationally. In December, Oregon lost 1.4% of nonfarm payroll employment while the U.S. shed 0.1%. Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment dropped by 25,500 jobs in December, following a revised gain of 2,100 jobs in November. The drop followed seven consecutive months of gains. Total nonfarm payroll employment stood at 1,783,300 in December, which was an over-the-year decline from December 2019 of 174,000 jobs, or 8.9%.

"December's job losses reflect the devastation COVID-19 continues to inflict on the lives and livelihoods of Oregonians. Ten months into the pandemic, Oregon has regained just 37% of the jobs lost in this recession," said Gail Krumenauer, State Employment Economist with the Oregon Employment Department.

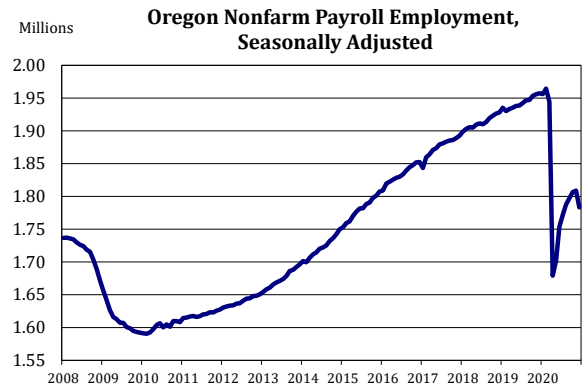
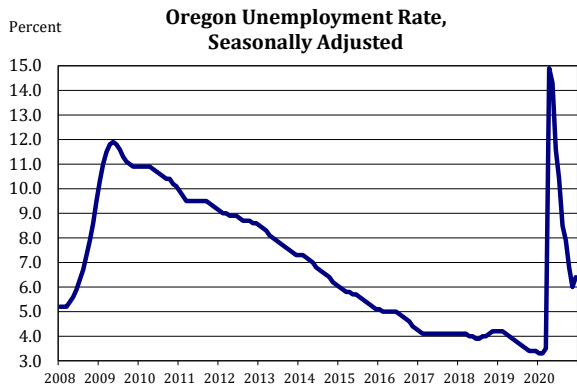
December job losses in Oregon were greatest in **leisure and hospitality**, which cut 28,600 jobs. Several other industries also cut at least 800 jobs in December, including **private educational services** (-1,700 jobs), **government** (-1,300), **wholesale trade** (-1,100), **manufacturing** (-900), and **construction** (-800). In contrast, four major industries each added thousands of jobs: **retail trade** (+2,200 jobs); **transportation, warehousing, and utilities** (+2,200); **health care and social assistance** (+2,200); and **professional and business services** (+2,100).

Within leisure and hospitality, full-service restaurants cut 17,600 jobs in December, which was the largest drop of its component industries. Full-service restaurants, where in-person dining has been severely reduced due to the pandemic, have cut far more jobs than limited-service eating places which shed 2,000 jobs in December.

On the plus side, reflecting the rapid increase in online shopping, the industries that employ the fulfillment center warehouse workers and package delivery drivers boosted December employment in industries within transportation, warehousing, and utilities. In particular, **couriers and messengers** added 3,600 jobs in December.

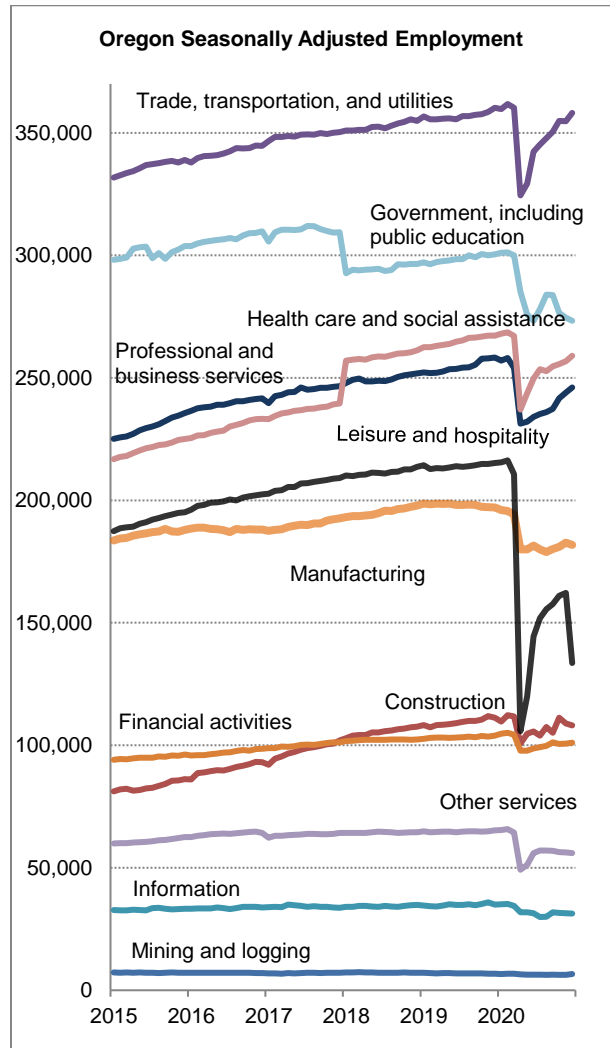
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes November to December 2020**

