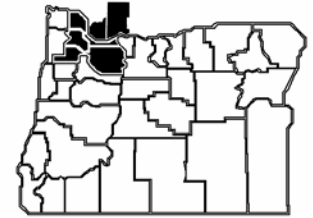




# Portland Metro LABOR TRENDS

Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington,  
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## Economic Indicators

### Unemployment Rates

Portland MSA	Seasonally Adjusted	
	Adjusted	Raw
Dec 2008	8.6%	8.1%
Nov 2008	7.4%	7.1%
Dec 2007	5.1%	4.8%
<b>Oregon</b>		
Dec 2008	9.0%	8.8%
Nov 2008	8.0%	7.8%
Dec 2007	5.4%	5.0%
<b>United States</b>		
Dec 2008	7.2%	7.1%
Nov 2008	6.8%	6.5%
Dec 2007	4.7%	4.5%

### Nonfarm Payroll Employment

(not seasonally adjusted)

	December	
	2008	2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,037,900</b>	<b>1,056,100</b>
Construction	60,700	65,200
Manufacturing	120,900	125,900
Trade, Trans., & Utilities	206,600	215,000
Information	24,400	24,800
Financial Activities	69,600	71,000
Professional & Bus. Svc.	134,200	137,600
Educ. & Health Services	135,200	131,500
Leisure & Hospitality	98,700	99,600
Government	149,300	147,100
High Tech *	49,100	50,700

\* (manufacturing and nonmanufacturing)

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

United States	Dec '08	2007
Yearly Change	0.1%	2.8%

Next release: February, 2009

Portland-Salem	1st Half '08	2007
Yearly Change	3.9%	3.7%

Next release: Mid-February 2009  
[www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi)

### University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators

Oct 2008	90.0	↓
Nov 2008	89.9	

### 2008 Population

	2007-2008	% Change
Portland Metro	2,191,785	1.5%
Oregon	3,791,075	1.2%

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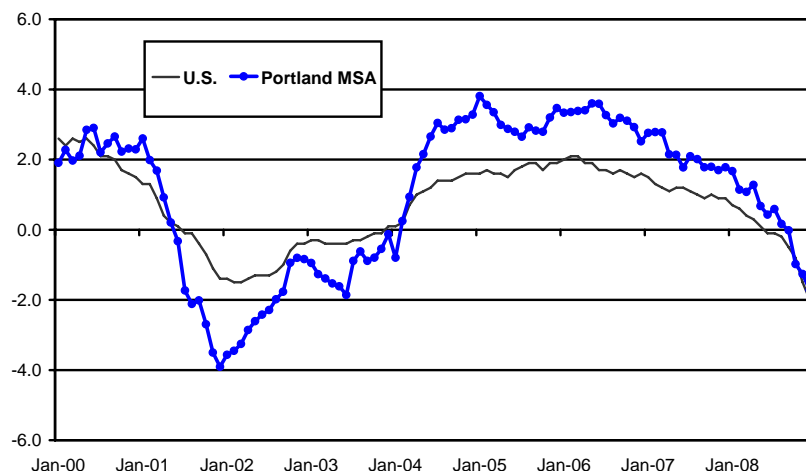
## Employment Trends: Local

The Portland metropolitan area's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.6 percent in December from 7.4 percent in November. This is close to the highest rate of the recession of 2001-2003, when the rate peaked at 8.8 percent. The statewide rate in December also rose sharply, from 8.0 in November to 9.0 percent. The national rate rose from 6.8 to 7.2 percent. Approximately 96,700 Portland-area residents were unemployed and looking for work in December, up 40,800 from one year ago.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment declined by 3,000 jobs in December following a loss of 1,700 in November. The metro area shed 19,000 jobs since peaking in March 2008, a decline of 1.8 percent. The state is 2.7 percent off its peak (February 2008), and the nation is down 1.9 percent from its peak (December 2007).

Construction continued its rapid slide with the loss of 1,700 jobs over the month and 4,500 over the year (-6.9%). Every published component cut jobs: residential building construction (-200),

**12-Month Nonfarm Job Growth Rates  
Portland MSA and United States: 2000 to Present**



nonresidential construction (-100), heavy and civil engineering (-300), and specialty trades (-1,100). November year-to-date housing permits were down 39 percent from a year ago, and down nearly 50 percent from two years ago. The inventory of homes for sale in the metro area remained near an all-time high.

