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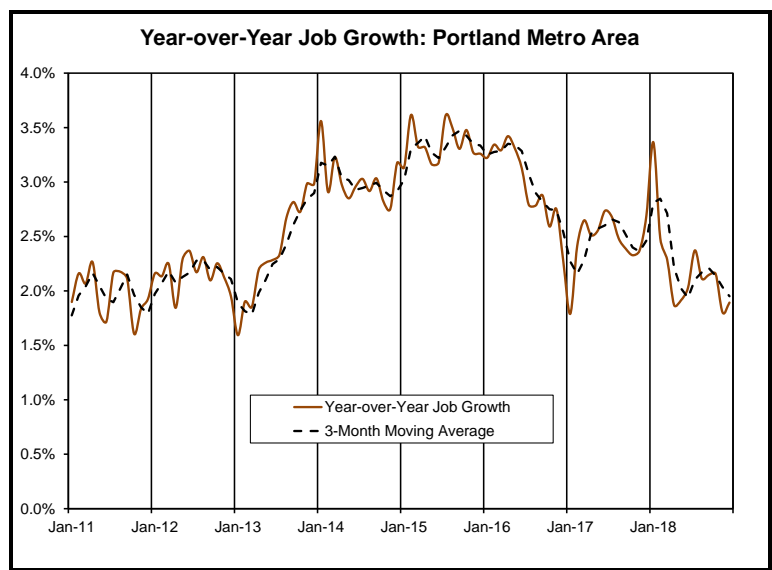
Employment in the Portland Metro Area: December 2018

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.1 percent in December compared with 4.0 percent in November. An estimated 50,300 area residents were unemployed in December; 2,200 more than a year earlier.

Employers added 2,100 jobs in December (seasonally adjusted) following a downwardly revised gain of 800 jobs in November.

The federal government shutdown did not impact Portland's December federal government jobs tally.

Leisure and hospitality rebounded from a weak autumn, adding hundreds of jobs more than typical for this time of year. All components outperformed seasonal expectations, led by restaurants, bars, and caterers.



Retail trade was up by just 300 jobs over the month. Holiday hiring has been trending down since the mid-2000s as consumers increasingly turn to online shopping. Between 2001 and 2006, retailers added an average of 6,400 jobs between October and December; the busiest shopping period of the year. Since 2011, they've added an average of 4,200 jobs.

Professional and business services also had a weak month, shedding more than 2,000 jobs when a loss of about 500 is more typical. Declines at the region's employment services firms (i.e. temporary help) accounted for half of December's loss.

Job creation in the metro area slowed in the last three quarters of 2018. Annual growth averaged 2.0 percent compared with 2.5 percent during the same period in 2017. Five major industries are growing more slowly today than a year ago: construction; financial activities; leisure and hospitality; professional and business services; and trade, transportation, and utilities. Manufacturing and information are growing more rapidly.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 12.

