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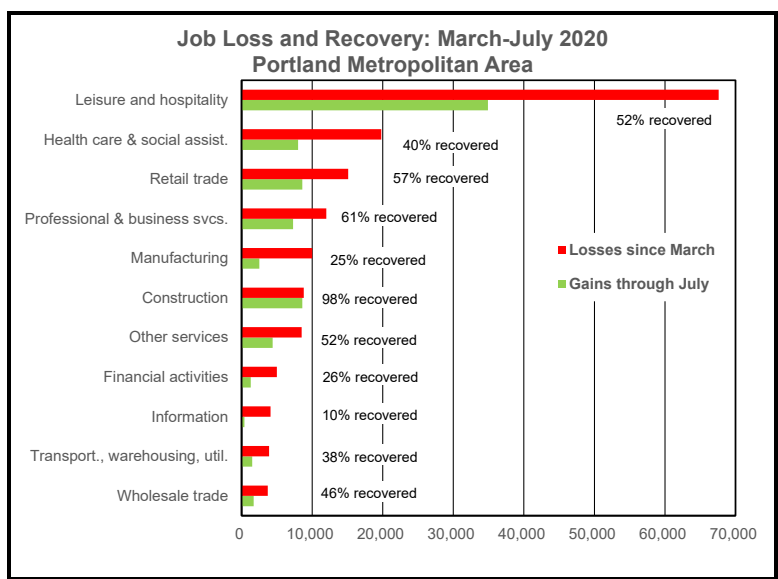
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Portland Metropolitan Area: July 2020

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate declined to 11.2 percent in June from 14.2 percent in May. June's rate is similar to the national rate of 11.1 percent. Approximately 154,000 area residents remain unemployed.

The region's nonfarm employment rose by 12,100 jobs in July, following a gain of 34,600 jobs in June (seasonally adjusted). Over the past three months employers added back 55,200 jobs, or one-third of March and April losses (-169,700).

Over-the-month gains were largest in professional and business services (+5,100), driven by a surge in temp help. Leisure and hospitality (+4,300) was the second largest gainer, propelled by hiring at eating and drinking places. Retail trade regained 2,900 jobs.



Every major private-sector industry has lost jobs during the pandemic, and most have made a partial recovery, but gains have not been distributed equally. Five sectors have regained more than half of lost jobs:

- Leisure and hospitality, the hardest-hit industry as measured by job losses, has regained 52 percent of the March and April decline (+34,900 jobs).
- 'Other services', which includes hair and nail salons, gyms, and other personal care businesses, has also regained 52 percent of losses (+4,400 jobs).
- Retailers have brought back 57 percent of lost jobs. Grocery and general merchandise stores (e.g. Walmart, Fred Meyer, Costco) are each 1,200 jobs above March levels, while clothing stores, auto dealerships, and other components of retail are thousands below.
- Professional and business services has regained 61 percent of lost jobs, driven in large part by temp help (+7,300 jobs).
- Construction is back to March levels.

Two sectors have regained one-quarter or less of lost jobs:

- Information cut 4,100 jobs, adding back 700 in June before retreating in July. Movie theaters and production companies closed or curtailed operations due to the pandemic and have yet to re-open.
- Manufacturing shed jobs through May; a month when most other industries started to recover. As of July, it has added back 2,900 of the 10,400 lost jobs.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 22.

