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Oregon Continues Strong Job Growth in October

Oregon added 6,100 nonfarm payroll jobs in October, continuing a trend of strong job growth. Since October 2015, Oregon added 55,400 jobs, which was a gain of 3.1 percent. This growth rate is nearly double the national job growth rate of 1.7 percent over that period. Oregon's September nonfarm payrolls were revised upward by 1,900 jobs to a new reading of a gain of 4,300 jobs.

In October, Oregon gains were led by two industries which each added 1,800 jobs: **construction** and **health care and social assistance**. Next in line were **leisure and hospitality**, which added 1,000 jobs; **government**, which also added 1,000; and **retail trade**, which added 900. Only one major industry declined substantially in October, as **professional and business services** dropped by 1,200 jobs.

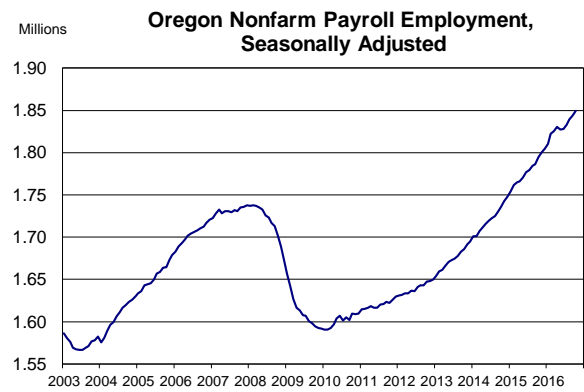
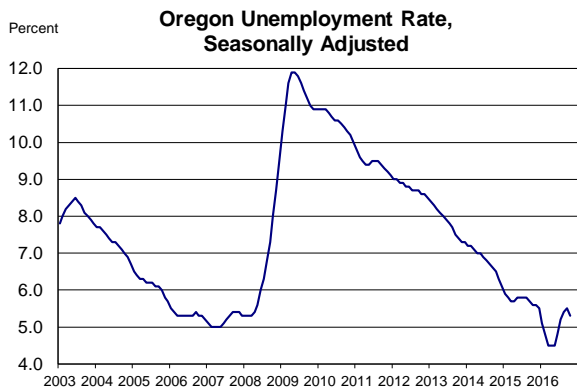
Job growth was widespread among the major industries over the past year, with none declining. Leading the way were three industries that expanded by more than 4 percent: **construction** (+5,900 jobs, or 6.9%); **other services** (+3,300 jobs, or 5.3%); and **health care and social assistance** (+10,300 jobs, or 4.6%). Other industries with above-average growth over the past year were **information** (+1,300 jobs, or 4.0%); **government** (+10,400 jobs, or 3.4%); **professional and business services** (+8,000, or 3.4%); and **leisure and hospitality** (+6,600 jobs, or 3.4%).

In October, Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, essentially unchanged from 5.5 percent in September. The unemployment rate was close to its year-ago figure of 5.6 percent in October 2015.

Oregon's labor force continued to grow in October, bringing the labor force participation rate up to 63.3 percent, from 61.3 percent in October 2015. Oregon's labor force participation rate—which represents the share of the population that is employed or unemployed—has increased since May 2015 as the job market has improved because of Oregon's strong growth.

