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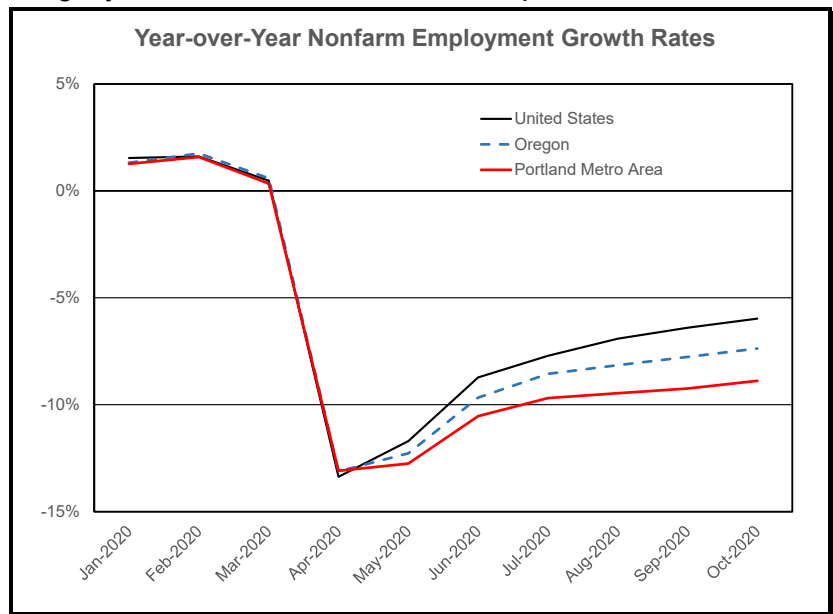
Portland Metropolitan Area: October 2020

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent in October from 8.2 percent in September. The statewide and national rates were both 6.9 percent. Approximately 90,000 area residents remain unemployed; 50,000 more than a year ago.

The region's nonfarm employment rose by 7,900 jobs, following a gain of 3,600 jobs in September (seasonally adjusted). Newly revised data show that employers have added back 62,900 jobs over the past six months, 36 percent of March and April losses (-176,900).

Most major industries added jobs in October (not seasonally adjusted). Leisure and hospitality, the industry most impacted by the pandemic, added 1,500 jobs over the month, entirely in bars and restaurants. This sector has recovered slightly more than half of March and April's losses. Retailers also continue to add back jobs, averaging 2,000 per month from May through October and totaling over 80 percent of pandemic losses.

Manufacturing was flat in October. This sector started slowing prior to the pandemic, with seven consecutive months of losses leading up to March. Although March and April declines were milder than most other industries, it has continued to shed jobs in the ensuing months as other sectors have launched recoveries.