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--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,325,165	1,363,261	1,331,809	-38,096	-6,644
Unemployed	147,477	160,767	50,689	-13,290	96,788
Unemployment rate	11.1%	11.8%	3.8%	-0.7	7.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11.0%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>7.4</i>
Employed	1,177,688	1,202,494	1,281,120	-24,806	-103,432
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,120,600	1,112,500	1,218,800	8,100	-98,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,117,000</i>	<i>1,104,900</i>	<i>1,222,700</i>	<i>12,100</i>	<i>-105,700</i>
Total private	979,900	965,900	1,073,400	14,000	-93,500
Mining, logging, and construction	75,600	75,600	79,100	0	-3,500
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Construction	74,400	74,400	77,800	0	-3,400
Construction of buildings	20,000	19,300	20,400	700	-400
Residential building construction	10,700	10,500	11,900	200	-1,200
Nonresidential building construction	9,300	8,800	8,500	500	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,700	6,600	6,800	100	-100
Specialty trade contractors	47,700	48,500	50,600	-800	-2,900
Manufacturing	119,500	119,900	130,700	-400	-11,200
Durable goods	89,100	89,900	95,800	-800	-6,700
Wood product manufacturing	4,000	3,800	4,000	200	0
Primary metal manufacturing	5,000	5,000	6,200	0	-1,200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,300	12,600	13,500	-300	-1,200
Machinery manufacturing	9,700	9,700	10,100	0	-400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,700	37,000	37,700	-300	-1,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,000	31,100	30,900	-100	100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,200	4,400	5,100	-200	-900
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,500	6,500	7,600	0	-1,100
Nondurable goods	30,400	30,000	34,900	400	-4,500
Food manufacturing	12,600	12,300	14,100	300	-1,500
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,400	2,400	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	210,800	206,700	221,100	4,100	-10,300
Wholesale trade	55,400	54,900	57,600	500	-2,200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,500	29,200	29,800	300	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,100	20,000	21,400	100	-1,300
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	5,800	5,700	6,400	100	-600
Retail trade	109,400	106,500	118,200	2,900	-8,800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,900	13,100	14,700	-200	-1,800
Food and beverage stores	24,700	25,000	24,000	-300	700
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,100	6,700	10,400	400	-3,300
General merchandise stores	23,700	23,200	22,800	500	900
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	46,000	45,300	45,300	700	700
Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	43,400	42,700	42,700	700	700
Air transportation	3,100	3,300	4,200	-200	-1,100
Truck transportation	10,000	10,300	11,400	-300	-1,400
Couriers and messengers	9,200	9,000	7,100	200	2,100
Warehousing and storage	10,900	10,700	8,900	200	2,000
Information	22,600	22,900	26,200	-300	-3,600
Publishing industries, except internet	10,700	10,500	11,100	200	-400
Software publishers	8,900	8,800	9,500	100	-600
Telecommunications	3,600	3,600	4,000	0	-400

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Financial activities	70,400	70,200	74,200	200	-3,800
Finance and insurance	41,700	41,800	43,200	-100	-1,500
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,700	17,800	18,300	-100	-600
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,400	18,300	18,700	100	-300
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,700	28,400	31,000	300	-2,300
Professional and business services	184,000	178,900	190,500	5,100	-6,500
Professional and technical services	76,200	74,800	78,900	1,400	-2,700
Architectural and engineering services	15,100	14,600	15,100	500	0
Computer systems design and related services	14,900	15,000	15,700	-100	-800
Management of companies and enterprises	41,300	40,700	43,700	600	-2,400
Administrative and waste services	66,500	63,400	67,900	3,100	-1,400
Administrative and support services	62,900	59,700	64,400	3,200	-1,500
Employment services	27,800	24,100	27,500	3,700	300
Business support services	6,500	6,400	7,000	100	-500
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,700	15,800	16,300	-100	-600
Education and health services	167,500	167,800	177,500	-300	-10,000
Educational services	22,400	23,000	23,400	-600	-1,000
Colleges and universities	8,600	8,500	8,500	100	100
Health care and social assistance	145,100	144,800	154,100	300	-9,000
Ambulatory health care services	55,100	54,700	57,900	400	-2,800
Hospitals	30,600	31,000	31,600	-400	-1,000
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,300	28,000	28,300	300	0
Social assistance	31,100	31,100	36,300	0	-5,200
Leisure and hospitality	90,700	86,400	131,000	4,300	-40,300
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,600	14,000	20,300	-400	-6,700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	10,500	9,700	15,100	800	-4,600
Accommodation and food services	77,100	72,400	110,700	4,700	-33,600
Accommodation	5,700	6,000	12,000	-300	-6,300
Food services and drinking places	71,400	66,400	98,700	5,000	-27,300
Full-service restaurants	28,200	26,800	43,800	1,400	-15,600
Limited-service eating places	34,400	32,000	43,600	2,400	-9,200
Other services	38,800	37,500	43,100	1,300	-4,300
Membership associations and organizations	15,200	15,700	18,100	-500	-2,900
Government	140,700	146,600	145,400	-5,900	-4,700
Federal government	18,700	18,500	18,500	200	200
State government	12,400	12,500	11,900	-100	500
State education	2,300	2,300	1,900	0	400
Local government	109,600	115,600	115,000	-6,000	-5,400
Local education	55,900	62,000	59,300	-6,100	-3,400

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.