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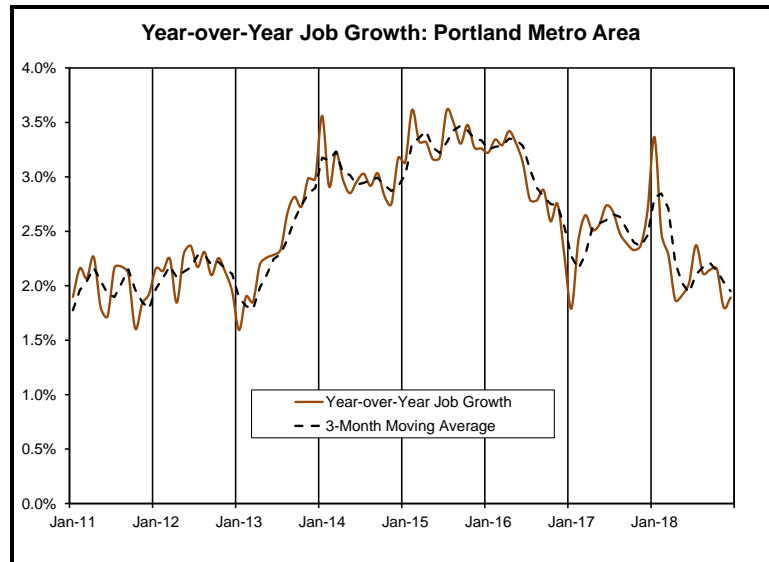
Employment in the Portland Metro Area: January 2019 Unemployment Holds Steady

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.0 percent in January compared with 4.1 percent in December. An estimated 57,000 area residents were unemployed in January; 2,000 more than a year earlier.

Employers added 5,700 jobs in January following a gain of 1,400 jobs in December (seasonally adjusted).

While most major industries followed seasonal trends in January, two deviated from the norm. First, manufacturing added jobs (800) when a loss is more typical for this time of year. The high tech and nondurable goods components bucked seasonal expectations. Second, private education held steady instead of

declining by several thousand jobs as is typical for January when schools are out on winter recess. This is likely due to the timing of this year's break; look for employment to return to typical trends with the release of February's numbers.



Job growth in the metro area continues to trend down. Over the past year, nonfarm employment increased by 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted). A year ago, annual growth was 3.0 percent. Construction remains the fastest growing industry (+5.2%) and manufacturing is outperforming the overall economy (+4.4%). On the other end of the spectrum, professional and business services – a sprawling industry that includes a wide range of industries from accounting to waste collection – has fallen below year-ago levels (2,300 jobs; 1.3%).

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 26.

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-- | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | January 2019 | December 2018 | January 2018 | December 2018 | January 2018 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 1,323,343 | 1,326,617 | 1,303,217 | -3,274 | 20,126 |
| Unemployed | 57,110 | 51,668 | 55,128 | 5,442 | 1,982 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.3% | 3.9% | 4.2% | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>4.0%</i> | <i>4.1%</i> | <i>3.6%</i> | <i>-0.1</i> | <i>0.4</i> |
| Employed | 1,266,233 | 1,274,949 | 1,248,089 | -8,716 | 18,144 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 1,198,100 | 1,213,700 | 1,172,800 | -15,600 | 25,300 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | <i>1,213,200</i> | <i>1,207,500</i> | <i>1,188,500</i> | <i>5,700</i> | <i>24,700</i> |
| Total private | 1,046,600 | 1,060,700 | 1,022,900 | -14,100 | 23,700 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 72,600 | 74,200 | 69,100 | -1,600 | 3,500 |
| Mining and logging | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,300 | -100 | 0 |
| Construction | 71,300 | 72,800 | 67,800 | -1,500 | 3,500 |
| Construction of buildings | 19,500 | 19,800 | 18,000 | -300 | 1,500 |
| Residential building construction | 11,500 | 11,700 | 10,400 | -200 | 1,100 |
| Nonresidential building construction | 8,000 | 8,100 | 7,600 | -100 | 400 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 5,600 | 5,800 | 5,300 | -200 | 300 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 46,200 | 47,200 | 44,500 | -1,000 | 1,700 |
| Manufacturing | 130,300 | 129,500 | 124,800 | 800 | 5,500 |
| Durable goods | 96,600 | 96,300 | 92,000 | 300 | 4,600 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,000 | 0 | 200 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,600 | 0 | 400 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 13,200 | 13,200 | 12,700 | 0 | 500 |
| Machinery manufacturing | 10,700 | 10,400 | 10,000 | 300 | 700 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 38,100 | 37,700 | 36,300 | 400 | 1,800 |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg. | 31,000 | 30,600 | 29,600 | 400 | 1,400 |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 0 | 200 |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing | 7,200 | 7,200 | 6,700 | 0 | 500 |
| Nondurable goods | 33,700 | 33,200 | 32,800 | 500 | 900 |
| Food manufacturing | 13,600 | 13,800 | 13,500 | -200 | 100 |
| Paper manufacturing | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,700 | 0 | -200 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 218,600 | 224,700 | 215,200 | -6,100 | 3,400 |
| Wholesale trade | 57,300 | 57,800 | 55,700 | -500 | 1,600 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 29,500 | 29,300 | 28,400 | 200 | 1,100 |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 21,200 | 21,700 | 20,800 | -500 | 400 |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers | 6,600 | 6,800 | 6,500 | -200 | 100 |
| Retail trade | 118,400 | 122,800 | 119,400 | -4,400 | -1,000 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 14,700 | 14,700 | 14,500 | 0 | 200 |
| Food and beverage stores | 23,500 | 24,000 | 23,600 | -500 | -100 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 10,900 | 11,600 | 10,900 | -700 | 0 |
| General merchandise stores | 24,400 | 25,800 | 24,400 | -1,400 | 0 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 42,900 | 44,100 | 40,100 | -1,200 | 2,800 |
| Utilities | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 0 | 100 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 40,400 | 41,600 | 37,700 | -1,200 | 2,700 |
| Air transportation | 4,200 | 4,300 | 4,100 | -100 | 100 |
| Truck transportation | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,500 | -100 | 100 |
| Couriers and messengers | 8,700 | 9,400 | 7,500 | -700 | 1,200 |
| Warehousing and storage | 5,800 | 5,900 | 5,000 | -100 | 800 |
| Information | 25,400 | 25,700 | 24,700 | -300 | 700 |
| Publishing industries, except internet | 10,400 | 10,300 | 10,200 | 100 | 200 |
| Software publishers | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,500 | 0 | 300 |
| Telecommunications | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,500 | 0 | -300 |