Over the year, employment is down 8.9 percent in the metro area compared to 7.3 percent statewide and 6.1 percent nationally.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 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 MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,352,752	1,284,390	1,331,691	68,362	21,061
Unemployed	90,178	101,661	40,298	-11,483	49,880
Unemployment rate	6.7%	7.9%	3.0%	-1.2	3.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.9%	8.2%	3.3%	-1.3	3.6
Employed	1,262,574	1,182,729	1,291,393	79,845	-28,819
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,125,000	1,112,300	1,234,700	12,700	-109,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,119,400	1,111,500	1,228,500	7,900	-109,100
Total private	983,200	971,900	1,080,000	11,300	-96,800
Mining, logging, and construction	73,700	72,500	78,900	1,200	-5,200
Mining and logging	1,300	1,200	1,300	100	0
Construction	72,400	71,300	77,600	1,100	-5,200
Construction of buildings	19,700	19,500	20,700	200	-1,000
Residential building construction	11,300	11,100	12,000	200	-700
Nonresidential building construction	8,400	8,400	8,700	0	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,100	6,200	6,600	-100	-500
Specialty trade contractors	46,600	45,600	50,300	1,000	-3,700
Manufacturing	117,500	117,600	129,200	-100	-11,700
Durable goods	86,900	86,600	94,700	300	-7,800
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,400	4,500	6,400	-100	-2,000
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,900	11,700	13,200	200	-1,300
Machinery manufacturing	9,600	9,600	9,900	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,700	36,700	37,600	0	-900
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,700	30,600	31,000	100	-300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,400	4,400	5,000	0	-600
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,500	5,800	7,200	-300	-1,700
Nondurable goods	30,600	31,000	34,500	-400	-3,900
Food manufacturing	12,400	12,800	13,500	-400	-1,100
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	217,400	213,800	222,300	3,600	-4,900
Wholesale trade	54,300	54,000	57,100	300	-2,800
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,200	29,100	29,700	100	-500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	18,900	19,100	21,200	-200	-2,300
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,200	5,800	6,200	400	0
Retail trade	113,100	110,700	117,800	2,400	-4,700
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,100	12,800	14,500	300	-1,400
Food and beverage stores	24,000	24,100	23,800	-100	200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	6,700	6,200	10,200	500	-3,500
General merchandise stores	25,100	24,800	23,100	300	2,000
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,000	49,100	47,400	900	2,600
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	47,600	46,700	44,900	900	2,700
Air transportation	3,200	3,200	4,200	0	-1,000
Truck transportation	10,600	10,500	11,200	100	-600
Couriers and messengers	10,200	9,600	7,700	600	2,500
Warehousing and storage	13,700	13,700	9,900	0	3,800
Information	24,300	24,100	26,300	200	-2,000
Publishing industries, except internet	11,200	11,100	11,100	100	100
Software publishers	9,900	9,800	9,600	100	300
Telecommunications	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Financial activities	72,000	72,500	74,200	-500	-2,200
Finance and insurance	43,700	43,600	43,300	100	400
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,800	17,900	18,200	-100	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,900	19,700	18,700	200	1,200
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,300	28,900	30,900	-600	-2,600
Professional and business services	181,800	178,500	192,800	3,300	-11,000
Professional and technical services	77,000	75,400	79,300	1,600	-2,300
Architectural and engineering services	14,800	14,700	15,200	100	-400
Computer systems design and related services	15,200	14,800	15,800	400	-600
Management of companies and enterprises	41,100	41,200	43,100	-100	-2,000
Administrative and waste services	63,700	61,900	70,400	1,800	-6,700
Administrative and support services	59,300	57,200	65,900	2,100	-6,600
Employment services	26,900	24,900	29,200	2,000	-2,300
Business support services	5,900	6,000	7,000	-100	-1,100
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,300	15,000	16,100	300	-800
Education and health services	174,300	172,900	187,100	1,400	-12,800
Educational services	24,300	24,200	31,000	100	-6,700
Colleges and universities	11,900	12,100	14,100	-200	-2,200
Health care and social assistance	150,000	148,700	156,100	1,300	-6,100
Ambulatory health care services	55,200	55,100	58,500	100	-3,300
Hospitals	30,200	30,000	31,700	200	-1,500
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,200	28,900	28,500	300	700
Social assistance	35,400	34,700	37,400	700	-2,000
Leisure and hospitality	85,300	83,800	126,500	1,500	-41,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	9,100	9,300	18,100	-200	-9,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	7,000	7,200	12,600	-200	-5,600
Accommodation and food services	76,200	74,500	108,400	1,700	-32,200
Accommodation	5,200	5,400	11,400	-200	-6,200
Food services and drinking places	71,000	69,100	97,000	1,900	-26,000
Full-service restaurants	27,000	25,800	42,900	1,200	-15,900
Limited-service eating places	36,500	36,800	42,400	-300	-5,900
Other services	36,900	36,200	42,700	700	-5,800
Membership associations and organizations	15,400	14,800	17,800	600	-2,400
Government	141,800	140,400	154,700	1,400	-12,900
Federal government	18,900	19,500	18,400	-600	500
State government	13,200	13,000	12,600	200	600
State education	3,000	2,800	2,800	200	200
Local government	109,700	107,900	123,700	1,800	-14,000
Local education	58,000	56,200	68,900	1,800	-10,900

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.