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Oregon's Nonfarm Payroll Employment Rises by 4,900 in April

In April, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 4,900 jobs, following a revised gain of 2,600 jobs in March. April's gains were largest in **health care and social assistance** (+1,700 jobs); **construction** (+1,500); and **manufacturing** (+900). Monthly declines were largest in **professional and business services** (-1,100 jobs).

Over the past two years, health care and social assistance continued to add jobs at a rapid, consistent pace. The sector grew by 16,600 jobs, or 5.9%, since April 2023 following a gain of 13,900 jobs, or 5.2%, between April 2022 and April 2023. Within the broader sector, **social assistance** accelerated its expansion in recent months, as it added 4,800 jobs during the past five months. The three component industries within health care each expanded rapidly over the past 12 months: **nursing and residential care facilities** (+3,300 jobs); **hospitals** (+2,900); and **ambulatory health care services** (+2,800).

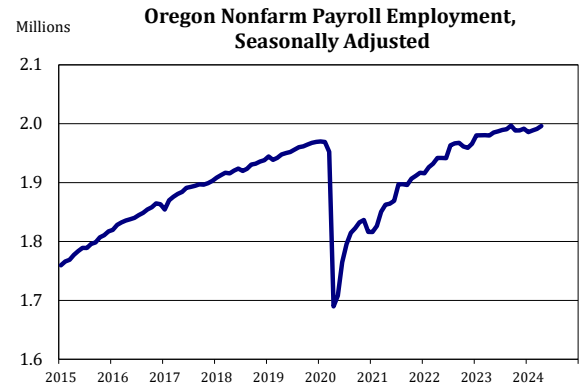
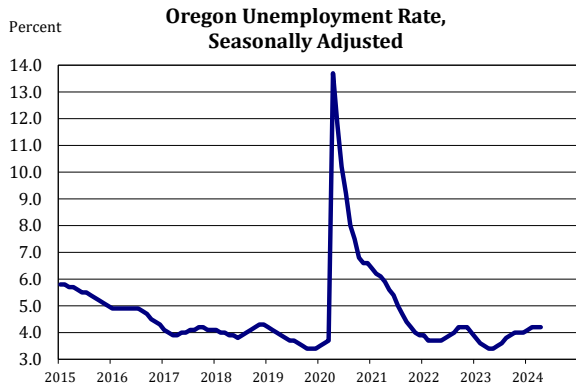
Government, which added 9,400 jobs, or 3.1%, since April 2023, was the only other major sector growing quickly in the past 12 months. Each of its three components grew rapidly during that time: **local government** (+6,100 jobs, or 2.7%); **state government** (+2,100 jobs, or 4.6%); and **federal government** (+1,200 jobs, or 4.2%).

Meanwhile, more than half of the major industries reduced employment over the past 12 months, with **manufacturing** (-3,700 jobs, or -1.9%) and **retail trade** (-2,300 jobs, or -1.1%) cutting the most. Furthermore, **professional and business services** (-1,600 jobs); **information** (-1,100); and **construction** (-1,000) each shed at least 1,000 jobs.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.2% in April, the same as in February and March. Since October 2021, Oregon's unemployment rate has stayed between 3.4% and 4.2%, averaging 3.9%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9% in April and 3.8% in March.

