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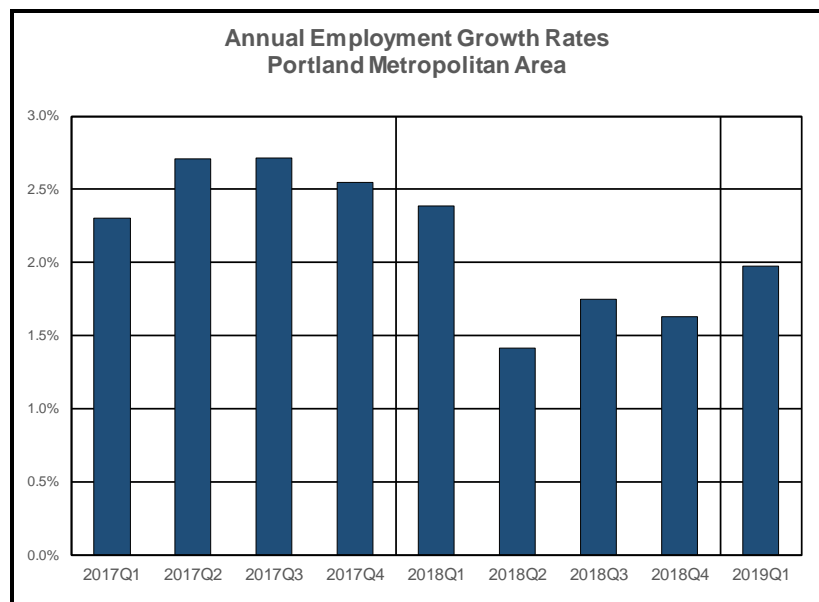
Employment in the Portland Metro Area: March 2019 Unemployment Holds Steady

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate held steady at 3.8 percent in March; the same as the nation and lower than Oregon (4.4%). An estimated 55,300 area residents were unemployed; 2,100 fewer than a year earlier.

The economy added 2,200 jobs in March. February's preliminary data, which showed a loss of 1,700 jobs, was revised up for a gain of 1,000 jobs. Revisions were widespread, with the largest in leisure and hospitality (+1,000) and retail trade (+600).

All broad industries generally followed seasonal trends in March, with slightly larger gains in retail trade, professional and technical services, and private education and health services.

In the first quarter of 2019, nonfarm employment increased by a monthly average of 23,300 jobs (unadjusted) over the first quarter of 2018, or 2.0 percent. This is slower than a year earlier (2.4%), but marginally faster than the final three quarters of 2018. Manufacturing is growing more rapidly today compared with last year thanks to strength in durable goods. Growth in trade, transportation, and warehousing has also accelerated due in part to new Amazon distribution centers. On the other end of the spectrum, construction has cooled considerably, from 9.3 percent growth to 4.6 percent. Growth has also slowed in professional and business services.



Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 21.

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--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,327,860	1,329,667	1,307,443	-1,807	20,417
Unemployed	55,297	54,988	54,323	309	974
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	0.1	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.8%	3.7%	0.0	0.1
Employed	1,272,563	1,274,679	1,253,120	-2,116	19,443
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,209,000	1,203,200	1,187,200	5,800	21,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,216,000	1,213,800	1,192,200	2,200	23,800
Total private	1,054,800	1,049,600	1,035,000	5,200	19,800
Mining, logging, and construction	73,500	73,100	70,700	400	2,800
Mining and logging	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Construction	72,200	71,800	69,400	400	2,800
Construction of buildings	19,700	19,700	18,400	0	1,300
Residential building construction	11,700	11,700	10,800	0	900
Nonresidential building construction	8,000	8,000	7,600	0	400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,600	5,600	5,400	0	200
Specialty trade contractors	46,900	46,500	45,600	400	1,300
Manufacturing	130,300	130,100	125,800	200	4,500
Durable goods	96,500	96,300	92,600	200	3,900
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	6,000	6,000	5,600	0	400
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,200	13,200	12,800	0	400
Machinery manufacturing	10,300	10,300	10,200	0	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,400	38,300	36,400	100	2,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,200	31,100	29,700	100	1,500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,200	7,200	6,700	0	500
Nondurable goods	33,800	33,800	33,200	0	600
Food manufacturing	13,800	13,700	13,500	100	300
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	216,000	215,400	212,800	600	3,200
Wholesale trade	56,500	56,700	56,000	-200	500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,000	29,200	28,600	-200	400
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,800	20,800	20,800	0	0
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,700	6,700	6,600	0	100
Retail trade	117,300	116,700	117,400	600	-100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,800	14,800	14,600	0	200
Food and beverage stores	23,400	23,500	23,300	-100	100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,400	10,400	10,200	0	200
General merchandise stores	23,100	23,300	23,100	-200	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	42,200	42,000	39,400	200	2,800
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	39,700	39,500	37,000	200	2,700
Air transportation	4,400	4,200	4,100	200	300
Truck transportation	10,700	10,600	10,600	100	100
Couriers and messengers	7,300	7,500	6,600	-200	700
Warehousing and storage	5,900	5,800	4,800	100	1,100
Information	25,200	25,000	25,400	200	-200
Publishing industries, except internet	10,400	10,400	10,100	0	300
Software publishers	8,800	8,800	8,400	0	400
Telecommunications	4,100	4,200	4,500	-100	-400

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Financial activities	71,900	72,700	71,300	-800	600
Finance and insurance	42,800	43,000	43,300	-200	-500
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,800	18,900	19,200	-100	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,200	18,200	18,300	0	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	29,100	29,700	28,000	-600	1,100
Professional and business services	182,700	181,100	183,900	1,600	-1,200
Professional and technical services	77,500	76,500	77,300	1,000	200
Architectural and engineering services	14,300	14,000	13,800	300	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,600	15,600	15,400	0	200
Management of companies and enterprises	41,900	41,800	40,100	100	1,800
Administrative and waste services	63,300	62,800	66,500	500	-3,200
Administrative and support services	60,800	60,300	63,300	500	-2,500
Employment services	26,200	26,700	28,300	-500	-2,100
Business support services	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	-100
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,200	14,900	15,500	300	-300
Education and health services	187,700	186,400	181,600	1,300	6,100
Educational services	31,300	30,800	30,500	500	800
Colleges and universities	15,300	15,300	14,800	0	500
Health care and social assistance	156,400	155,600	151,100	800	5,300
Ambulatory health care services	59,900	59,300	56,700	600	3,200
Hospitals	31,600	31,600	31,500	0	100
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,200	28,200	27,500	0	700
Social assistance	36,700	36,500	35,400	200	1,300
Leisure and hospitality	124,300	123,000	121,800	1,300	2,500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,800	16,100	17,200	700	-400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	11,800	11,400	12,400	400	-600
Accommodation and food services	107,500	106,900	104,600	600	2,900
Accommodation	10,700	10,400	10,300	300	400
Food services and drinking places	96,800	96,500	94,300	300	2,500
Full-service restaurants	42,700	42,500	42,700	200	0
Limited-service eating places	42,400	42,200	40,800	200	1,600
Other services	43,200	42,800	41,700	400	1,500
Membership associations and organizations	17,800	17,700	17,900	100	-100
Government	154,200	153,600	152,200	600	2,000
Federal government	18,200	18,300	18,000	-100	200
State government	11,900	11,900	11,700	0	200
State education	1,700	2,200	2,700	-500	-1,000
Local government	124,100	123,400	122,500	700	1,600
Local education	69,300	68,800	69,600	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: 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.