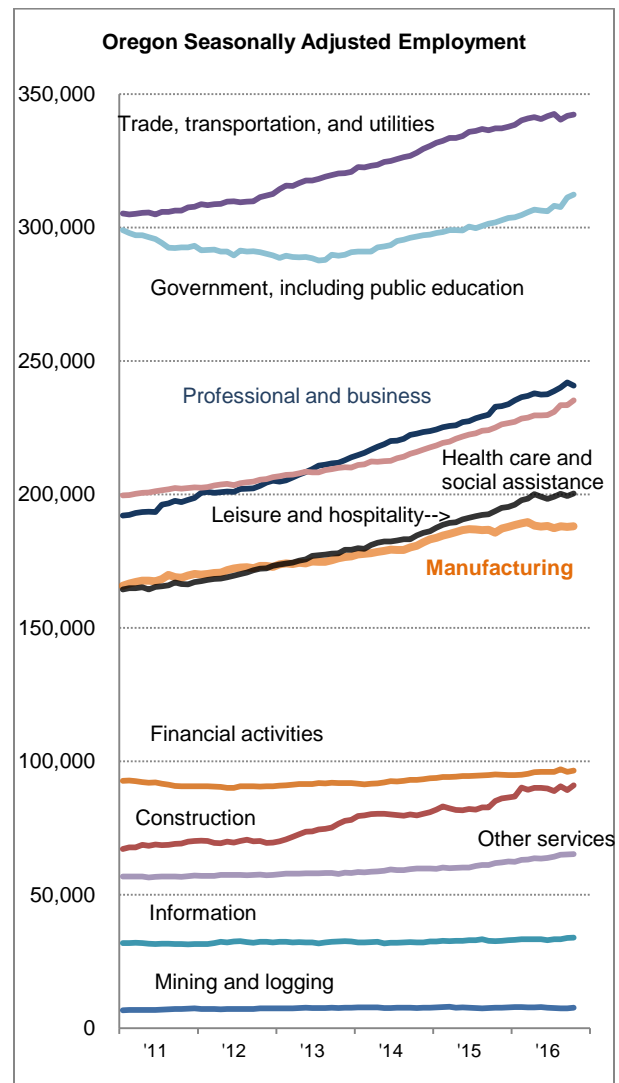
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 22nd, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 13th.



Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes September to October 2016

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	10,400	16,500	6,100
Total private	-8,500	-3,400	5,100
Mining and logging	-200	0	200
Construction	-1,100	700	1,800
Manufacturing	-1,800	-1,500	300
Wholesale trade	-900	-1,200	-300
Retail trade	1,000	1,900	900
Transportation, warehousing and utilities	-400	-500	-100
Information	100	200	100
Financial activities	-200	200	400
Professional and business services	-400	-1,600	-1,200
Private educational services	2,200	2,300	100
Health care and social assistance	900	2,700	1,800
Leisure and hospitality	-7,300	-6,300	1,000
Other services	-400	-300	100
Government	18,900	19,900	1,000



Notes:

All numbers in the above narrative are seasonally adjusted.

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 2016 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, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.QualityInfo.org/press-release. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.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

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change From September 2016	Change From October 2015
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	2,092,696	2,087,905	1,995,937	4,791	96,759
Unemployed	100,129	102,687	105,083	-2,558	-4,954
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.9	5.3	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.3	5.5	5.6	-0.2	-0.3
Employed	1,992,567	1,985,218	1,890,854	7,349	101,713
Other Labor Force Indicators					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	63.3	63.2	61.3	0.1	2.0
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	10.3	10.7	11.4	-0.4	-1.1
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,866,600	1,850,100	1,812,400	16,500	54,200
Total private	1,549,100	1,552,500	1,505,500	-3,400	43,600
Mining and logging	7,900	7,900	7,900	0	0
Logging	6,000	6,000	6,200	0	-200
Construction	94,400	93,700	87,700	700	6,700
Construction of buildings	24,600	24,600	23,000	0	1,600
Residential building construction	14,800	14,800	13,500	0	1,300
Nonresidential building construction	9,800	9,800	9,500	0	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Specialty trade contractors	59,800	59,100	54,700	700	5,100
Building foundation and exterior contractors	11,900	11,800	10,800	100	1,100
Building equipment contractors	25,200	25,000	23,200	200	2,000
Building finishing contractors	14,000	13,800	13,000	200	1,000
Other specialty trade contractors	8,700	8,500	7,700	200	1,000
Manufacturing	189,600	191,100	187,900	-1,500	1,700
Durable goods	130,600	131,200	130,800	-600	-200
Wood product manufacturing	22,700	22,900	22,600	-200	100
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,300	6,400	6,600	-100	-300
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,600	8,700	8,500	-100	100
Other wood product manufacturing	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,800	8,100	8,400	-300	-600
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	16,100	16,100	16,000	0	100
Machinery manufacturing	12,800	12,600	12,400	200	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,800	37,800	37,800	0	0
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	29,200	29,300	29,500	-100	-300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	11,700	11,900	12,400	-200	-700
Nondurable goods	59,000	59,900	57,100	-900	1,900
Food manufacturing	30,700	31,600	29,000	-900	1,700
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	12,900	13,900	11,600	-1,000	1,300
Paper manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,500	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	343,800	343,600	340,000	200	3,800
Wholesale trade	75,800	77,000	74,800	-1,200	1,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33,400	33,900	33,200	-500	200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	28,300	28,600	27,500	-300	800
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	14,100	14,500	14,100	-400	0
Retail trade	207,000	205,100	205,500	1,900	1,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,000	26,400	25,300	-400	700
Building material and garden supply stores	16,100	16,300	15,300	-200	800
Food and beverage stores	42,400	42,400	42,900	0	-500
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	15,300	15,500	15,600	-200	-300
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	9,900	9,800	10,700	100	-800
General merchandise stores	44,100	42,800	43,100	1,300	1,000
Miscellaneous store retailers	11,800	11,700	11,700	100	100
Nonstore retailers	8,300	7,800	7,600	500	700