| INDUSTRY                                   | Normal Seasonal Movement | Unadjusted Change | Seasonally Adjusted Change |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Total nonfarm payroll employment           | -3,600                   | -29,100           | -25,500                    |
| Total private                              | -2,300                   | -26,500           | -24,200                    |
| Mining and logging                         | -200                     | 100               | 300                        |
| Construction                               | -2,600                   | -3,400            | -800                       |
| Manufacturing                              | -500                     | -1,400            | -900                       |
| Wholesale trade                            | 0                        | -1,100            | -1,100                     |
| Retail trade                               | 500                      | 2,700             | 2,200                      |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 1,600                    | 3,800             | 2,200                      |
| Information                                | 200                      | 0                 | -200                       |
| Financial activities                       | 600                      | 1,000             | 400                        |
| Professional and business services         | -1,500                   | 600               | 2,100                      |
| Private educational services               | -1,300                   | -3,000            | -1,700                     |
| Health care and social assistance          | -100                     | 2,100             | 2,200                      |
| Leisure and hospitality                    | 1,100                    | -27,500           | -28,600                    |
| Other services                             | -100                     | -400              | -300                       |
| Government                                 | -1,300                   | -2,600            | -1,300                     |



**Notes:**

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for these industries: full-service restaurants; limited-service eating places; and couriers and messengers.

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 2020 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 can be found at [QualityInfo.org/press-release](https://qualityinfo.org/press-release). To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit [QualityInfo.org](https://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