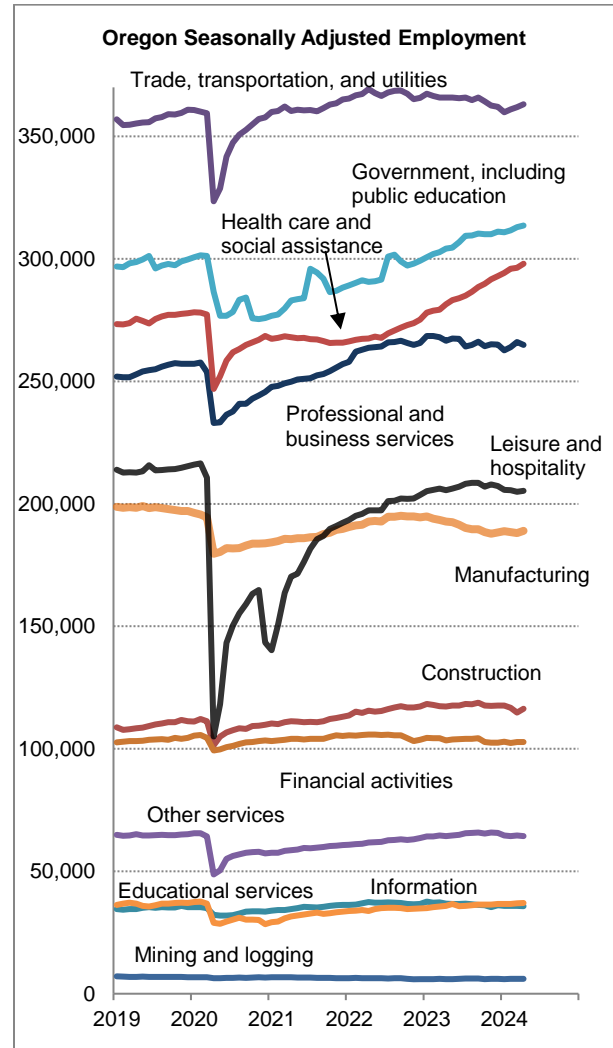
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Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes March to April 2024

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	8,500	13,400	4,900
Total private	8,000	12,200	4,200
Mining and logging	100	100	0
Construction	1,400	2,900	1,500
Manufacturing	1,200	2,100	900
Wholesale trade	-300	0	300
Retail trade	700	1,200	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	100	500	400
Information	500	300	-200
Financial activities	1,200	1,200	0
Professional and business services	400	-700	-1,100
Private educational services	-200	-100	100
Health care and social assistance	300	2,000	1,700
Leisure and hospitality	1,900	2,300	400
Other services	700	400	-300
Government	500	1,200	700



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted except for 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 October, November, and December 2023 tax records data. In addition, data for April 2022 through September 2023 were revised by a total of up to 11,500 jobs per month. 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

	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	Change From March 2024	Change From April 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,189,002	2,194,140	2,140,612	-5,138	48,390
Unemployed	79,773	96,484	65,285	-16,711	14,488
Unemployment rate	3.6	4.4	3.0	-0.8	0.6
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.2	4.2	3.4	0.0	0.8
Employed	2,109,229	2,097,656	2,075,327	11,573	33,902
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.9	62.8	62.3	0.1	0.6
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	8.5	8.5	7.5	0.0	1.0
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,990,700	1,977,300	1,983,000	13,400	7,700
Total private	1,670,500	1,658,300	1,671,500	12,200	-1,000
Mining and logging	6,000	5,900	5,900	100	100
Logging	4,400	4,300	4,200	100	200
Construction	116,100	113,200	115,900	2,900	200
Construction of buildings	33,800	32,600	32,800	1,200	1,000
Residential building construction	21,900	21,000	21,000	900	900
Nonresidential building construction	11,900	11,600	11,800	300	100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,700	10,300	10,600	400	100
Specialty trade contractors	71,600	70,300	72,500	1,300	-900
Building foundation and exterior contractors	13,400	13,100	13,400	300	0
Building equipment contractors	33,600	33,300	34,100	300	-500
Building finishing contractors	15,000	14,600	15,300	400	-300
Other specialty trade contractors	9,600	9,300	9,700	300	-100
Manufacturing	187,400	185,300	191,900	2,100	-4,500
Durable goods	131,700	130,900	134,900	800	-3,200
Wood product manufacturing	22,500	22,500	22,900	0	-400
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,800	8,100	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,400	15,400	15,900	0	-500
Machinery manufacturing	13,900	13,800	14,500	100	-600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,300	40,000	41,400	300	-1,100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,400	33,200	34,200	200	-800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,400	11,300	11,300	100	100
Nondurable goods	55,700	54,400	57,000	1,300	-1,300
Food manufacturing	28,000	26,900	28,400	1,100	-400
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	9,100	9,000	9,600	100	-500
Paper manufacturing	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	357,700	356,000	362,200	1,700	-4,500
Wholesale trade	77,700	77,700	77,900	0	-200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,400	40,400	39,600	0	800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,000	30,000	30,900	0	-900
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Retail trade	203,000	201,800	207,000	1,200	-4,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25,900	25,700	26,600	200	-700
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	17,200	16,900	18,300	300	-1,100
Food and beverage retailers	47,500	47,800	47,200	-300	300
General merchandise retailers	39,400	39,000	40,300	400	-900
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	14,800	14,800	15,500	0	-700
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and miscellaneous	29,200	28,900	28,800	300	400

