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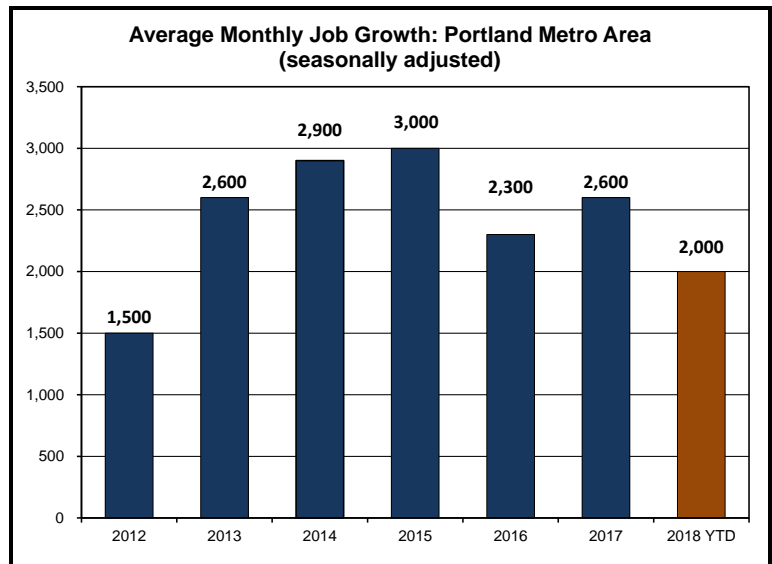
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## Employment in the Portland Metro Area: April 2018

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate remained below 4 percent for the sixth consecutive month in April, at 3.8 percent. An estimated 48,300 area residents were unemployed in April, up 1,100 from a year earlier.

Metro area employers added 1,900 jobs in April (seasonally adjusted). This marks the 50th consecutive month of job gains in the seven county region.

Leisure and hospitality led the gains (+2,300 jobs) as businesses started ramping up for the summer tourism and outdoor recreation season. Professional and business services also added over 1,000 jobs, although a gain of 2,000 is more typical for April. Growth was held back by losses in the employment services (temp help) component. Financial activities added 800 jobs, closing in on finally regaining all the jobs lost during the recession. The real estate component of this sector has led the recovery, as banking is still thousands of jobs in the red.



Job growth in the metro area continues to cool. Employment rose by 26,400 jobs over the year, or 2.3 percent. This is faster than the U.S. (1.6%) but slower than 2015 and 2016, when growth topped 3 percent.

**Next Press Release**

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 19.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. 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 payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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

	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	---Change from--- March 2018	April 2017
<b>LABOR FORCE STATUS</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	1,308,900	1,319,700	1,300,700	-10,800	8,200
Unemployed	48,300	53,300	47,200	-5,000	1,100
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.0%	3.6%		
Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%		
Total Employed	1,260,500	1,266,400	1,253,600	-5,900	6,900
<b>NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT</b>					
<b>Total nonfarm</b>	<b>1,192,900</b>	<b>1,187,100</b>	<b>1,171,400</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>21,500</b>
<b>Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted</b>	<b>1,195,700</b>	<b>1,193,800</b>	<b>1,169,300</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>26,400</b>
<b>Total private</b>	<b>1,040,300</b>	<b>1,034,400</b>	<b>1,012,000</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>28,300</b>
<b>Mining and logging</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>69,200</b>	<b>68,600</b>	<b>65,500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>3,700</b>
Construction of buildings	18,400	18,300	17,500	100	900
Residential building construction	11,000	10,900	10,000	100	1,000
Nonresidential building construction	7,400	7,400	7,500	0	-100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,200	5,400	5,100	-200	100
Specialty trade contractors	45,600	44,900	42,900	700	2,700
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>126,600</b>	<b>125,500</b>	<b>122,200</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>4,400</b>
Durable goods	93,300	92,400	90,300	900	3,000
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,800	12,800	12,500	0	300
Machinery manufacturing	10,400	10,300	9,300	100	1,100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,600	36,300	35,400	300	1,200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,000	29,900	28,700	100	1,300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	100
Nondurable goods	33,300	33,100	31,900	200	1,400
Food manufacturing	13,600	13,600	13,000	0	600
Paper manufacturing	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
<b>Trade, transportation, and utilities</b>	<b>218,100</b>	<b>217,400</b>	<b>213,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>5,100</b>
Wholesale trade	59,100	58,300	56,800	800	2,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	26,700	26,400	25,900	300	800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,500	20,100	19,500	400	1,000
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	11,900	11,800	11,400	100	500
Retail trade	119,200	118,800	117,300	400	1,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,900	14,800	14,400	100	500
Food and beverage stores	23,700	23,800	23,800	-100	-100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,700	10,700	10,500	0	200
General merchandise stores	22,700	22,700	23,200	0	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	39,800	40,300	38,900	-500	900
Utilities	2,500	2,400	2,300	100	200
Transportation and Warehousing	37,300	37,900	36,600	-600	700
Air transportation	4,300	4,200	3,900	100	400
Truck transportation	10,800	10,600	10,700	200	100
Couriers and messengers	6,500	6,900	6,000	-400	500
Warehousing and storage	4,600	4,700	4,400	-100	200
<b>Information</b>	<b>25,900</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>26,400</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-500</b>
Publishing industries, except internet	10,200	10,300	10,200	-100	0
Software publishers	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	300
Telecommunications	4,400	4,500	5,000	-100	-600

**Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)**

	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	---Change from---	
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<b>Financial activities</b>	<b>71,700</b>	<b>70,900</b>	<b>69,700</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Finance and insurance	43,500	43,400	43,100	100	400
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,900	18,900	19,000	0	-100
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,100	18,900	18,500	200	600
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,200	27,500	26,600	700	1,600
<b>Professional and business services</b>	<b>179,100</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>180,300</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>-1,200</b>
Professional and technical services	74,800	74,600	75,400	200	-600
Architectural and engineering services	13,900	13,700	13,200	200	700
Computer systems design and related services	15,300	15,300	15,300	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	39,800	39,600	39,600	200	200
Administrative and waste services	64,500	63,800	65,300	700	-800
Administrative and support services	61,200	60,500	62,200	700	-1,000
Employment services	25,600	26,300	27,100	-700	-1,500
Business support services	6,700	6,700	7,300	0	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,800	15,100	15,200	700	600
<b>Education and health services</b>	<b>183,500</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>171,000</b>	<b>-1,000</b>	<b>12,500</b>
Educational services	30,400	31,000	30,300	-600	100
Colleges and universities	14,100	14,400	14,600	-300	-500
Health care and social assistance	153,100	153,500	140,700	-400	12,400
Ambulatory health care services	57,100	57,200	55,200	-100	1,900
Hospitals	31,300	31,500	31,100	-200	200
Nursing and residential care facilities	27,700	27,500	27,500	200	200
Social assistance	37,000	37,300	26,900	-300	10,100
<b>Leisure and hospitality</b>	<b>123,000</b>	<b>120,700</b>	<b>121,400</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17,800	17,300	17,600	500	200
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,800	12,300	12,800	500	0
Accommodation and food services	105,200	103,400	103,800	1,800	1,400
Accommodation	10,600	10,400	10,200	200	400
Food services and drinking places	94,600	93,000	93,600	1,600	1,000
Full-service restaurants	43,200	43,000	42,900	200	300
Limited-service eating places	40,800	39,600	40,100	1,200	700
<b>Other services</b>	<b>41,900</b>	<b>41,600</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>700</b>
Membership associations and organizations	18,100	17,900	17,700	200	400
<b>Government</b>	<b>152,600</b>	<b>152,700</b>	<b>159,400</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-6,800</b>
Federal government	18,100	18,000	18,100	100	0
State government	12,100	12,100	19,800	0	-7,700
State education	3,100	3,000	2,700	100	400
Local government	122,400	122,600	121,500	-200	900
Local education	69,400	69,900	69,100	-500	300

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.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes 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.

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