Manufacturing cut 800 jobs in December spread across most published sectors. This industry lost 5,000 jobs (-4.0%) over the year and 6,100 jobs (-4.8%) over the past two years. High tech declined by 200 jobs in December, pulling total employment down to 34,700, a loss of 2,000 jobs (-5.4%) over the year and 3,400 jobs (-8.9%) from its most recent peak in the summer of 2006.

Trade, transportation, and utilities gained just 900 jobs in December, hundreds fewer than normal for that time of year. Retailers added 800 jobs, bringing total holiday hiring to 3,500, half of the typical gain.

Financial activities held steady in December, at 69,600. After peaking in the summer of 2007, this sector cut 2,600 jobs (-3.6%).

Professional and business services declined by 900 over the month and 3,400 over the year (-2.5%). Although the temporary help sector suffered the bulk of these losses, the professional and technical services component (e.g., architecture and engineering, computer design, legal services) started to experience layoffs in recent months.

Educational and health services shed 200 jobs over the month, but is up 3,700 jobs over the past 12 months and remains the area's fastest-growing broad industry (+2.8%).

## [Employment Trends, State: Employment Down 46,700 Jobs from February Peak](#)

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 9.0 percent in December from 8.0 percent (as revised) in November. The state's unemployment rate rose rapidly and substantially over the past six months after remaining stable throughout the first half of 2008 at near 5.5 percent. The December figure was Oregon's highest since the rate was 9.1 percent in April 1985. In December,

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2007, Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent. Thus, the rate has risen by 3.6 percentage points over the past 12 months. In December, 174,819 Oregonians were unemployed, an increase of 69,966 from the December 2007 level of 104,853. December marked the largest number of unemployed since January 1983 when 176,815 Oregonians were unemployed.

In December, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 9,700 jobs, following a drop of 8,400 (as revised) in November. This was the fifth consecutive monthly loss of more than 4,000 jobs. Job losses have averaged nearly 9,000 per month over this five-month period.

In December, job declines continued in most of the major industries, as the following industries each shed approximately 2,000 jobs: leisure and hospitality (-2,700 jobs), construction (-2,100), manufacturing (-1,900), trade, transportation and utilities (-1,900), and government (-1,600). The only major industry posting a substantial job gain in December was educational and health services, which added 1,200 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Leisure and hospitality employment continued to drop rapidly in December, cutting 3,200 jobs at a time of year when only a 500-job loss is the normal seasonal movement. This industry is experiencing a sharper decline than it did during the economic downturn of 2001. Over the past 12 months employment is down 7,700 jobs or 4.4 percent.

Manufacturing cut 3,600 jobs when a loss of 1,700 is the normal seasonal movement. Durable goods shed 2,700 jobs in December, reaching a level of 131,400. This was the lowest monthly employment count in durable goods manufacturing since comparable records began in 1990. The previous low was in January 1992, when 131,600 were employed. Wood product manufacturing continues to suffer from the decline in home building at the national level. It cut 800 jobs in December and is down 4,000 since December 2007. Machinery manufacturing cut 800 jobs and is down 2,000 in the past 12 months. Transportation equipment manufacturing continues to be hammered by the economic downturn. It shed 700 jobs in December and is down 3,800 jobs or 22 percent in the past 12 months. Demand for motor coaches has plunged over the past year, contributing substantially to job cuts in the industry.

Nondurable goods manufacturing cut 900 jobs in December, which was 300 better than the typical pattern. Food manufacturing has held up reasonably well and has added 1,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

