

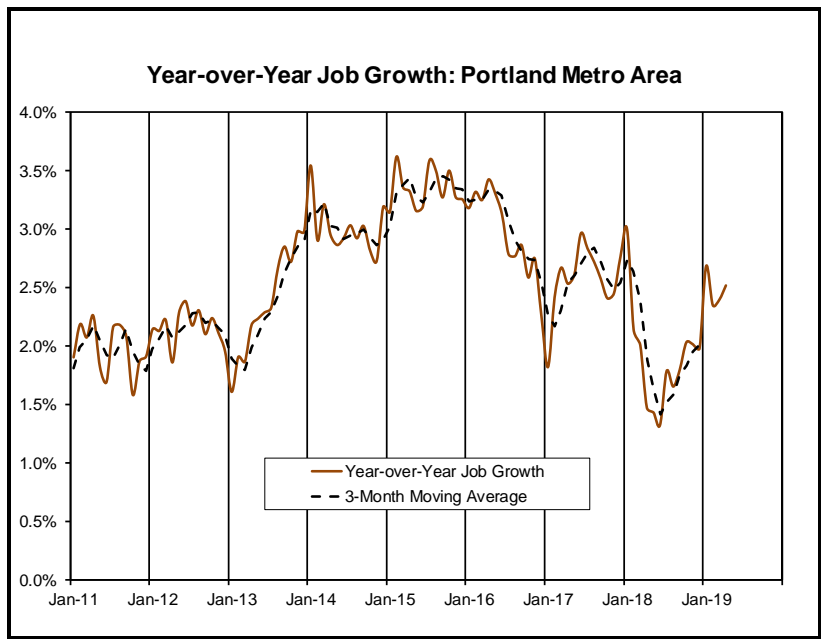
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Employment in the Portland Metro Area: April 2019

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in April; higher than the nation and lower than Oregon (4.3%). An estimated 49,475 area residents were unemployed; 682 more than a year earlier.

Employers added 400 jobs in April. Most broad industries were stable or added jobs over the month with the exception of trade, transportation, and utilities, which declined by 700 jobs due to cuts in the transportation and warehousing component.



Over the past year, nonfarm employment increased by 2.5 percent. Although slowing, construction remains the fastest-growing sector (5.9%). Manufacturing (3.5%) is outperforming the overall economy, powered by metals, high tech, and transportation equipment. Private education and health services (3.1%) is also growing faster than average. Both information and financial services are little changed over the year.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 25.

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 Labor Force and Industry Employment

| | April 2019 | March 2019 | April 2018 | ---Change from--- March 2019 | April 2018 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| LABOR FORCE STATUS | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,321,475 | 1,328,582 | 1,302,206 | -7,107 | 19,269 |
| Unemployed | 49,475 | 55,519 | 48,793 | -6,044 | 682 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.7% | 4.2% | 3.7% | -0.5 | 0.0 |
| Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted | 3.9% | 3.9% | 3.8% | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total Employed | 1,272,000 | 1,273,063 | 1,253,413 | -1,063 | 18,587 |
| NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm | 1,219,600 | 1,215,700 | 1,189,600 | 3,900 | 30,000 |
| Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted | 1,219,600 | 1,219,200 | 1,190,000 | 400 | 29,600 |
| Total private | 1,064,400 | 1,060,700 | 1,037,100 | 3,700 | 27,300 |
| Mining and Logging | 1,400 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 100 | 0 |
| Construction | 73,800 | 73,500 | 69,700 | 300 | 4,100 |
| Construction of buildings | 19,700 | 19,500 | 18,300 | 200 | 1,400 |
| Residential building construction | 11,600 | 11,500 | 10,800 | 100 | 800 |
| Nonresidential building construction | 8,100 | 8,000 | 7,500 | 100 | 600 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 5,800 | 5,700 | 5,500 | 100 | 300 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 48,300 | 48,300 | 45,900 | 0 | 2,400 |
| Manufacturing | 130,500 | 130,400 | 126,100 | 100 | 4,400 |
| Durable goods | 95,800 | 96,400 | 93,000 | -600 | 2,800 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,600 | 100 | 500 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 13,300 | 13,400 | 12,900 | -100 | 400 |
| Machinery manufacturing | 10,400 | 10,400 | 10,200 | 0 | 200 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 38,300 | 38,500 | 36,500 | -200 | 1,800 |
| Semiconductor and electronic component mfg. | 31,400 | 31,600 | 29,800 | -200 | 1,600 |
| Electronic instrument manufacturing | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,800 | 0 | 200 |
| Transportation equipment manufacturing | 7,300 | 7,200 | 6,700 | 100 | 600 |
| Nondurable goods | 34,700 | 34,000 | 33,100 | 700 | 1,600 |
| Food manufacturing | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Paper manufacturing | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,700 | 0 | -200 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 217,400 | 218,100 | 212,900 | -700 | 4,500 |
| Wholesale trade | 56,000 | 56,100 | 56,100 | -100 | -100 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 29,200 | 29,100 | 28,600 | 100 | 600 |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 20,100 | 20,300 | 20,900 | -200 | -800 |
| Electronic markets and agents and brokers | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,600 | 0 | 100 |
| Retail trade | 117,700 | 117,700 | 117,500 | 0 | 200 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 14,700 | 14,600 | 14,700 | 100 | 0 |
| Food and beverage stores | 23,500 | 23,400 | 23,400 | 100 | 100 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 10,700 | 10,700 | 10,200 | 0 | 500 |
| General merchandise stores | 22,900 | 22,900 | 23,000 | 0 | -100 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 43,700 | 44,300 | 39,300 | -600 | 4,400 |
| Utilities | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 0 | 100 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 41,200 | 41,800 | 36,900 | -600 | 4,300 |
| Air transportation | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,200 | 0 | 100 |
| Truck transportation | 10,800 | 10,800 | 10,700 | 0 | 100 |
| Couriers and messengers | 6,700 | 7,000 | 6,500 | -300 | 200 |
| Warehousing and storage | 7,700 | 7,600 | 4,800 | 100 | 2,900 |
| Information | 25,300 | 25,200 | 25,300 | 100 | 0 |
| Publishing industries, except internet | 10,600 | 10,700 | 10,200 | -100 | 400 |
| Software publishers | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,500 | 0 | 500 |
| Telecommunications | 4,000 | 4,100 | 4,400 | -100 | -400 |