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

| | --Change From-- | | | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | January 2019 | December 2018 | January 2018 | December 2018 | January 2018 |
| Financial activities | 72,100 | 72,500 | 70,900 | -400 | 1,200 |
| Finance and insurance | 42,800 | 42,400 | 43,300 | 400 | -500 |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 18,700 | 18,500 | 19,200 | 200 | -500 |
| Insurance carriers and related activities | 18,200 | 18,000 | 18,300 | 200 | -100 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 29,300 | 30,100 | 27,600 | -800 | 1,700 |
| Professional and business services | 178,700 | 181,300 | 181,000 | -2,600 | -2,300 |
| Professional and technical services | 76,200 | 76,400 | 76,100 | -200 | 100 |
| Architectural and engineering services | 14,000 | 14,200 | 13,700 | -200 | 300 |
| Computer systems design and related services | 15,600 | 15,600 | 15,300 | 0 | 300 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 41,200 | 41,500 | 39,900 | -300 | 1,300 |
| Administrative and waste services | 61,300 | 63,400 | 65,000 | -2,100 | -3,700 |
| Administrative and support services | 58,900 | 60,500 | 61,800 | -1,600 | -2,900 |
| Employment services | 26,100 | 26,900 | 27,800 | -800 | -1,700 |
| Business support services | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,900 | 0 | -200 |
| Services to buildings and dwellings | 14,600 | 15,100 | 14,900 | -500 | -300 |
| Education and health services | 183,900 | 184,500 | 176,900 | -600 | 7,000 |
| Educational services | 29,900 | 30,200 | 27,700 | -300 | 2,200 |
| Colleges and universities | 14,100 | 14,300 | 12,500 | -200 | 1,600 |
| Health care and social assistance | 154,000 | 154,300 | 149,200 | -300 | 4,800 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 58,600 | 58,700 | 56,300 | -100 | 2,300 |
| Hospitals | 31,500 | 31,600 | 31,200 | -100 | 300 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 28,400 | 28,500 | 27,400 | -100 | 1,000 |
| Social assistance | 35,500 | 35,500 | 34,300 | 0 | 1,200 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 122,100 | 125,300 | 119,400 | -3,200 | 2,700 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 15,900 | 16,400 | 16,500 | -500 | -600 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation | 11,300 | 11,500 | 12,200 | -200 | -900 |
| Accommodation and food services | 106,200 | 108,900 | 102,900 | -2,700 | 3,300 |
| Accommodation | 10,400 | 10,600 | 10,100 | -200 | 300 |
| Food services and drinking places | 95,800 | 98,300 | 92,800 | -2,500 | 3,000 |
| Full-service restaurants | 43,000 | 43,900 | 42,200 | -900 | 800 |
| Limited-service eating places | 41,700 | 42,400 | 40,200 | -700 | 1,500 |
| Other services | 42,900 | 43,000 | 40,900 | -100 | 2,000 |
| Membership associations and organizations | 17,600 | 17,600 | 17,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 151,500 | 153,000 | 149,900 | -1,500 | 1,600 |
| Federal government | 18,200 | 18,500 | 18,200 | -300 | 0 |
| State government | 11,800 | 11,600 | 11,700 | 200 | 100 |
| State education | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,700 | 0 | -800 |
| Local government | 121,500 | 122,900 | 120,000 | -1,400 | 1,500 |
| Local education | 67,600 | 68,700 | 67,600 | -1,100 | 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.

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.