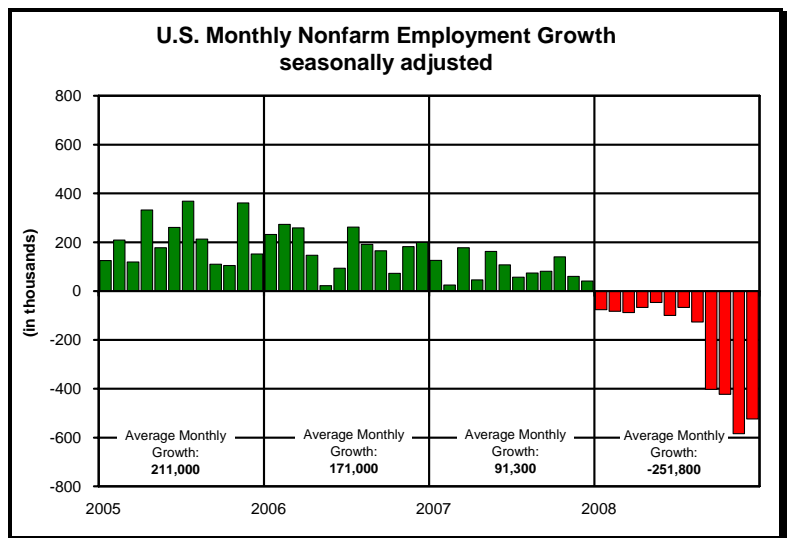
### Employment Trends: National

In December, the number of unemployed persons increased by 632,000 to 11.1 million and the unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent. Since the start of the recession in December 2007, the



number of unemployed persons has grown by 3.6 million, and the unemployment rate has risen by 2.3 percentage points.

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined sharply (-524,000) in December. Over the past four months, payroll employment has fallen by 1.9 million, or 1.4 percent. In December, large job losses continued in manufacturing, construction, and employment services, while health care continued to add jobs.



Manufacturing employment fell by 149,000 in December, the largest over-the-month decline since August 2001. Factory job losses totaled 791,000 in 2008, with nearly half of the decrease occurring in the fourth quarter. In December, declines were widespread among the component industries. The largest job losses occurred in fabricated metal products (-28,000) and motor vehicles and parts (-21,000).

Employment in construction continued to decline in December (-101,000) and has fallen by 899,000 since peaking in September 2006. Over the month, job losses occurred throughout the industry.

Within professional and business services, the temporary help industry lost 81,000 jobs in December, bringing job losses in 2008 to 490,000. In December, employment also fell in the management of companies and enterprises (-8,000) and in architectural and engineering services (-7,000).

Employment in retail trade declined by 67,000 in December and by 522,000 for all of 2008. More than half of the losses in 2008 occurred in the last four months of the year.

In December, employment decreased in automobile dealerships (-22,000), furniture and home furnishing stores (-8,000), and electronics and appliance stores (-5,000). Wholesale trade employment fell by 30,000 over the month and by 164,000 in 2008.

Elsewhere in the service-providing sector, employment in transportation and warehousing declined by 24,000 in December, with losses in truck transportation (-16,000) and air transportation (-4,000). The information industry lost 20,000 jobs over the month. Food services employment continued to trend downward (-20,000) and has decreased by 104,000 since its recent peak in June 2008. Employment in financial activities edged down in December and fell by 148,000 in 2008.

Health care employment continued to grow in December (32,000), with over-the-month job gains in ambulatory services (14,000) and hospitals (12,000). In 2008, health care added 372,000 jobs.

The change in total nonfarm employment for October was revised from -320,000 to -423,000, and the change for November was revised from -533,000 to -584,000. Monthly revisions result from additional sample reports and the monthly recalculation of seasonal factors.

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## Around the Region

*A listing of employment-related events making recent news*

- **Crowd Factory Inc.**, a technology and social networking firm, will open in southwest **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-29-08*
- **Geekoids** – a computer sales, service, and repair business – has opened in **Scappoose**. *South County Spotlight, 12-10-08*
- Three restaurants – **Shaw's** and **Izzy's Pizza** in **Newberg** and **Calamity Jane's** in **Dundee** – have closed. *Newberg Graphic, 1-7-09*
- **National Vision Inc.** will open at the **Hazel Dell Towne Center** in **Vancouver**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-22-08*
- **Betty Lou's**, a cookie and snack cracker manufacturer in **McMinnville**, is moving to a larger building and will double its current workforce of 80 over time. *News-Register, 12-20-08*
- **Gromshop**, a skateboard and snowboarding store in **Gresham**, is closing. *Gresham Outlook, 1-6-09*
- **The Ultimate Tan & Spa** will open at the **Vintage Place** in **McMinnville**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-22-08*
- **GE Security** will lay off more than 200 people at its **Tualatin** manufacturing facilities this year. It will move those jobs to GE locations across the United States and Mexico. *The Oregonian, 1-13-09*
- **McKesson Corp.**, a health care services company, is hiring 35 people at its **Vancouver** branch office. *The Columbian, 1-9-09*
- **Daimler Trucks North America**, formerly known as **Freightliner LLC**, will lay off 190 people at its **Portland** truck plant on January 30. *Portland Business Journal, 1-8-09*
- **Mika Sushi** will open at the **KOIN Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-22-08*
- **Portland-based PCC Structural**s, a division of **Precision Castparts Corp.**, will reduce its salaried staff by roughly 40 workers. Some of them could be rehired as hourly production staff. *Portland Business Journal, 1-12-09*
- **Vancouver-based New Edge Networks** hired 11 people to staff a high-tech call center and plans to add 10 more by the end of the month. *The Columbian, 1-12-09*
- **Nature's Pet** has opened in **McMinnville**. It offers natural and organic foods and treats for small animals. *News-Register, 1-3-09*
- **Portland-based Sienna Architecture Co.** is closing. It employs 25 people in Portland and four in Seattle. *The Oregonian, 1-15-09*

