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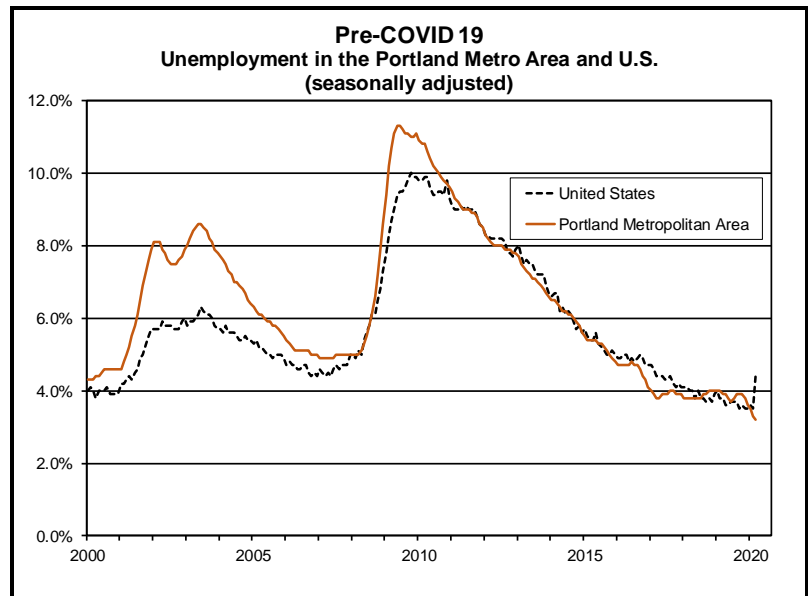
Employment in the Portland Metro Area: March 2020

The Oregon Employment Department is releasing employment and unemployment data for the month of March today. Because the reference period for the jobs report is based on the 12th of the month, these numbers will not reflect the full impacts of COVID-19, which started to disrupt the economy in mid-March.

The most current labor force data we are able to publish are initial claims for unemployment insurance. For this and other information on COVID-19, visit the Employment Department's QualityInfo.org [COVID-19 page](#).

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in March. Oregon's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.3 percent. The national rate rose from 3.5 percent in February to 4.4 percent in March, showing the leading edge of job losses related to the pandemic as closures began to take hold around the country.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in the Portland Metropolitan Area declined by 1,400 jobs in March (seasonally adjusted) following a gain of 400 jobs, as revised, in February.



Although public health measures related to social distancing began after most jobs data was collected, some employers appear to have started pulling back earlier. Employment in accommodation and food services declined 300 jobs when a gain of more than 1,000 is typical for this time of year. Retailers cut 600 jobs when a gain of several hundred is more the norm.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 27.

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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To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit www.oregon.gov/employ/Pages/COVID-19.aspx. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,332,501	1,335,977	1,324,868	-3,476	7,633
Unemployed	47,275	46,168	53,953	1,107	-6,678
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.5%	4.1%	0.0	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.2%	3.3%	3.9%	-0.1	-0.7
Employed	1,285,226	1,289,809	1,270,915	-4,583	14,311
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,222,400	1,222,300	1,213,200	100	9,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,229,000	1,230,400	1,217,000	-1,400	12,000
Total private	1,067,400	1,066,800	1,057,900	600	9,500
Mining, logging, and construction	78,200	76,800	74,900	1,400	3,300
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Construction	77,000	75,600	73,600	1,400	3,400
Construction of buildings	19,900	20,000	19,400	-100	500
Residential building construction	11,600	11,600	11,400	0	200
Nonresidential building construction	8,300	8,400	8,000	-100	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,300	6,200	5,800	100	500
Specialty trade contractors	50,800	49,400	48,400	1,400	2,400
Manufacturing	127,900	128,600	129,100	-700	-1,200
Durable goods	94,300	94,500	95,600	-200	-1,300
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	6,200	6,200	6,100	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,200	13,300	13,500	-100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	10,000	10,000	10,300	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,200	37,100	37,400	100	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,500	30,400	30,700	100	-200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,900	5,000	5,000	-100	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	-200
Nondurable goods	33,600	34,100	33,500	-500	100
Food manufacturing	13,200	13,000	13,400	200	-200
Paper manufacturing	2,400	2,500	2,400	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	220,900	220,800	217,500	100	3,400
Wholesale trade	57,900	57,700	56,800	200	1,100
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,000	30,000	29,500	0	500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	21,500	21,300	20,900	200	600
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
Retail trade	116,100	116,700	116,400	-600	-300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,400	14,400	14,300	0	100
Food and beverage stores	23,600	23,500	23,500	100	100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,000	10,100	10,400	-100	-400
General merchandise stores	22,500	22,800	22,700	-300	-200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	46,900	46,400	44,300	500	2,600
Utilities	2,500	2,600	2,500	-100	0
Transportation and warehousing	44,400	43,800	41,800	600	2,600
Air transportation	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Truck transportation	11,000	10,900	10,900	100	100
Couriers and messengers	7,000	7,000	7,200	0	-200
Warehousing and storage	8,900	8,900	7,600	0	1,300
Information	27,900	27,800	26,100	100	1,800
Publishing industries, except internet	11,200	11,200	10,700	0	500
Software publishers	9,600	9,600	9,100	0	500
Telecommunications	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Financial activities	72,900	72,600	72,400	300	500
Finance and insurance	42,900	42,900	43,000	0	-100
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,700	17,800	18,500	-100	-800
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,100	18,900	18,400	200	700
Real estate and rental and leasing	30,000	29,700	29,400	300	600
Professional and business services	187,300	186,500	186,800	800	500
Professional and technical services	79,800	79,000	78,600	800	1,200
Architectural and engineering services	16,000	15,900	14,500	100	1,500
Computer systems design and related services	15,400	15,400	15,500	0	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	42,900	43,000	42,300	-100	600
Administrative and waste services	64,600	64,500	65,900	100	-1,300
Administrative and support services	60,800	60,700	62,500	100	-1,700
Employment services	25,600	25,900	27,300	-300	-1,700
Business support services	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,100	14,800	15,200	300	-100
Education and health services	186,400	187,600	185,200	-1,200	1,200
Educational services	29,300	30,500	31,200	-1,200	-1,900
Colleges and universities	13,900	14,200	14,500	-300	-600
Health care and social assistance	157,100	157,100	154,000	0	3,100
Ambulatory health care services	57,700	58,100	57,500	-400	200
Hospitals	32,000	31,900	31,600	100	400
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,500	28,900	28,100	600	1,400
Social assistance	37,900	38,200	36,800	-300	1,100
Leisure and hospitality	122,400	122,900	123,400	-500	-1,000
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,600	16,800	17,400	-200	-800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,100	12,200	12,600	-100	-500
Accommodation and food services	105,800	106,100	106,000	-300	-200
Accommodation	11,200	11,100	10,800	100	400
Food services and drinking places	94,600	95,000	95,200	-400	-600
Full-service restaurants	42,400	42,100	42,500	300	-100
Limited-service eating places	42,000	42,100	41,500	-100	500
Other services	43,500	43,200	42,500	300	1,000
Membership associations and organizations	17,900	17,900	17,800	0	100
Government	155,000	155,500	155,300	-500	-300
Federal government	18,400	18,400	18,300	0	100
State government	12,200	12,200	12,400	0	-200
State education	2,800	2,700	2,700	100	100
Local government	124,400	124,900	124,600	-500	-200
Local education	70,800	70,600	70,200	200	600

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.