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--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,329,963	1,333,418	1,324,396	-3,455	5,567
Unemployed	50,283	49,668	48,050	615	2,233
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	0.1	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	0.1	0.2
Employed	1,279,680	1,283,750	1,276,346	-4,070	3,334
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,216,600	1,214,200	1,194,000	2,400	22,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,208,600	1,206,500	1,186,300	2,100	22,300
Total private	1,062,000	1,060,200	1,034,700	1,800	27,300
Mining, logging, and construction	75,900	77,300	70,600	-1,400	5,300
Mining and logging	1,300	1,400	1,300	-100	0
Construction	74,600	75,900	69,300	-1,300	5,300
Construction of buildings	20,300	20,200	18,100	100	2,200
Residential building construction	12,000	12,100	10,600	-100	1,400
Nonresidential building construction	8,300	8,100	7,500	200	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,800	6,100	5,500	-300	300
Specialty trade contractors	48,500	49,600	45,700	-1,100	2,800
Manufacturing	130,100	129,200	125,200	900	4,900
Durable goods	95,900	94,600	92,000	1,300	3,900
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,000	0	200
Primary metal manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,200	13,200	12,700	0	500
Machinery manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,000	0	500
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,700	37,300	36,400	400	1,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,400	30,200	29,700	200	700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,000	4,800	100	300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,800	6,700	6,800	100	0
Nondurable goods	34,200	34,600	33,200	-400	1,000
Food manufacturing	14,000	13,900	13,700	100	300
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	222,800	221,700	223,200	1,100	-400
Wholesale trade	56,900	56,900	56,800	0	100
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	27,500	27,700	27,500	-200	0
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	21,800	21,700	20,600	100	1,200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	7,600	7,500	8,700	100	-1,100
Retail trade	123,600	123,300	123,900	300	-300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,600	14,800	14,600	-200	0
Food and beverage stores	23,900	24,000	24,100	-100	-200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	11,700	11,400	11,900	300	-200
General merchandise stores	26,100	26,100	25,600	0	500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	42,300	41,500	42,500	800	-200
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	39,800	39,000	40,100	800	-300
Air transportation	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Truck transportation	10,900	10,800	10,600	100	300
Couriers and messengers	9,100	7,800	8,500	1,300	600
Warehousing and storage	4,900	5,000	5,100	-100	-200
Information	25,700	25,500	24,900	200	800
Publishing industries, except internet	10,400	10,400	10,100	0	300
Software publishers	8,700	8,700	8,300	0	400
Telecommunications	4,200	4,100	4,700	100	-500

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	December 2018	November 2018	--Change From--		
			December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Financial activities	72,200	72,000	71,200	200	1,000
Finance and insurance	42,300	42,700	43,500	-400	-1,200
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,600	18,700	19,100	-100	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	17,900	18,000	18,600	-100	-700
Real estate and rental and leasing	29,900	29,300	27,700	600	2,200
Professional and business services	180,500	183,700	183,200	-3,200	-2,700
Professional and technical services	75,100	75,700	76,700	-600	-1,600
Architectural and engineering services	14,400	14,400	13,900	0	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,500	15,600	15,500	-100	0
Management of companies and enterprises	41,800	41,600	39,700	200	2,100
Administrative and waste services	63,600	66,400	66,800	-2,800	-3,200
Administrative and support services	60,600	63,000	63,400	-2,400	-2,800
Employment services	26,500	28,100	28,600	-1,600	-2,100
Business support services	6,800	6,700	7,100	100	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,300	15,900	15,300	-600	0
Education and health services	184,900	183,800	172,800	1,100	12,100
Educational services	30,600	31,100	29,900	-500	700
Colleges and universities	13,700	14,100	13,900	-400	-200
Health care and social assistance	154,300	152,700	142,900	1,600	11,400
Ambulatory health care services	58,100	57,000	56,400	1,100	1,700
Hospitals	31,700	31,500	31,400	200	300
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,500	28,500	27,500	0	1,000
Social assistance	36,000	35,700	27,600	300	8,400
Leisure and hospitality	125,600	122,900	122,400	2,700	3,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17,000	16,600	16,800	400	200
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,900	12,700	12,100	200	800
Accommodation and food services	108,600	106,300	105,600	2,300	3,000
Accommodation	10,800	10,700	10,500	100	300
Food services and drinking places	97,800	95,600	95,100	2,200	2,700
Full-service restaurants	43,700	43,300	43,200	400	500
Limited-service eating places	42,700	41,900	40,900	800	1,800
Other services	44,300	44,100	41,200	200	3,100
Membership associations and organizations	17,700	17,800	17,400	-100	300
Government	154,600	154,000	159,300	600	-4,700
Federal government	18,600	18,200	18,400	400	200
State government	12,300	12,400	19,700	-100	-7,400
State education	3,800	3,900	2,600	-100	1,200
Local government	123,700	123,400	121,200	300	2,500
Local education	68,900	68,500	68,700	400	200

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.