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- **Kronos**, a management solutions company in **Beaverton**, has laid off 14 people. *The Oregonian*, 1-20-09
  - San Rafael, Calif.-based **Autodesk Inc.**, a computer-aided design software firm, will lay off about 10 percent of its total workforce. About 20 of its 200 employees in **Lake Oswego** could lose their jobs. *Portland Business Journal*, 1-16-09
  - **Xerox** plans to eliminate about 50 jobs at its **Wilsonville** plant. *Wilsonville Spokesman*, 1-15-09
  - **Stanton International**, which manufactured upholstered furniture in **Tualatin**, has closed. In September, it employed 276 people. *Tualatin Times*, 1-15-09
  - Workers at **Fab 20**, an **Intel Corp.** plant in **Hillsboro**, were first notified that the chip-maker will halt work at the plant later this year. As many as 1,000 workers could lose their jobs. Production at the plant – which makes 200 mm wafers – isn't expected to slow down until September. *Portland Business Journal*, 1-21-09
  - **Oregon Health & Science University** in **Portland** will eliminate between 500 and 1,000 positions in the next four to six months as it wrestles with a \$30 to \$35 million gap in funding. *Portland Business Journal*, 1-23-09
  - **Merix Corp.** will restructure shifts at its **Forest Grove** circuit board facility, trimming 12-hour shifts to eight-hour shifts. Twenty to 50 jobs could be eliminated by the change. *Forest Grove News-Times*, 1-26-09
  - **Wilsonville**-based **Movie Gallery** will lay off all but 25 of its 238 full-time employees at its local distribution plant. Those 25 workers will be transferred to other parts of the company. *Wilsonville Spokesman*, 1-23-09
  - **Barefoot Blooms** florist shop has opened in **Scappoose**. *The Chronicle*, 1-7-09
  - **Medical Teams International** in **Tigard** has laid off eight people. *KATU.com*, 1-15-09
  - **Inde-scrap-able**, a scrapbook supply store, has opened in **Sandy**. *Sandy Post*, 1-13-09
  - **Hewlett-Packard Co.** in **Vancouver** will lay off at least 150 workers, and possibly more than 200, as it scraps its local Edgeline printer team and shrinks other engineering groups. *The Columbian*, 1-26-09



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## Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton MSA Labor Force and Industry Employment

