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## Oregon's Unemployment Rate Rises to 4.4% in January

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.4% in January and 4.3%, as revised, in December, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in January 2024. Oregon's 4.4% unemployment rate was the highest since September 2021, when the rate was also 4.4%. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1% in December 2024 and 4.0% in January 2025.

In January, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,400 jobs, following a revised decline of 2,000 jobs in December. January's gains were largest in **professional and business services** (+1,400 jobs); **leisure and hospitality** (+1,200); **retail trade** (+900); and **private educational services** (+900). Declines were largest in **manufacturing** (-2,200) and **health care and social assistance** (-1,300).

Oregon's private sector added 12,700 jobs, or 0.8%, between January 2024 and January 2025. Job gains during 2024 were less than previously indicated, as annual data revisions resulted in an average reduction of 15,600 jobs per month during the second half of 2024.

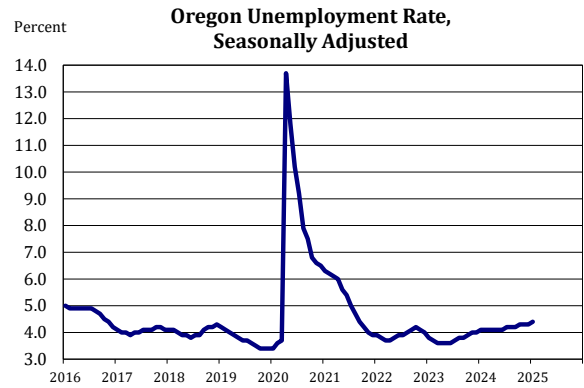
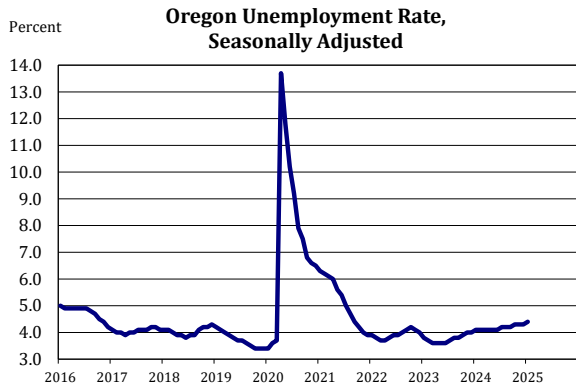
During the past three years, health care and social assistance was by far the fastest growing sector of Oregon's economy, adding 15,100 jobs, or 5.2%, in the 12 months through January. However, a large strike at a major health care provider contributed to the one-month drop of 1,300 jobs in this industry during January.

Industries that grew moderately during the most recent 12 months included **other services** (+2,100 jobs, or 3.2%); private educational services (+1,100 jobs, or 3.0%); professional and business services (+2,900 jobs, or 1.1%); and **construction** (+900 jobs, or 0.8%).

**Manufacturing** continued its decline of the past two years, cutting 6,900 jobs (-3.7%) in the 12 months through January, while retail trade shed 2,300 jobs (-1.1%) during that time.

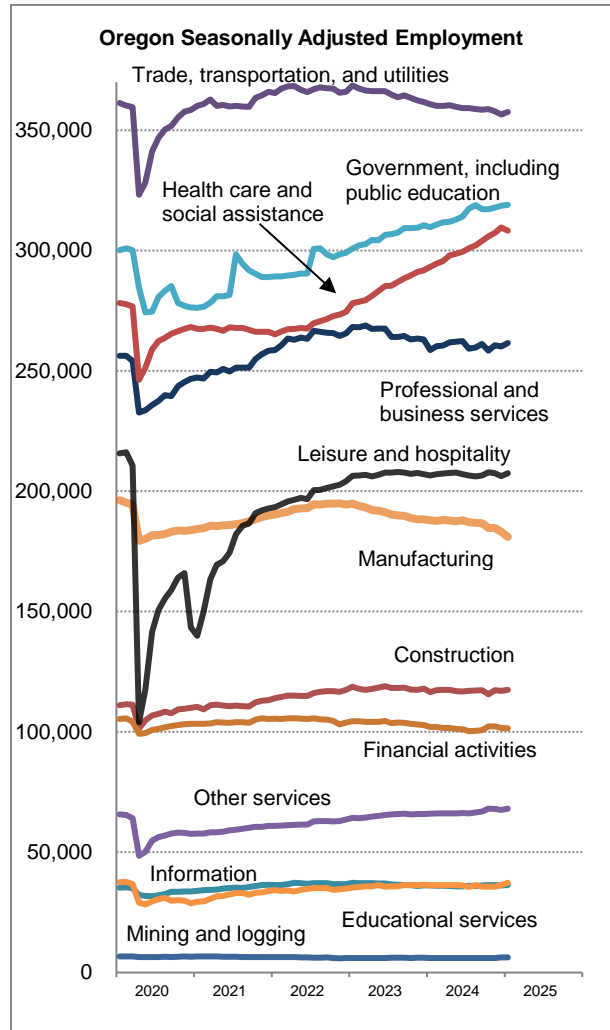
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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 11, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26.