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| Financial activities | 71,900 | 71,500 | 71,600 | 400 | 300 |
| Finance and insurance | 42,500 | 43,000 | 43,200 | -500 | -700 |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 18,500 | 18,600 | 19,200 | -100 | -700 |
| Insurance carriers and related activities | 18,300 | 18,500 | 18,100 | -200 | 200 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 29,400 | 28,500 | 28,400 | 900 | 1,000 |
| Professional and business services | 188,900 | 187,500 | 183,600 | 1,400 | 5,300 |
| Professional and technical services | 79,400 | 79,200 | 77,400 | 200 | 2,000 |
| Architectural and engineering services | 14,400 | 14,300 | 13,800 | 100 | 600 |
| Computer systems design and related services | 15,700 | 15,700 | 15,400 | 0 | 300 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 42,000 | 42,000 | 40,300 | 0 | 1,700 |
| Administrative and waste services | 67,500 | 66,300 | 65,900 | 1,200 | 1,600 |
| Administrative and support services | 64,500 | 63,400 | 62,700 | 1,100 | 1,800 |
| Employment services | 28,300 | 27,500 | 27,400 | 800 | 900 |
| Business support services | 7,100 | 7,100 | 6,800 | 0 | 300 |
| Services to buildings and dwellings | 15,900 | 15,300 | 15,900 | 600 | 0 |
| Education and health services | 186,500 | 186,500 | 180,900 | 0 | 5,600 |
| Educational services | 31,400 | 31,100 | 30,300 | 300 | 1,100 |
| Colleges and universities | 14,900 | 15,100 | 14,600 | -200 | 300 |
| Health care and social assistance | 155,100 | 155,400 | 150,600 | -300 | 4,500 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 59,000 | 59,200 | 56,600 | -200 | 2,400 |
| Hospitals | 31,400 | 31,600 | 31,400 | -200 | 0 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 28,000 | 28,000 | 27,500 | 0 | 500 |
| Social assistance | 36,700 | 36,600 | 35,100 | 100 | 1,600 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 125,900 | 123,900 | 123,700 | 2,000 | 2,200 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 18,800 | 17,800 | 17,800 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation | 13,700 | 12,900 | 12,800 | 800 | 900 |
| Accommodation and food services | 107,100 | 106,100 | 105,900 | 1,000 | 1,200 |
| Accommodation | 11,100 | 10,900 | 10,600 | 200 | 500 |
| Food services and drinking places | 96,000 | 95,200 | 95,300 | 800 | 700 |
| Full-service restaurants | 42,700 | 42,300 | 43,000 | 400 | -300 |
| Limited-service eating places | 42,100 | 41,600 | 41,200 | 500 | 900 |
| Other services | 42,800 | 42,800 | 41,900 | 0 | 900 |
| Membership associations and organizations | 17,700 | 17,900 | 17,900 | -200 | -200 |
| Government | 155,200 | 155,000 | 152,500 | 200 | 2,700 |
| Federal government | 18,300 | 18,100 | 18,000 | 200 | 300 |
| State government | 12,800 | 12,700 | 11,700 | 100 | 1,100 |
| State education | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,800 | 0 | 100 |
| Local government | 124,100 | 124,200 | 122,800 | -100 | 1,300 |
| Local education | 69,100 | 69,300 | 69,400 | -200 | -300 |