	---Change from---				
	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	November 2008	December 2007
<b>LABOR FORCE STATUS</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	1,192,500	1,187,700	1,161,200	4,800	31,300
Unemployed	96,700	84,900	55,900	11,800	40,800
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	7.1%	4.8%		
Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted	8.6%	7.4%	5.1%		
Total Employed	1,095,800	1,102,800	1,105,300	-7,000	-9,500
<b>NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</b>					
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>1,037,900</b>	<b>1,041,600</b>	<b>1,056,100</b>	<b>-3,700</b>	<b>-18,200</b>
<b>Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>1,026,900</b>	<b>1,029,900</b>	<b>1,045,100</b>	<b>-3,000</b>	<b>-18,200</b>
<b>Total private</b>	<b>888,600</b>	<b>891,600</b>	<b>909,000</b>	<b>-3,000</b>	<b>-20,400</b>
<b>Natural resources and mining</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-100</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>60,700</b>	<b>62,400</b>	<b>65,200</b>	<b>-1,700</b>	<b>-4,500</b>
Construction of buildings	13,700	14,000	15,300	-300	-1,600
Residential building construction	7,100	7,300	8,400	-200	-1,300
Nonresidential building construction	6,600	6,700	6,900	-100	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,700	6,000	5,900	-300	-200
Specialty trade contractors	41,300	42,400	44,000	-1,100	-2,700
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>120,900</b>	<b>121,700</b>	<b>125,900</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>-5,000</b>
Durable goods	91,200	91,900	95,800	-700	-4,600
Wood product manufacturing	4,400	4,400	5,300	0	-900
Primary metal manufacturing	6,900	7,000	6,800	-100	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,000	13,100	13,400	-100	-400
Machinery manufacturing	8,300	8,400	8,700	-100	-400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	34,700	34,900	36,700	-200	-2,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	26,300	26,400	27,200	-100	-900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,500	0	-600
Transportation equipment manufacturing	8,300	8,500	9,000	-200	-700
Nondurable goods	29,700	29,800	30,100	-100	-400
Food manufacturing	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	100
Paper manufacturing	4,300	4,400	4,600	-100	-300
<b>Trade, transportation, and utilities</b>	<b>206,600</b>	<b>205,700</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-8,400</b>
Wholesale trade	56,500	56,700	58,400	-200	-1,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	27,000	27,200	28,500	-200	-1,500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	21,000	21,000	21,500	0	-500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	100
Retail trade	113,100	112,300	117,600	800	-4,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,800	13,000	14,400	-200	-1,600
Food and beverage stores	20,200	20,200	20,400	0	-200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	11,800	11,300	14,000	500	-2,200
General merchandise stores	21,800	21,500	22,800	300	-1,000
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	37,000	36,700	39,000	300	-2,000
Air transportation	3,600	3,600	4,000	0	-400
Truck transportation	10,500	10,700	11,200	-200	-700
Couriers and messengers	5,600	4,900	5,500	700	100
Warehousing and storage	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
<b>Information</b>	<b>24,400</b>	<b>24,600</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-400</b>
Publishing industries, except internet	10,000	10,100	10,100	-100	-100
Software publishers	6,800	6,800	6,600	0	200
Telecommunications	6,300	6,400	6,700	-100	-400

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	---Change from---	
				November 2008	December 2007
<b>Financial activities</b>	<b>69,600</b>	<b>69,600</b>	<b>71,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,400</b>
Finance and insurance	43,800	43,800	44,500	0	-700
Credit intermediation and related activities	20,300	20,400	21,400	-100	-1,100
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,600	19,600	19,400	0	200
Real estate and rental and leasing	25,800	25,800	26,500	0	-700
Real estate	20,900	21,000	21,700	-100	-800
<b>Professional and business services</b>	<b>134,200</b>	<b>135,100</b>	<b>137,600</b>	<b>-900</b>	<b>-3,400</b>
Professional and technical services	54,300	54,500	53,700	-200	600
Architectural and engineering services	12,300	12,500	12,600	-200	-300
Computer systems design and related services	7,600	7,700	7,400	-100	200
Management of companies and enterprises	22,800	22,700	22,400	100	400
Administrative and waste services	57,100	57,900	61,500	-800	-4,400
Administrative and support services	53,600	54,500	59,000	-900	-5,400
Employment services	22,100	22,400	25,600	-300	-3,500
Business support services	7,400	7,600	8,000	-200	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	13,400	13,800	14,800	-400	-1,400
<b>Educational and health services</b>	<b>135,200</b>	<b>135,400</b>	<b>131,500</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>3,700</b>
Educational services	24,400	25,100	24,000	-700	400
Colleges and universities	12,900	13,500	12,800	-600	100
Health care and social assistance	110,800	110,300	107,500	500	3,300
Ambulatory health care services	42,400	42,300	40,900	100	1,500
Hospitals	29,200	29,200	28,100	0	1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	21,300	21,300	20,800	0	500
Social assistance	17,900	17,500	17,700	400	200
<b>Leisure and hospitality</b>	<b>98,700</b>	<b>98,800</b>	<b>99,600</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-900</b>
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,700	13,800	13,700	-100	0
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	9,600	9,800	9,700	-200	-100
Accommodation and food services	85,000	85,000	85,900	0	-900
Accommodation	9,000	9,100	8,900	-100	100
Food services and drinking places	76,000	75,900	77,000	100	-1,000
Full-service restaurants	36,300	36,200	37,100	100	-800
Limited-service eating places	32,000	32,000	31,800	0	200
<b>Other services</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>36,700</b>	<b>36,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
Membership associations and organizations	16,200	16,200	16,200	0	0
<b>Government</b>	<b>149,300</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>147,100</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>2,200</b>
Federal government	18,300	18,300	18,400	0	-100
State government	21,400	21,400	21,300	0	100
State education	7,800	7,800	7,800	0	0
Local government	109,600	110,300	107,400	-700	2,200
Local education	62,100	62,400	61,200	-300	900
Labor 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.

