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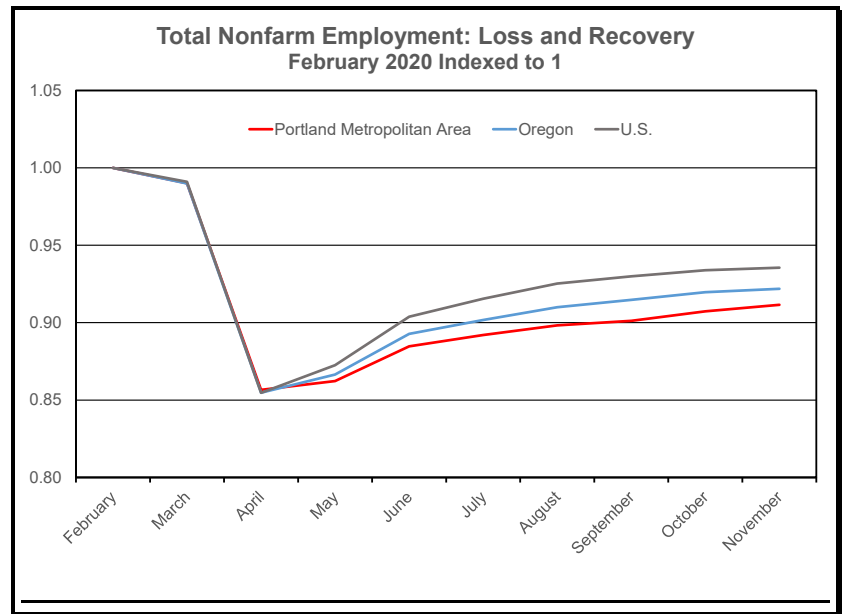
Portland Metropolitan Area: November 2020

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 6.2% in November from 6.8% in October. The statewide rate was 6.0% and the national rate was 6.7%. Approximately 78,000 area residents remain unemployed; 39,000 more than a year ago.

On November 18, Oregon implemented a 'freeze' to combat the surging cases of COVID-19 in the state. This employment press release covers Portland's employment situation just prior to the freeze start date.

The metro area's nonfarm employment rose by 5,200 jobs, following a gain of 7,600 jobs in October (seasonally adjusted). Employers have added back 67,800 jobs over the past seven months, 38% of March and April losses (-176,900). In comparison, the state has recovered 46% of pandemic losses. The Portland region has been slower to regain jobs in the hard-hit leisure and hospitality sector.

Manufacturing added jobs for the first time in five months and for the second time since July 2019. This sector was shedding jobs prior to the pandemic, with weakness spread across various components including transportation equipment manufacturing, metals, and machinery. The pandemic accelerated those trends, notably in transportation equipment and metals.



Over the year, total nonfarm employment is down 8.6% compared with 7.4% statewide and 6.1% nationally. All major industries remain in the red with the exception of transportation and warehousing. Online shopping is booming and the industry has hired thousands of workers to keep up with demand in warehouses and for delivery drivers.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

