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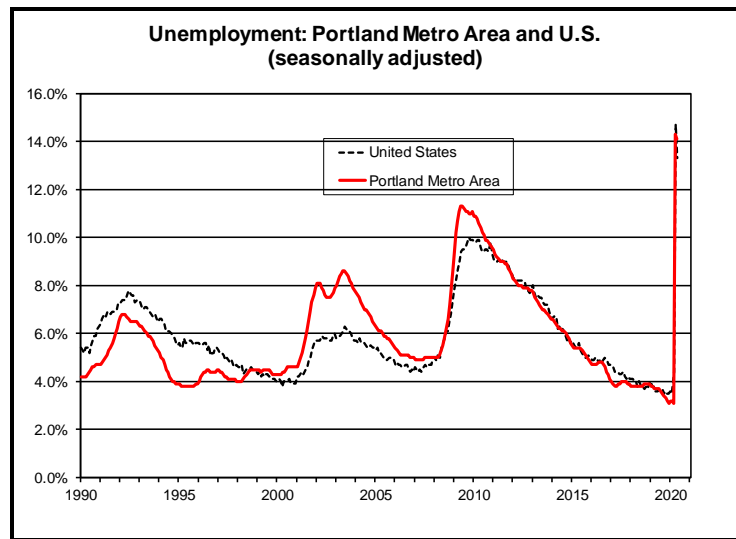
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Double-Digit Unemployment Portland Metropolitan Area: May 2020

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was little changed in May at 14.1 percent compared with 14.3 percent in April (seasonally adjusted) as COVID-19 continues to negatively impact the region. The May and April rates are the highest on record. Approximately 184,000 area residents were unemployed in May.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 7,100 jobs in May as some businesses began reopening on a limited basis. These gains represent just 4 percent of the total number of jobs lost since the pandemic hit the region (163,900 jobs).

Ambulatory health care services added back 4,200 of the 11,300 jobs lost over the prior two months as some restrictions surrounding non-emergency medical procedures, dental clinics, and other health care providers lifted May 1. Retail trade recouped 2,000 jobs in May, or 10 percent of April's losses, buoyed by the mid-month easing of some restrictions. Restaurants added back 8,500 jobs (of 47,000 lost) as some establishments re-opened for takeout. Finally, construction saw a surge in employment (+6,900 jobs) following steep losses in April (-8,600).



On the negative side, the impact of restrictions, closures, and reduced demand rippled into other sectors of the economy. Manufacturers cut 3,800 jobs, with losses in durable goods – largely high tech – offsetting a gain in nondurables. Local government education (K-12 and higher education) lost 4,600 jobs due to pandemic-induced closures.

Every large metro region across the nation has lost jobs during the pandemic. Portland's three-month rate of decline (-12.3%) ranks 18th steepest among the nation's 50 largest metro areas.

