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Employment in the Portland Metro Area: November 2018

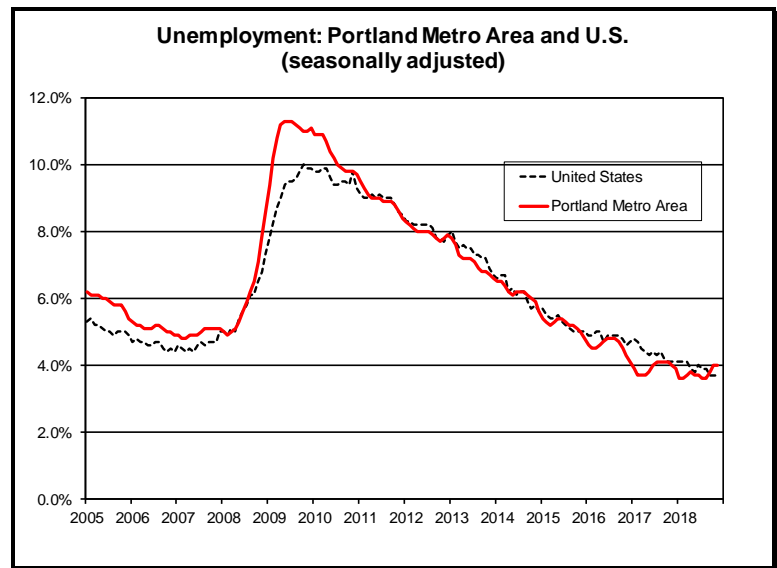
The Portland metro area's unemployment rate held steady at 4.0 percent in November. The jobless rate has been at or below 4 percent since November 2017. An estimated 49,600 area residents were unemployed in November, the same as a year earlier.

Employers added 1,200 jobs in November (seasonally adjusted) following a downwardly revised gain of 2,400 jobs in October.

Most industries followed typical seasonal trends with a few exceptions. Professional and business services added 1,600 jobs when small losses are the norm for November. This is a respite for a sector that has underperformed for much of 2018, due in no small part to labor shortages.

On the other end of the spectrum, transportation and warehousing was flat during a month that typically sees the creation of hundreds of temporary jobs at delivery companies such as UPS and FedEx. However, these employment estimates are preliminary and will be revised next month.

Over the past year, the metro area's nonfarm employment increased by 21,900 jobs, or 1.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted). Construction remains the fastest growing industry (+10.5%) and manufacturing continues to outperform the overall economy (+3.6%). Several industries have seen little or no growth over the past year: professional and business services (+1.0%); financial activities (+0.4%); trade, transportation, and utilities (+0.0%); and leisure and hospitality (-0.1%).



Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 22.

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 Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,333,477	1,330,915	1,328,228	2,562	5,249
Unemployed	49,612	50,764	49,594	-1,152	18
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.8%	3.7%	-0.1	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0	0.0
Employed	1,283,865	1,280,151	1,278,634	3,714	5,231
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,214,600	1,212,500	1,192,700	2,100	21,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,206,100	1,204,900	1,180,900	1,200	25,200
Total private	1,060,600	1,060,800	1,033,100	-200	27,500
Mining, logging, and construction	77,900	79,200	70,400	-1,300	7,500
Mining and logging	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Construction	76,500	77,800	69,200	-1,300	7,300
Construction of buildings	20,400	20,600	18,000	-200	2,400
Residential building construction	12,200	12,200	10,500	0	1,700
Nonresidential building construction	8,200	8,400	7,500	-200	700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,100	6,300	5,600	-200	500
Specialty trade contractors	50,000	50,900	45,600	-900	4,400
Manufacturing	129,200	129,300	124,700	-100	4,500
Durable goods	94,700	94,500	91,400	200	3,300
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	5,800	5,700	5,600	100	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	600
Machinery manufacturing	10,500	10,500	9,900	0	600
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,300	37,300	36,300	0	1,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,200	30,200	29,600	0	600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	100
Nondurable goods	34,500	34,800	33,300	-300	1,200
Food manufacturing	13,900	14,300	13,700	-400	200
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	221,200	219,100	221,200	2,100	0
Wholesale trade	56,900	57,300	56,700	-400	200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	27,700	28,300	27,200	-600	500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	22,000	21,700	20,500	300	1,500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,200	7,300	9,000	-100	-1,800
Retail trade	123,500	121,100	123,100	2,400	400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,700	14,800	14,600	-100	100
Food and beverage stores	24,100	23,900	24,300	200	-200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	11,200	10,400	11,600	800	-400
General merchandise stores	26,200	24,300	25,400	1,900	800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40,800	40,700	41,400	100	-600
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	38,300	38,200	39,000	100	-700
Air transportation	4,200	4,100	4,200	100	0
Truck transportation	10,800	10,900	10,600	-100	200
Couriers and messengers	7,400	7,200	7,300	200	100
Warehousing and storage	5,000	4,900	5,300	100	-300
Information	25,600	25,800	25,200	-200	400
Publishing industries, except internet	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200
Software publishers	8,700	8,700	8,300	0	400
Telecommunications	4,700	4,200	4,700	500	0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	--Change From--	
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Financial activities	71,700	72,100	71,400	-400	300
Finance and insurance	42,600	42,800	43,600	-200	-1,000
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,700	18,800	19,100	-100	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,000	18,000	18,700	0	-700
Real estate and rental and leasing	29,100	29,300	27,800	-200	1,300
Professional and business services	185,100	183,500	183,200	1,600	1,900
Professional and technical services	75,600	75,000	76,400	600	-800
Architectural and engineering services	14,400	14,300	13,800	100	600
Computer systems design and related services	15,600	15,500	15,500	100	100
Management of companies and enterprises	41,800	41,600	39,500	200	2,300
Administrative and waste services	67,700	66,900	67,300	800	400
Administrative and support services	64,300	63,700	63,900	600	400
Employment services	29,000	28,800	28,600	200	400
Business support services	6,700	6,800	7,100	-100	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,800	16,000	15,600	-200	200
Education and health services	183,600	182,600	173,600	1,000	10,000
Educational services	31,200	30,100	30,800	1,100	400
Colleges and universities	14,100	13,100	14,800	1,000	-700
Health care and social assistance	152,400	152,500	142,800	-100	9,600
Ambulatory health care services	57,000	56,800	56,300	200	700
Hospitals	31,500	31,600	31,400	-100	100
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,500	28,200	27,500	300	1,000
Social assistance	35,400	35,900	27,600	-500	7,800
Leisure and hospitality	122,200	124,700	122,300	-2,500	-100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,200	17,200	16,800	-1,000	-600
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,300	12,900	12,000	-600	300
Accommodation and food services	106,000	107,500	105,500	-1,500	500
Accommodation	10,700	11,100	10,500	-400	200
Food services and drinking places	95,300	96,400	95,000	-1,100	300
Full-service restaurants	43,300	43,600	43,000	-300	300
Limited-service eating places	41,700	41,900	40,900	-200	800
Other services	44,100	44,500	41,100	-400	3,000
Membership associations and organizations	18,200	18,200	17,500	0	700
Government	154,000	151,700	159,600	2,300	-5,600
Federal government	18,200	18,000	18,100	200	100
State government	12,400	12,400	19,900	0	-7,500
State education	3,200	3,900	2,700	-700	500
Local government	123,400	121,300	121,600	2,100	1,800
Local education	68,500	67,000	69,000	1,500	-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.

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.