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.

"Natural resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

The Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton metropolitan area includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon, and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington State.

## Resident Labor Force and Unemployment for Regions Within the Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton MSA

	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	-Change From-	
				November 2008	December 2007
<b>Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton MSA</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,192,500	1,187,700	1,161,200	4,800	31,300
Unemployed	96,700	84,900	55,900	11,800	40,800
Unemployment rate	8.1	7.1	4.8	1.0	3.3
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	8.6	7.4	5.1	1.2	3.5
Employed	1,095,800	1,102,800	1,105,300	-7,000	-9,500
<b>Oregon portion of the MSA</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	959,300	959,800	940,000	-500	19,300
Unemployed	73,000	66,300	43,700	6,700	29,300
Percent of Labor Force	7.6	6.9	4.6	0.7	3.0
Total Employed	886,200	893,600	896,300	-7,400	-10,100
<b>Clackamas County</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	205,600	205,600	201,200	0	4,400
Unemployed	15,700	14,100	9,100	1,600	6,600
Percent of Labor Force	7.6	6.9	4.5	0.7	3.1
Total Employed	189,900	191,500	192,100	-1,600	-2,200
<b>Columbia County</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	25,300	25,210	24,610	90	690
Unemployed	2,410	2,130	1,460	280	950
Percent of Labor Force	9.5	8.4	5.9	1.1	3.6
Total Employed	22,890	23,080	23,150	-190	-260
<b>Multnomah County</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	387,000	387,400	378,900	-400	8,100
Unemployed	30,300	27,800	18,200	2,500	12,100
Percent of Labor Force	7.8	7.2	4.8	0.6	3.0
Total Employed	356,700	359,700	360,800	-3,000	-4,100
<b>Washington County</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	292,700	293,200	288,000	-500	4,700
Unemployed	20,200	18,400	12,400	1,800	7,800
Percent of Labor Force	6.9	6.3	4.3	0.6	2.6
Total Employed	272,500	274,700	275,600	-2,200	-3,100
<b>Yamhill County</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	48,660	48,430	47,280	230	1,380
Unemployed	4,450	3,860	2,580	590	1,870
Percent of Labor Force	9.2	8.0	5.5	1.2	3.7
Total Employed	44,200	44,570	44,700	-370	-500
<b>Washington portion of the MSA (Clark and Skamania counties)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	233,300	227,900	221,200	5,400	12,100
Unemployed	23,700	18,600	12,200	5,100	11,500
Percent of Labor Force	10.2	8.2	5.5	2.0	4.7
Total Employed	209,600	209,200	209,000	400	600

Components may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding.

Estimates of labor force and unemployment for MSA components are based in part on the most recent population estimates and Unemployment Insurance claims data.



