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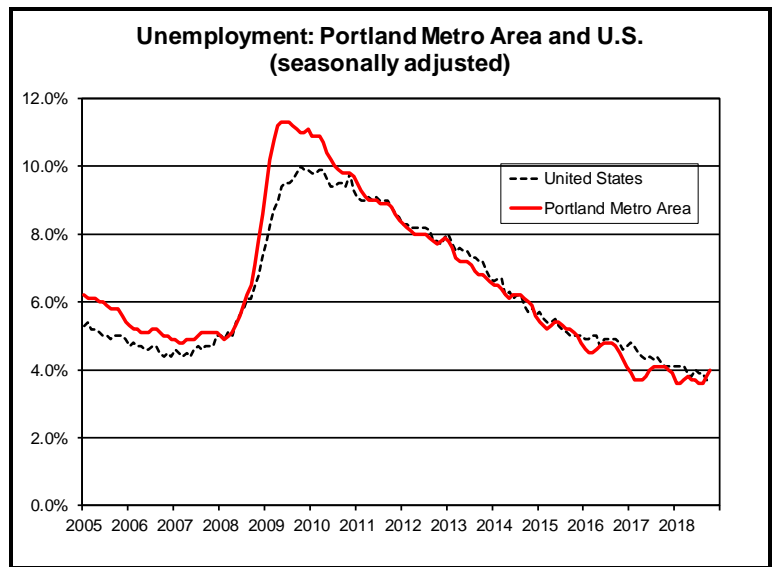
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## Employment in the Portland Metro Area: October 2018

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate rose slightly to 4.0 percent in October compared with 3.8 percent in September. The jobless rate has been at or below 4 percent for a year. An estimated 50,400 area residents were unemployed in October, about the same as a year earlier.

Employers added 3,200 jobs in October (seasonally adjusted) following an upwardly revised gain of 3,500 jobs in September.

Most industries followed typical seasonal trends, with a few exceptions. Leisure and hospitality cut more jobs than usual, pulling down annual growth to just under 1 percent. On the other hand, retail trade added more jobs than typical as employers appear to be ramping up for the holiday shopping season earlier this year. Professional and business services also outperformed historic norms, due entirely to a surge in temp help hiring.



Over the past year, the metro area's nonfarm employment increased by 26,400 jobs, or 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted). Construction remains the fastest growing industry (+11.4%); manufacturing is outperforming the overall economy (+3.2%); and professional and business services is just barely above year-ago levels (+0.4%).

With the release of October's numbers, the Oregon Employment Department also released revised data for the past 12 months. New figures show job growth was slightly slower in the second two quarters of 2018 than originally estimated. Annual job growth averaged 2.1 percent compared with the preliminary estimates of 2.3 percent.

### Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Thursday, December 27.

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, OR-WA MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,330,824	1,318,353	1,325,764	12,471	5,060
Unemployed	50,420	46,531	50,291	3,889	129
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.5%	3.8%	0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	0.2	-0.1
Employed	1,280,404	1,271,822	1,275,473	8,582	4,931
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,213,300	1,204,100	1,186,900	9,200	26,400
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,205,700	1,202,500	1,178,600	3,200	27,100
Total private	1,060,700	1,058,400	1,029,100	2,300	31,600
Mining, logging, and construction	79,400	79,400	71,200	0	8,200
Mining and logging	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Construction	78,000	78,000	70,000	0	8,000
Construction of buildings	20,800	20,500	18,300	300	2,500
Residential building construction	12,300	12,100	10,700	200	1,600
Nonresidential building construction	8,500	8,400	7,600	100	900
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,400	6,400	5,700	0	700
Specialty trade contractors	50,800	51,100	46,000	-300	4,800
Manufacturing	129,000	128,900	125,000	100	4,000
Durable goods	94,500	94,100	91,300	400	3,200
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,200	13,300	12,600	-100	600
Machinery manufacturing	10,500	10,400	9,800	100	700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,200	37,200	36,100	0	1,100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,200	30,200	29,400	0	800
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0
Nondurable goods	34,500	34,800	33,700	-300	800
Food manufacturing	14,200	14,400	13,900	-200	300
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,600	3,000	0	-400
Trade, transportation, and utilities	219,200	217,000	216,500	2,200	2,700
Wholesale trade	57,200	56,500	56,600	700	600
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	28,300	28,200	27,000	100	1,300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	21,600	20,900	20,200	700	1,400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,300	7,400	9,400	-100	-2,100
Retail trade	121,300	120,000	119,900	1,300	1,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,800	14,800	14,600	0	200
Food and beverage stores	23,900	23,900	24,300	0	-400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,500	10,400	10,600	100	-100
General merchandise stores	24,300	24,100	23,900	200	400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40,700	40,500	40,000	200	700
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	38,200	38,000	37,600	200	600
Air transportation	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Truck transportation	10,900	10,900	10,700	0	200
Couriers and messengers	7,200	7,000	6,500	200	700
Warehousing and storage	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Information	25,400	25,500	25,200	-100	200
Publishing industries, except internet	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200
Software publishers	8,700	8,600	8,300	100	400
Telecommunications	4,100	4,200	4,800	-100	-700

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Financial activities	72,100	72,500	71,200	-400	900
Finance and insurance	42,800	43,100	43,400	-300	-600
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,800	18,900	19,000	-100	-200
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,000	18,300	18,700	-300	-700
Real estate and rental and leasing	29,300	29,400	27,800	-100	1,500
Professional and business services	184,200	183,200	183,500	1,000	700
Professional and technical services	75,100	75,600	76,300	-500	-1,200
Architectural and engineering services	14,300	14,200	13,800	100	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,500	15,500	15,500	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	41,400	41,200	39,500	200	1,900
Administrative and waste services	67,700	66,400	67,700	1,300	0
Administrative and support services	64,400	63,200	64,300	1,200	100
Employment services	28,900	28,000	28,900	900	0
Business support services	6,900	6,900	7,000	0	-100
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,000	16,200	15,800	-200	200
Education and health services	182,700	180,300	172,500	2,400	10,200
Educational services	30,200	28,900	30,500	1,300	-300
Colleges and universities	13,300	12,000	14,500	1,300	-1,200
Health care and social assistance	152,500	151,400	142,000	1,100	10,500
Ambulatory health care services	56,900	56,700	56,100	200	800
Hospitals	31,600	31,500	31,300	100	300
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,200	28,100	27,500	100	700
Social assistance	35,800	35,100	27,100	700	8,700
Leisure and hospitality	124,000	127,900	122,900	-3,900	1,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,900	19,500	17,200	-2,600	-300
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	11,900	14,200	12,200	-2,300	-300
Accommodation and food services	107,100	108,400	105,700	-1,300	1,400
Accommodation	11,100	11,300	10,800	-200	300
Food services and drinking places	96,000	97,100	94,900	-1,100	1,100
Full-service restaurants	43,500	43,800	43,200	-300	300
Limited-service eating places	41,700	42,100	40,600	-400	1,100
Other services	44,700	43,700	41,100	1,000	3,600
Membership associations and organizations	18,300	17,900	17,400	400	900
Government	152,600	145,700	157,800	6,900	-5,200
Federal government	18,000	17,900	18,200	100	-200
State government	12,600	12,400	19,900	200	-7,300
State education	3,600	3,700	2,700	-100	900
Local government	122,000	115,400	119,700	6,600	2,300
Local education	67,600	60,900	67,300	6,700	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: Official Oregon Series. 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.