|  | December<br>2020 | November<br>2020 | December<br>2019 | Change From<br>November 2020 | Change From<br>December 2019 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                              |                  |                  |                  |                              |                              |
| Civilian labor force                                   | 2,111,895        | 2,121,235        | 2,089,779        | -9,340                       | 22,116                       |
| Unemployed   | 125,889          | 116,823          | 61,165           | 9,066                        | 64,724                       |
| Unemployment rate                                      | 6.0              | 5.5              | 2.9              | 0.5                          | 3.1                          |
| Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted                 | 6.4              | 6.0              | 3.4              | 0.4                          | 3.0                          |
| Employed   | 1,986,006        | 2,004,412        | 2,028,614        | -18,406                      | -42,608                      |
| <b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |                              |                              |
| Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted    | 61.5             | 61.3             | 61.4             | 0.2                          | 0.1                          |
| Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted | 11.7             | 11.1             | 7.6              | 0.6                          | 4.1                          |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                      |                  |                  |                  |                              |                              |
| Total nonfarm payroll employment                       | 1,789,700        | 1,818,800        | 1,967,900        | -29,100                      | -178,200                     |
| Total private  | 1,511,700        | 1,538,200        | 1,662,000        | -26,500                      | -150,300                     |
| Mining and logging                                     | 6,500            | 6,400            | 6,700            | 100                          | -200                         |
| Logging  | 4,900            | 4,700            | 4,900            | 200                          | 0                            |
| Construction   | 104,700          | 108,100          | 109,700          | -3,400                       | -5,000                       |
| Construction of buildings                              | 32,100           | 32,900           | 31,700           | -800                         | 400                          |
| Residential building construction                      | 19,900           | 20,700           | 19,200           | -800                         | 700                          |
| Nonresidential building construction                   | 12,200           | 12,200           | 12,500           | 0                            | -300                         |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction               | 9,200            | 9,100            | 10,400           | 100                          | -1,200                       |
| Specialty trade contractors                            | 63,400           | 66,100           | 67,600           | -2,700                       | -4,200                       |
| Building foundation and exterior contractors           | 11,900           | 12,700           | 12,800           | -800                         | -900                         |
| Building equipment contractors                         | 28,300           | 29,200           | 30,700           | -900                         | -2,400                       |
| Building finishing contractors                         | 15,000           | 15,100           | 15,100           | -100                         | -100                         |
| Other specialty trade contractors                      | 8,200            | 9,100            | 9,000            | -900                         | -800                         |
| Manufacturing  | 180,500          | 181,900          | 196,000          | -1,400                       | -15,500                      |
| Durable goods  | 126,300          | 126,200          | 136,100          | 100                          | -9,800                       |
| Wood product manufacturing                             | 21,900           | 21,700           | 22,700           | 200                          | -800                         |
| Sawmills and wood preservation                         | 5,900            | 5,900            | 6,100            | 0                            | -200                         |
| Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.               | 8,200            | 8,000            | 8,800            | 200                          | -600                         |
| Other wood product manufacturing                       | 7,800            | 7,800            | 7,800            | 0                            | 0                            |
| Primary metal manufacturing                            | 6,900            | 7,200            | 9,500            | -300                         | -2,600                       |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing                 | 15,500           | 15,400           | 16,500           | 100                          | -1,000                       |
| Machinery manufacturing                                | 13,100           | 13,100           | 14,000           | 0                            | -900                         |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing          | 38,100           | 37,600           | 38,700           | 500                          | -600                         |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.            | 30,000           | 29,900           | 30,600           | 100                          | -600                         |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing                    | 5,200            | 5,100            | 5,500            | 100                          | -300                         |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing                 | 10,000           | 10,100           | 12,300           | -100                         | -2,300                       |
| Nondurable goods                                       | 54,200           | 55,700           | 59,900           | -1,500                       | -5,700                       |
| Food manufacturing                                     | 26,500           | 27,100           | 28,900           | -600                         | -2,400                       |
| Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty           | 9,100            | 9,200            | 10,400           | -100                         | -1,300                       |
| Paper manufacturing                                    | 3,700            | 3,800            | 4,100            | -100                         | -400                         |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                   | 365,900          | 360,500          | 370,800          | 5,400                        | -4,900                       |
| Wholesale trade  | 71,400           | 72,500           | 76,900           | -1,100                       | -5,500                       |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods                    | 37,300           | 36,500           | 37,600           | 800                          | -300                         |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods                 | 26,400           | 28,300           | 31,900           | -1,900                       | -5,500                       |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers              | 7,700            | 7,700            | 7,400            | 0                            | 300                          |
| Retail trade   | 212,500          | 209,800          | 215,500          | 2,700                        | -3,000                       |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers                        | 24,300           | 24,300           | 26,300           | 0                            | -2,000                       |
| Building material and garden supply stores             | 18,300           | 17,800           | 15,900           | 500                          | 2,400                        |
| Food and beverage stores                               | 46,100           | 46,000           | 43,700           | 100                          | 2,400                        |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores               | 11,000           | 11,400           | 17,600           | -400                         | -6,600                       |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores           | 9,300            | 9,100            | 10,000           | 200                          | -700                         |
| General merchandise stores                             | 46,000           | 44,900           | 43,300           | 1,100                        | 2,700                        |
| Miscellaneous store retailers                          | 14,700           | 15,000           | 16,900           | -300                         | -2,200                       |
| Nonstore retailers                                     | 8,200            | 8,000            | 8,700            | 200                          | -500                         |