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--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,325,854	1,357,442	1,334,229	-31,588	-8,375
Unemployed	77,952	88,955	38,933	-11,003	39,019
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.6%	2.9%	-0.7	3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.8%	3.2%	-0.6	3.0
Employed	1,247,902	1,268,487	1,295,296	-20,585	-47,394
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,130,100	1,124,700	1,241,500	5,400	-111,400
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,124,300</i>	<i>1,119,100</i>	<i>1,230,500</i>	<i>5,200</i>	<i>-106,200</i>
Total private	989,100	983,400	1,085,300	5,700	-96,200
Mining, logging, and construction	72,100	73,500	78,400	-1,400	-6,300
Mining and logging	1,100	1,200	1,300	-100	-200
Construction	71,000	72,300	77,100	-1,300	-6,100
Construction of buildings	19,400	19,700	20,700	-300	-1,300
Residential building construction	11,400	11,300	11,900	100	-500
Nonresidential building construction	8,000	8,400	8,800	-400	-800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,200	6,100	6,400	-900	-1,200
Specialty trade contractors	46,400	46,500	50,000	-100	-3,600
Manufacturing	118,100	117,200	128,700	900	-10,600
Durable goods	87,500	86,800	94,700	700	-7,200
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,500	4,400	6,300	100	-1,800
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,300	11,900	13,200	400	-900
Machinery manufacturing	9,500	9,600	9,900	-100	-400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,800	36,700	37,500	100	-700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,500	30,600	30,900	-100	-400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,400	4,900	100	-400
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,500	5,600	7,200	-100	-1,700
Nondurable goods	30,600	30,400	34,000	200	-3,400
Food manufacturing	12,300	12,500	13,300	-200	-1,000
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	223,100	217,600	228,300	5,500	-5,200
Wholesale trade	55,000	54,400	57,500	600	-2,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,300	29,300	29,800	0	-500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	19,400	18,900	21,500	500	-2,100
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,300	6,200	6,200	100	100
Retail trade	116,300	113,200	120,600	3,100	-4,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,900	13,100	14,500	-200	-1,600
Food and beverage stores	24,600	24,000	23,900	600	700
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,700	6,600	11,000	1,100	-3,300
General merchandise stores	25,700	25,100	24,600	600	1,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	51,800	50,000	50,200	1,800	1,600
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	49,400	47,600	47,700	1,800	1,700
Air transportation	3,500	3,200	4,200	300	-700
Truck transportation	10,100	10,500	11,200	-400	-1,100
Couriers and messengers	12,500	10,200	8,300	2,300	4,200
Warehousing and storage	14,100	13,700	12,100	400	2,000
Information	24,300	24,300	26,600	0	-2,300
Publishing industries, except internet	11,300	11,300	11,200	0	100
Software publishers	9,900	9,900	9,600	0	300
Telecommunications	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	--Change From--	
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Financial activities	70,800	71,400	73,900	-600	-3,100
Finance and insurance	42,700	43,100	43,300	-400	-600
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,800	17,700	18,200	100	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,300	19,300	18,700	0	600
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,100	28,300	30,600	-200	-2,500
Professional and business services	184,700	182,500	192,900	2,200	-8,200
Professional and technical services	78,200	76,900	79,200	1,300	-1,000
Architectural and engineering services	15,400	14,800	15,300	600	100
Computer systems design and related services	15,300	15,200	15,800	100	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	41,000	41,100	43,300	-100	-2,300
Administrative and waste services	65,500	64,500	70,400	1,000	-4,900
Administrative and support services	60,900	60,000	65,900	900	-5,000
Employment services	27,500	27,400	29,200	100	-1,700
Business support services	6,000	5,900	6,900	100	-900
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,300	15,400	16,000	-100	-700
Education and health services	176,100	175,100	188,300	1,000	-12,200
Educational services	25,200	24,900	31,400	300	-6,200
Colleges and universities	12,400	12,500	14,300	-100	-1,900
Health care and social assistance	150,900	150,200	156,900	700	-6,000
Ambulatory health care services	55,700	55,300	58,800	400	-3,100
Hospitals	30,500	30,200	31,900	300	-1,400
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,000	29,200	28,800	-200	200
Social assistance	35,700	35,500	37,400	200	-1,700
Leisure and hospitality	84,000	85,000	125,400	-1,000	-41,400
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	8,900	9,000	17,700	-100	-8,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	6,700	6,800	12,600	-100	-5,900
Accommodation and food services	75,100	76,000	107,700	-900	-32,600
Accommodation	5,100	5,200	11,200	-100	-6,100
Food services and drinking places	70,000	70,800	96,500	-800	-26,500
Full-service restaurants	26,500	27,000	42,600	-500	-16,100
Limited-service eating places	36,800	36,400	42,200	400	-5,400
Other services	35,900	36,800	42,800	-900	-6,900
Membership associations and organizations	15,300	15,400	17,900	-100	-2,600
Government	141,000	141,300	156,200	-300	-15,200
Federal government	18,500	18,900	18,400	-400	100
State government	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	100
State education	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Local government	109,700	109,600	125,100	100	-15,400
Local education	58,000	57,900	70,100	100	-12,100

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.