	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	Change From March 2024	Change From April 2023
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	77,000	76,500	77,300	500	-300
Utilities	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	71,900	71,400	72,300	500	-400
Truck transportation	18,400	18,100	19,400	300	-1,000
Couriers and messengers	13,900	14,000	14,100	-100	-200
Warehousing and storage	18,200	18,200	17,000	0	1,200
Information	35,600	35,300	36,900	300	-1,300
Publishing industries	16,100	15,900	16,500	200	-400
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Software publishers	13,700	13,500	14,100	200	-400
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Financial activities	102,700	101,500	102,800	1,200	-100
Finance and insurance	54,000	54,700	54,100	-700	-100
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,900	22,100	23,000	-200	-1,100
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,400	24,600	24,500	-200	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	48,700	46,800	48,700	1,900	0
Real estate	43,200	41,400	43,000	1,800	200
Professional and business services	263,000	263,700	267,200	-700	-4,200
Professional and technical services	109,600	109,100	112,300	500	-2,700
Legal services	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
Architectural and engineering services	18,800	18,800	18,900	0	-100
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,600	17,700	0	-1,100
Management of companies and enterprises	50,300	50,300	51,300	0	-1,000
Administrative and waste services	103,100	104,300	103,600	-1,200	-500
Administrative and support services	96,400	97,400	97,100	-1,000	-700
Employment services	43,200	43,000	42,700	200	500
Business support services	7,300	7,400	8,100	-100	-800
Services to buildings and dwellings	27,600	26,800	27,000	800	600
Private education and health services	337,300	335,400	320,100	1,900	17,200
Private educational services	39,100	39,200	38,400	-100	700
Health care and social assistance	298,200	296,200	281,700	2,000	16,500
Ambulatory health care services	101,500	101,100	98,700	400	2,800
Hospitals	62,000	61,800	59,100	200	2,900
Nursing and residential care facilities	55,300	55,300	52,000	0	3,300
Social assistance	79,400	78,000	71,900	1,400	7,500
Leisure and hospitality	200,100	197,800	204,200	2,300	-4,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	26,700	26,900	27,000	-200	-300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	19,500	19,700	19,500	-200	0
Accommodation and food services	173,400	170,900	177,200	2,500	-3,800
Accommodation	23,500	23,000	23,900	500	-400
Food services and drinking places	149,900	147,900	153,300	2,000	-3,400
Full-service restaurants	60,400	59,800	63,700	600	-3,300
Limited-service eating places	72,400	71,500	73,000	900	-600
Other services	64,600	64,200	64,400	400	200
Repair and maintenance	20,200	20,000	20,000	200	200
Personal and laundry services	15,000	14,900	15,100	100	-100
Membership associations and organizations	29,400	29,300	29,300	100	100
Religious organizations	14,500	14,500	14,400	0	100
Government	320,200	319,000	311,500	1,200	8,700
Federal government	29,200	29,000	27,900	200	1,300
State government	47,900	47,300	45,800	600	2,100
State education	1,500	1,300	1,300	200	200
Local government	243,100	242,700	237,800	400	5,300
Indian tribal	8,400	8,300	8,000	100	400
Local education	142,000	142,300	138,500	-300	3,500
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.