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 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, OR-WA MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,335,054	1,329,175	1,315,744	5,879	19,310
Unemployed	183,809	189,218	44,343	-5,409	139,466
Unemployment rate	13.8%	14.2%	3.4%	-0.4	10.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>14.1%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>10.4</i>
Employed	1,151,245	1,139,957	1,271,401	11,288	-120,156
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,075,700	1,066,200	1,222,400	9,500	-146,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,073,600</i>	<i>1,066,500</i>	<i>1,218,700</i>	<i>7,100</i>	<i>-145,100</i>
Total private	929,800	915,400	1,066,400	14,400	-136,600
Mining, logging, and construction	76,200	69,200	76,800	7,000	-600
Mining and logging	1,200	1,100	1,300	100	-100
Construction	75,000	68,100	75,500	6,900	-500
Construction of buildings	18,200	18,000	19,700	200	-1,500
Residential building construction	10,600	10,300	11,600	300	-1,000
Nonresidential building construction	7,600	7,700	8,100	-100	-500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,800	6,300	6,200	500	600
Specialty trade contractors	50,000	43,800	49,600	6,200	400
Manufacturing	118,000	121,800	129,400	-3,800	-11,400
Durable goods	87,900	92,600	95,400	-4,700	-7,500
Wood product manufacturing	3,500	3,800	4,000	-300	-500
Primary metal manufacturing	5,300	6,100	6,100	-800	-800
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,300	12,700	13,500	-400	-1,200
Machinery manufacturing	9,900	9,800	10,100	100	-200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	34,800	37,200	37,300	-2,400	-2,500
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,900	30,400	30,600	-1,500	-1,700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,400	4,900	5,000	-500	-600
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,300	7,000	7,700	300	-400
Nondurable goods	30,100	29,200	34,000	900	-3,900
Food manufacturing	11,900	11,500	13,600	400	-1,700
Paper manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	202,800	199,500	218,800	3,300	-16,000
Wholesale trade	56,400	54,500	57,400	1,900	-1,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,300	28,500	29,600	800	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,900	19,700	21,300	1,200	-400
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,200	6,300	6,500	-100	-300
Retail trade	103,400	101,400	116,900	2,000	-13,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,600	12,500	14,600	100	-2,000
Food and beverage stores	24,600	24,400	23,600	200	1,000
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5,400	5,400	10,100	0	-4,700
General merchandise stores	22,600	22,200	22,600	400	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	43,000	43,600	44,500	-600	-1,500
Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	40,400	41,000	42,000	-600	-1,600
Air transportation	3,400	4,000	4,100	-600	-700
Truck transportation	10,600	10,700	11,200	-100	-600
Couriers and messengers	6,900	6,600	7,000	300	-100
Warehousing and storage	8,900	8,600	7,600	300	1,300
Information	24,100	25,300	27,000	-1,200	-2,900
Publishing industries, except internet	10,400	11,400	10,900	-1,000	-500
Software publishers	8,900	9,700	9,300	-800	-400
Telecommunications	3,900	4,000	4,100	-100	-200

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Financial activities	68,300	68,700	73,100	-400	-4,800
Finance and insurance	40,600	41,400	42,900	-800	-2,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,200	17,500	18,300	-300	-1,100
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,100	18,600	18,500	-500	-400
Real estate and rental and leasing	27,700	27,300	30,200	400	-2,500
Professional and business services	177,000	178,000	188,700	-1,000	-11,700
Professional and technical services	75,500	76,200	78,000	-700	-2,500
Architectural and engineering services	15,500	15,300	14,800	200	700
Computer systems design and related services	15,000	15,000	15,500	0	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	40,500	41,500	42,800	-1,000	-2,300
Administrative and waste services	61,000	60,300	67,900	700	-6,900
Administrative and support services	57,500	56,800	64,500	700	-7,000
Employment services	22,800	23,300	28,200	-500	-5,400
Business support services	6,700	6,600	7,000	100	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,200	14,600	15,900	600	-700
Education and health services	165,800	163,200	182,300	2,600	-16,500
Educational services	23,600	25,000	27,900	-1,400	-4,300
Colleges and universities	10,500	12,300	11,200	-1,800	-700
Health care and social assistance	142,200	138,200	154,400	4,000	-12,200
Ambulatory health care services	51,000	46,800	57,800	4,200	-6,800
Hospitals	30,900	30,900	31,400	0	-500
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,800	29,000	28,100	-200	700
Social assistance	31,500	31,500	37,100	0	-5,600
Leisure and hospitality	62,100	54,200	127,300	7,900	-65,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	7,400	8,200	18,400	-800	-11,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	4,500	4,800	13,300	-300	-8,800
Accommodation and food services	54,700	46,000	108,900	8,700	-54,200
Accommodation	4,500	4,600	11,300	-100	-6,800
Food services and drinking places	50,200	41,400	97,600	8,800	-47,400
Full-service restaurants	17,400	12,400	43,500	5,000	-26,100
Limited-service eating places	28,500	25,000	42,700	3,500	-14,200
Other services	35,500	35,500	43,000	0	-7,500
Membership associations and organizations	16,700	16,700	18,000	0	-1,300
Government	145,900	150,800	156,000	-4,900	-10,100
Federal government	18,300	18,300	18,400	0	-100
State government	11,900	12,200	12,500	-300	-600
State education	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Local government	115,700	120,300	125,100	-4,600	-9,400
Local education	64,600	68,800	70,200	-4,200	-5,600

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.