**Seasonal Expectations and Over-the-Month Employment Changes December 2024 to January 2025**

INDUSTRY	Normal Seasonal Movement	Unadjusted Change	Seasonally Adjusted Change
Total nonfarm payroll employment	-31,600	-29,200	2,400
Total private	-28,400	-26,400	2,000
Mining and logging	-100	-100	0
Construction	-3,400	-3,000	400
Manufacturing	-2,100	-4,300	-2,200
Wholesale trade	-800	-500	300
Retail trade	-5,900	-5,000	900
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	-3,800	-3,900	-100
Information	-100	100	200
Financial activities	-600	-800	-200
Professional and business services	-3,700	-2,300	1,400
Private educational services	-600	300	900
Health care and social assistance	-1,900	-3,200	-1,300
Leisure and hospitality	-4,900	-3,700	1,200
Other services	-500	0	500
Government	-3,200	-2,800	400



**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. This press release incorporates, for the first time, the annual revisions to the data for 2024 and prior years.

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### Oregon Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	Change From December 2024	Change From January 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	2,194,299	2,193,324	2,168,398	975	25,901
Unemployed	117,666	93,666	102,732	24,000	14,934
Unemployment rate	5.4	4.3	4.7	1.1	0.7
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	4.4	4.3	4.1	0.1	0.3
Employed	2,076,633	2,099,658	2,065,666	-23,025	10,967
<b>Other Labor Force Indicators</b>					
Labor force participation rate, seasonally adjusted	62.7	62.7	62.6	0.0	0.1
Labor underutilization rate – U-6, seasonally adjusted	7.7	7.7	8.3	0.0	-0.6
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm payroll employment	1,977,500	2,006,700	1,954,900	-29,200	22,600
Total private	1,657,900	1,684,300	1,643,900	-26,400	14,000
Mining and logging	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	200
Logging	4,000	4,100	4,200	-100	-200
Construction	111,900	114,900	111,600	-3,000	300
Construction of buildings	30,800	32,300	31,700	-1,500	-900
Residential building construction	19,500	20,900	20,100	-1,400	-600
Nonresidential building construction	11,300	11,400	11,600	-100	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11,000	11,400	10,500	-400	500
Specialty trade contractors	70,100	71,200	69,400	-1,100	700
Building foundation and exterior contractors	12,600	13,000	12,600	-400	0
Building equipment contractors	33,800	34,000	33,600	-200	200
Building finishing contractors	14,200	14,400	14,100	-200	100
Other specialty trade contractors	9,500	9,800	9,100	-300	400
Manufacturing	178,200	182,500	185,800	-4,300	-7,600
Durable goods	126,300	129,200	131,700	-2,900	-5,400
Wood product manufacturing	21,900	22,100	22,700	-200	-800
Sawmills and wood preservation	6,100	6,200	6,600	-100	-500
Plywood and engineered wood product mfg.	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
Other wood product manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,800	-100	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,500	-100	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15,000	15,200	15,300	-200	-300
Machinery manufacturing	13,600	13,700	13,800	-100	-200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,100	38,000	39,900	-900	-2,800
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,700	31,400	33,000	-700	-2,300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,700	0	-300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	10,600	10,800	11,200	-200	-600
Nondurable goods	51,900	53,300	54,100	-1,400	-2,200
Food manufacturing	26,500	26,900	27,000	-400	-500
Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty	8,900	9,100	8,800	-200	100
Paper manufacturing	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	356,900	366,300	358,600	-9,400	-1,700
Wholesale trade	77,900	78,400	77,700	-500	200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	40,600	40,800	39,900	-200	700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	30,000	30,300	30,600	-300	-600
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	100
Retail trade	202,300	207,300	203,100	-5,000	-800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,300	26,500	26,100	-200	200
Building material and garden equipment and supplies	16,900	17,300	16,900	-400	0
Food and beverage retailers	46,900	47,100	46,700	-200	200
General merchandise retailers	40,300	42,300	39,700	-2,000	600
Clothing, clothing accessories, shoe, and jewelry retail	15,600	16,400	15,600	-800	0
Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, and	28,500	28,700	28,500	-200	0