	October 2016	September 2016	October 2015	Change From September 2016	Change From October 2015
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	61,000	61,500	59,700	-500	1,300
Utilities	4,700	4,600	4,500	100	200
Transportation and warehousing	56,300	56,900	55,200	-600	1,100
Truck transportation	19,600	19,700	19,000	-100	600
Couriers and messengers	8,400	8,200	7,800	200	600
Warehousing and storage	7,600	7,500	7,300	100	300
Information	33,800	33,600	32,900	200	900
Publishing industries, except internet	14,600	14,600	14,300	0	300
Newspaper, book, and directory publishers	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Software publishers	10,800	10,800	10,400	0	400
Telecommunications	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Financial activities	96,600	96,400	95,700	200	900
Finance and insurance	56,700	56,800	56,400	-100	300
Credit intermediation and related activities	26,600	26,600	26,000	0	600
Insurance carriers and related activities	24,500	24,400	24,700	100	-200
Real estate and rental and leasing	39,900	39,600	39,300	300	600
Real estate	34,700	34,600	34,000	100	700
Professional and business services	243,300	244,900	234,700	-1,600	8,600
Professional and technical services	92,400	92,600	88,800	-200	3,600
Legal services	12,100	12,100	11,800	0	300
Architectural and engineering services	15,000	15,100	14,500	-100	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,500	15,400	14,800	100	700
Management of companies and enterprises	46,000	46,100	44,100	-100	1,900
Administrative and waste services	104,900	106,200	101,800	-1,300	3,100
Administrative and support services	99,600	100,900	96,600	-1,300	3,000
Employment services	43,000	44,000	41,000	-1,000	2,000
Business support services	14,800	14,600	15,300	200	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	23,300	23,500	22,800	-200	500
Education and health services	274,200	269,200	263,800	5,000	10,400
Educational services	38,400	36,100	38,100	2,300	300
Health care and social assistance	235,800	233,100	225,700	2,700	10,100
Ambulatory health care services	88,600	87,900	84,000	700	4,600
Hospitals	58,400	58,100	56,300	300	2,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	50,200	49,600	48,600	600	1,600
Social assistance	38,600	37,500	36,800	1,100	1,800
Leisure and hospitality	200,000	206,300	193,100	-6,300	6,900
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	23,400	25,500	22,900	-2,100	500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	16,500	18,200	16,300	-1,700	200
Accommodation and food services	176,600	180,800	170,200	-4,200	6,400
Accommodation	24,100	25,900	23,800	-1,800	300
Food services and drinking places	152,500	154,900	146,400	-2,400	6,100
Full-service restaurants	69,900	71,200	68,100	-1,300	1,800
Limited-service eating places	66,700	67,200	63,000	-500	3,700
Other services	65,500	65,800	61,800	-300	3,700
Repair and maintenance	17,500	17,700	17,400	-200	100
Personal and laundry services	14,700	14,700	14,200	0	500
Membership associations and organizations	33,300	33,400	30,200	-100	3,100
Religious organizations	17,600	17,600	16,700	0	900
Government	317,500	297,600	306,900	19,900	10,600
Federal government	28,600	29,100	27,900	-500	700
State government	90,600	84,300	88,400	6,300	2,200
State education	35,100	28,400	34,400	6,700	700
Local government	198,300	184,200	190,600	14,100	7,700
Indian tribal	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Local education	108,200	94,100	101,300	14,100	6,900
Labor-management disputes	0	0	200	0	-200

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.