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2008			November 2008			December 2007		
	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Civilian Labor Force	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
United States	154,349,000	143,350,000	7.1	154,624,000	144,609,000	6.5	153,705,000	7,371,000	4.8
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted	1,979,986	1,805,167	7.2	1,980,637	1,826,065	6.8	1,933,357	104,853	4.9
State of Oregon			8.8			7.8			5.4
Oregon Seasonally Adjusted			9.0			8.0			5.4
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>									
Bend (Deschutes County)	88,031	78,042	11.3	86,940	78,535	9.7	83,025	77,942	6.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	43,448	40,748	6.2	44,010	41,600	5.5	43,016	41,370	3.8
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	186,536	177,111	9.5	185,135	169,586	8.4	181,883	172,090	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	106,979	96,401	10.7	107,266	97,962	8.7	103,724	97,578	5.9
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton (2)	1,192,522	1,085,802	8.1	1,187,679	1,102,776	7.1	1,161,260	55,913	4.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	193,961	176,667	8.9	195,170	180,046	7.7	188,631	178,190	5.5
<b>Counties:</b>									
Baker	7,584	6,855	9.6	7,599	6,976	8.2	7,281	6,795	6.7
Benton	43,448	40,748	6.2	44,010	41,600	5.5	43,016	41,370	3.8
Clatsop (3)	205,597	189,928	7.6	205,616	191,502	6.9	201,188	182,090	4.5
Clatsop (3)	20,336	18,833	7.4	20,956	19,013	6.6	19,904	18,702	6.0
Clatsop (3)	25,301	22,890	9.5	25,208	23,079	8.4	24,611	23,150	5.9
Coos (3)	29,385	26,321	10.4	29,353	26,487	9.8	28,686	26,531	7.5
Cook (3)	9,946	8,463	14.0	9,970	8,743	12.3	9,678	8,973	7.3
Curry (3)	9,429	8,274	12.2	9,386	8,370	10.9	9,196	8,496	7.6
Deschutes	88,031	78,042	11.3	86,940	78,535	9.7	83,025	77,942	6.1
Douglas (3)	48,510	42,307	6.2	48,116	42,636	5.4	47,945	43,672	6.5
Gilliam	1,071	1,002	6.4	1,051	1,031	5.7	997	932	6.5
Grant	3,510	2,951	15.9	3,506	3,082	12.1	3,276	2,960	10.0
Hainey	3,417	2,988	12.6	3,428	3,080	10.2	3,354	3,009	9.7
Hood River (3)	12,318	11,503	6.6	12,448	11,754	5.6	12,359	11,762	4.7
Jackson	106,979	96,401	10.7	107,266	97,962	8.7	103,724	97,578	5.9
Jefferson	9,593	8,315	13.3	9,557	8,430	11.8	9,379	8,610	8.2
Josephine (3)	36,091	31,855	11.7	35,980	32,101	10.8	34,885	32,129	7.9
Klamath (3)	31,228	27,406	12.2	31,231	27,971	10.4	30,564	28,074	8.1
Lake	3,727	3,315	11.1	3,714	3,376	9.1	3,627	3,353	7.6
Lane	186,247	168,536	9.5	185,135	169,586	8.4	181,883	172,090	5.4
Lincoln	25,415	20,202	9.9	22,980	20,430	8.7	22,251	20,888	6.1
Linn (3)	55,625	49,430	6.9	55,642	50,306	6.6	54,103	50,615	6.4
Maihue (3)	13,104	11,901	9.2	13,387	12,342	7.8	12,780	11,985	6.6
Marion	155,942	141,537	9.2	156,760	144,244	8.0	151,298	142,757	6.2
Morrow (3)	5,611	5,144	8.3	5,671	5,278	6.9	5,473	5,135	5.6
Multnomah	387,006	356,709	7.8	387,419	359,665	7.2	378,932	360,768	4.8
Polk	38,019	35,130	2.8	38,410	35,802	6.8	37,333	35,433	5.1
Sherman	973	896	7.9	956	884	7.5	945	891	5.7
Tillamook	12,246	11,253	8.1	12,394	11,524	7.0	12,347	11,634	5.8
Umatilla (3)	36,807	33,342	9.4	36,854	34,213	7.2	36,652	33,283	6.6
Union (3)	12,589	10,963	12.8	12,485	11,315	9.4	12,130	11,264	8.0
Wallowa	3,584	3,154	12.2	3,570	3,238	9.1	3,521	3,241	8.0
Wasco (3)	12,405	11,271	9.1	12,530	11,579	7.6	12,151	11,371	6.4
Washington	292,697	272,486	6.9	293,156	274,744	6.7	288,006	275,567	4.3
Wheeler	650	595	8.5	650	600	7.7	623	567	5.8
Yamhill	48,655	44,201	9.2	48,427	44,568	8.0	47,282	44,704	5.5

(1) 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. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.  
 (2) Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.  
 (3) This county is in a micropolitan statistical area. Maihue County is part of the Ontario micropolitan statistical area. Morrow and Umatilla counties combine to form the Pendleton-Hermiston micropolitan statistical area. All of Oregon's other micropolitan statistical areas stand alone as single counties.

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