	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	Change From December 2024	Change From January 2024
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	76,700	80,600	77,800	-3,900	-1,100
Utilities	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	300
Transportation and warehousing	71,400	75,300	72,800	-3,900	-1,400
Truck transportation	18,200	18,400	18,100	-200	100
Couriers and messengers	14,300	17,500	14,600	-3,200	-300
Warehousing and storage	18,000	18,900	18,400	-900	-400
Information	36,200	36,100	36,200	100	0
Publishing industries	16,100	15,800	16,500	300	-400
Newspaper, periodical, book, and directory publishers	2,200	2,100	2,300	100	-100
Software publishers	13,900	13,700	14,200	200	-300
Telecommunications	3,800	3,900	4,000	-100	-200
Financial activities	100,600	101,400	100,700	-800	-100
Finance and insurance	53,400	53,600	53,700	-200	-300
Credit intermediation and related activities	21,100	21,200	21,900	-100	-800
Insurance carriers and related activities	25,600	25,500	25,100	100	500
Real estate and rental and leasing	47,200	47,800	47,000	-600	200
Real estate	41,300	41,700	41,300	-400	0
Professional and business services	257,700	260,000	255,600	-2,300	2,100
Professional and technical services	112,200	111,000	110,300	1,200	1,900
Legal services	12,300	12,400	11,900	-100	400
Architectural and engineering services	19,400	19,500	19,000	-100	400
Computer systems design and related services	16,500	16,600	17,700	-100	-1,200
Management of companies and enterprises	48,800	49,600	50,700	-800	-1,900
Administrative and waste services	96,700	99,400	94,600	-2,700	2,100
Administrative and support services	89,400	92,300	89,500	-2,900	-100
Employment services	36,200	38,300	37,500	-2,100	-1,300
Business support services	6,000	6,200	7,100	-200	-1,100
Services to buildings and dwellings	25,600	26,500	25,400	-900	200
Private education and health services	344,800	347,700	328,600	-2,900	16,200
Private educational services	37,200	36,900	35,500	300	1,700
Health care and social assistance	307,600	310,800	293,100	-3,200	14,500
Ambulatory health care services	104,500	106,300	101,700	-1,800	2,800
Hospitals	61,800	64,000	60,600	-2,200	1,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	58,500	58,400	54,900	100	3,600
Social assistance	82,800	82,100	75,900	700	6,900
Leisure and hospitality	198,200	201,900	196,200	-3,700	2,000
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	25,900	26,300	26,200	-400	-300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	18,700	18,700	19,300	0	-600
Accommodation and food services	172,300	175,600	170,000	-3,300	2,300
Accommodation	23,300	23,900	22,400	-600	900
Food services and drinking places	149,000	151,700	147,600	-2,700	1,400
Full-service restaurants	59,300	60,300	60,800	-1,000	-1,500
Limited-service eating places	72,300	73,700	70,800	-1,400	1,500
Other services	67,300	67,300	64,700	0	2,600
Repair and maintenance	21,400	21,300	20,000	100	1,400
Personal and laundry services	15,700	15,600	15,200	100	500
Membership associations and organizations	30,200	30,400	29,500	-200	700
Religious organizations	14,500	14,400	14,400	100	100
Government	319,600	322,400	311,000	-2,800	8,600
Federal government	28,300	28,800	28,300	-500	0
State government	48,700	48,800	46,300	-100	2,400
State education	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Local government	242,600	244,800	236,400	-2,200	6,200
Indian tribal	8,700	8,700	8,400	0	300
Local education	141,300	142,700	136,500	-1,400	4,800
Labor-management disputes	3,500	200	0	3,300	3,500

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.