|  | December<br>2020 | November<br>2020 | December<br>2019 | Change From<br>November 2020 | Change From<br>December 2019 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities   | 82,000           | 78,200           | 78,400           | 3,800                        | 3,600                        |
| Utilities                                    | 4,800            | 4,700            | 4,800            | 100                          | 0                            |
| Transportation and warehousing               | 77,200           | 73,500           | 73,600           | 3,700                        | 3,600                        |
| Truck transportation                         | 18,400           | 18,000           | 18,800           | 400                          | -400                         |
| Couriers and messengers                      | 18,600           | 15,000           | 13,900           | 3,600                        | 4,700                        |
| Warehousing and storage                      | 20,100           | 20,700           | 18,000           | -600                         | 2,100                        |
| Information                                  | 31,500           | 31,500           | 35,100           | 0                            | -3,600                       |
| Publishing industries, except internet       | 14,900           | 15,000           | 15,400           | -100                         | -500                         |
| Newspaper, book, and directory publishers    | 2,400            | 2,400            | 3,000            | 0                            | -600                         |
| Software publishers                          | 12,500           | 12,600           | 12,400           | -100                         | 100                          |
| Telecommunications                           | 4,800            | 4,700            | 5,000            | 100                          | -200                         |
| Financial activities                         | 101,400          | 100,400          | 104,000          | 1,000                        | -2,600                       |
| Finance and insurance                        | 56,800           | 56,300           | 57,300           | 500                          | -500                         |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 26,000           | 25,900           | 26,400           | 100                          | -400                         |
| Insurance carriers and related activities    | 24,600           | 24,500           | 24,700           | 100                          | -100                         |
| Real estate and rental and leasing           | 44,600           | 44,100           | 46,700           | 500                          | -2,100                       |
| Real estate                                  | 39,700           | 39,000           | 41,000           | 700                          | -1,300                       |
| Professional and business services           | 245,300          | 244,700          | 257,500          | 600                          | -12,200                      |
| Professional and technical services          | 99,100           | 98,500           | 100,900          | 600                          | -1,800                       |
| Legal services                               | 11,400           | 11,300           | 12,000           | 100                          | -600                         |
| Architectural and engineering services       | 18,200           | 18,200           | 17,700           | 0                            | 500                          |
| Computer systems design and related services | 16,900           | 16,700           | 17,200           | 200                          | -300                         |
| Management of companies and enterprises      | 48,600           | 48,600           | 51,100           | 0                            | -2,500                       |
| Administrative and waste services            | 97,600           | 97,600           | 105,500          | 0                            | -7,900                       |
| Administrative and support services          | 92,100           | 91,700           | 99,600           | 400                          | -7,500                       |
| Employment services                          | 40,500           | 39,000           | 43,900           | 1,500                        | -3,400                       |
| Business support services                    | 11,600           | 11,600           | 12,900           | 0                            | -1,300                       |
| Services to buildings and dwellings          | 24,000           | 24,700           | 24,000           | -700                         | 0                            |
| Education and health services                | 289,500          | 290,400          | 306,400          | -900                         | -16,900                      |
| Educational services                         | 28,600           | 31,600           | 37,900           | -3,000                       | -9,300                       |
| Health care and social assistance            | 260,900          | 258,800          | 268,500          | 2,100                        | -7,600                       |
| Ambulatory health care services              | 92,500           | 91,800           | 95,900           | 700                          | -3,400                       |
| Hospitals                                    | 58,800           | 58,300           | 60,200           | 500                          | -1,400                       |
| Nursing and residential care facilities      | 54,400           | 54,000           | 53,000           | 400                          | 1,400                        |
| Social assistance                            | 55,200           | 54,700           | 59,400           | 500                          | -4,200                       |
| Leisure and hospitality                      | 129,400          | 156,900          | 211,000          | -27,500                      | -81,600                      |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation          | 10,000           | 13,200           | 27,500           | -3,200                       | -17,500                      |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation          | 5,200            | 8,300            | 19,900           | -3,100                       | -14,700                      |
| Accommodation and food services              | 119,400          | 143,700          | 183,500          | -24,300                      | -64,100                      |
| Accommodation                                | 16,400           | 17,200           | 25,300           | -800                         | -8,900                       |
| Food services and drinking places            | 103,000          | 126,500          | 158,200          | -23,500                      | -55,200                      |
| Full-service restaurants                     | 34,900           | 52,500           | 70,500           | -17,600                      | -35,600                      |
| Limited-service eating places                | 61,800           | 63,800           | 70,900           | -2,000                       | -9,100                       |
| Other services                               | 57,000           | 57,400           | 64,800           | -400                         | -7,800                       |
| Repair and maintenance                       | 16,600           | 17,300           | 18,700           | -700                         | -2,100                       |
| Personal and laundry services                | 13,600           | 13,600           | 16,200           | 0                            | -2,600                       |
| Membership associations and organizations    | 26,800           | 26,500           | 29,900           | 300                          | -3,100                       |
| Religious organizations                      | 14,700           | 13,900           | 16,500           | 800                          | -1,800                       |
| Government                                   | 278,000          | 280,600          | 305,900          | -2,600                       | -27,900                      |
| Federal government                           | 27,700           | 28,000           | 27,800           | -300                         | -100                         |
| State government                             | 41,000           | 41,100           | 40,700           | -100                         | 300                          |
| State education                              | 900              | 900              | 900              | 0                            | 0                            |
| Local government                             | 209,300          | 211,500          | 237,400          | -2,200                       | -28,100                      |
| Indian tribal                                | 7,400            | 7,400            | 8,100            | 0                            | -700                         |
| Local education                              | 119,600          | 120,100          | 141,700          | -500                         | -22,100                      |
| 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.