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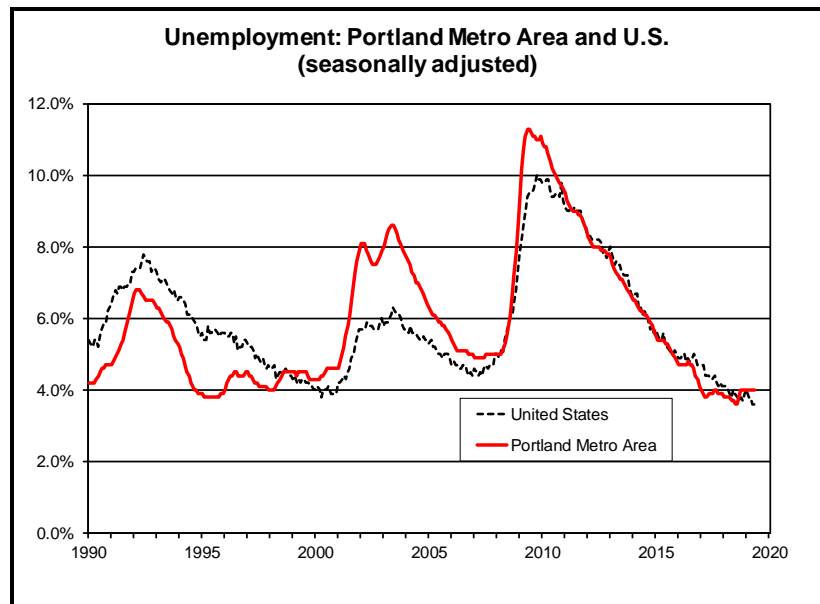
Employment in the Portland Metro Area: May 2019

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in May; essentially unchanged from April (3.9%). Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent and the national rate was 3.6 percent. An estimated 43,600 Portland-area residents were unemployed in May; 1,600 fewer than a year earlier.

The metro area's jobless rate has hovered between 3.8 and 4.0 percent for twenty-eight months, since January 2017. The region last experienced similarly low unemployment in the mid-nineties, but back then the rate began to rise after seventeen months.

Employers added 900 jobs in May (seasonally adjusted) following a gain of 800 in April. All broad industries followed seasonal trends with the exception of leisure and hospitality, which added about 500 fewer jobs than normal, mainly in the accommodation and restaurants component.

Over the past year, nonfarm employment increased by 2.6 percent; or 31,100 jobs. All broad industries contributed to growth. Construction remains the fastest-growing sector (6.2%). Information (3.6%) and manufacturing (3.5%) are also growing faster than the overall economy. Financial activities (1.3%) and leisure and hospitality (1.4%) are trailing.



Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 23.

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--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,319,891	1,322,236	1,300,973	-2,345	18,918
Unemployed	43,597	49,162	45,175	-5,565	-1,578
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.7%	3.5%	-0.4	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	1,276,294	1,273,074	1,255,798	3,220	20,496
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,224,800	1,220,500	1,193,700	4,300	31,100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,220,900</i>	<i>1,220,000</i>	<i>1,190,900</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>30,000</i>
Total private	1,068,900	1,065,400	1,040,900	3,500	28,000
Mining, logging, and construction	77,000	75,000	72,600	2,000	4,400
Mining and logging	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	0
Construction	75,600	73,700	71,200	1,900	4,400
Construction of buildings	20,100	19,700	18,500	400	1,600
Residential building construction	11,800	11,600	11,000	200	800
Nonresidential building construction	8,300	8,100	7,500	200	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,100	5,800	5,800	300	300
Specialty trade contractors	49,400	48,200	46,900	1,200	2,500
Manufacturing	130,700	130,700	126,600	0	4,100
Durable goods	95,900	96,000	93,200	-100	2,700
Wood product manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	6,100	6,100	5,600	0	500
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,300	13,400	13,100	-100	200
Machinery manufacturing	10,300	10,400	10,300	-100	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,500	38,300	36,500	200	2,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,500	31,400	29,800	100	1,700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	5,100	5,000	4,900	100	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,500	7,300	6,700	200	800
Nondurable goods	34,800	34,700	33,400	100	1,400
Food manufacturing	13,700	13,500	13,700	200	0
Paper manufacturing	2,400	2,500	2,700	-100	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	218,500	217,700	214,500	800	4,000
Wholesale trade	56,400	56,100	56,500	300	-100
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,100	28,900	28,700	200	400
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,600	20,500	21,100	100	-500
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,700	6,700	6,700	0	0
Retail trade	118,200	117,800	118,300	400	-100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,800	14,700	14,800	100	0
Food and beverage stores	23,600	23,400	23,600	200	0
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,600	10,700	10,300	-100	300
General merchandise stores	23,100	23,000	23,100	100	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	43,900	43,800	39,700	100	4,200
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	41,400	41,300	37,200	100	4,200
Air transportation	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Truck transportation	11,000	10,900	10,700	100	300
Couriers and messengers	6,800	6,700	6,500	100	300
Warehousing and storage	7,700	7,700	4,800	0	2,900
Information	25,900	25,400	25,000	500	900
Publishing industries, except internet	10,600	10,600	10,200	0	400
Software publishers	9,000	9,000	8,500	0	500
Telecommunications	4,100	4,200	4,400	-100	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
Financial activities	72,800	72,000	71,900	800	900
Finance and insurance	42,800	42,600	43,200	200	-400
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,800	18,500	19,200	300	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,200	18,300	18,100	-100	100
Real estate and rental and leasing	30,000	29,400	28,700	600	1,300
Professional and business services	189,000	188,800	183,700	200	5,300
Professional and technical services	79,000	79,400	76,500	-400	2,500
Architectural and engineering services	14,300	14,400	13,900	-100	400
Computer systems design and related services	15,700	15,700	15,500	0	200
Management of companies and enterprises	42,000	41,900	40,400	100	1,600
Administrative and waste services	68,000	67,500	66,800	500	1,200
Administrative and support services	65,400	64,600	63,500	800	1,900
Employment services	28,500	28,300	27,800	200	700
Business support services	7,100	7,100	6,900	0	200
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,300	15,800	16,100	500	200
Education and health services	184,700	186,800	179,000	-2,100	5,700
Educational services	29,800	31,600	27,800	-1,800	2,000
Colleges and universities	13,100	15,800	12,100	-2,700	1,000
Health care and social assistance	154,900	155,200	151,200	-300	3,700
Ambulatory health care services	58,700	59,200	56,800	-500	1,900
Hospitals	31,400	31,400	31,300	0	100
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,500	28,100	27,700	400	800
Social assistance	36,300	36,500	35,400	-200	900
Leisure and hospitality	127,200	126,100	125,400	1,100	1,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	19,000	18,600	18,300	400	700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	14,000	13,500	13,100	500	900
Accommodation and food services	108,200	107,500	107,100	700	1,100
Accommodation	11,300	11,100	10,700	200	600
Food services and drinking places	96,900	96,400	96,400	500	500
Full-service restaurants	42,600	42,700	43,700	-100	-1,100
Limited-service eating places	42,800	42,200	41,700	600	1,100
Other services	43,100	42,900	42,200	200	900
Membership associations and organizations	17,700	17,600	18,100	100	-400
Government	155,900	155,100	152,800	800	3,100
Federal government	18,400	18,200	18,000	200	400
State government	12,800	12,800	11,700	0	1,100
State education	2,600	2,800	2,700	-200	-100
Local government	124,700	124,100	123,100	600	1,600
Local education	69,300	69,100	69,300	200	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.