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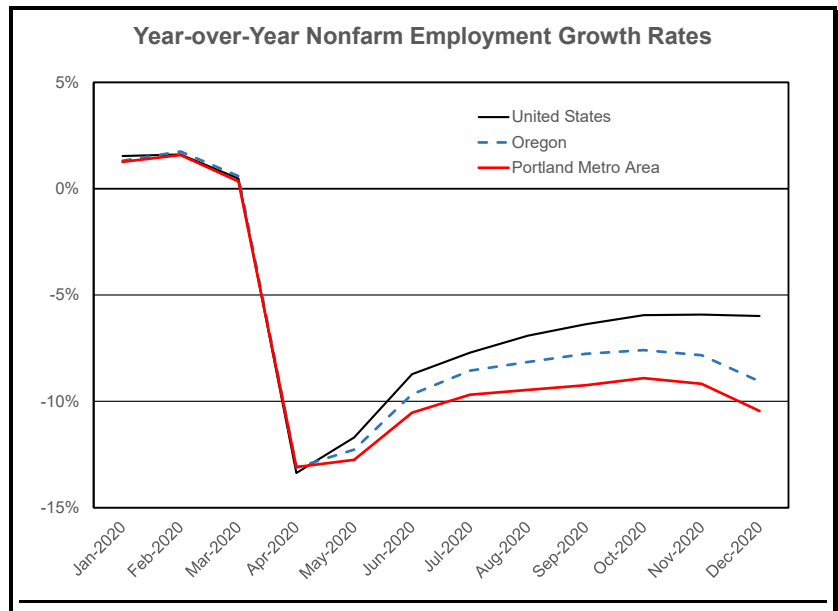
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Portland Metropolitan Area: December 2020

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate rose to 6.1% in December from 5.9% in November. The statewide rate was 6.4% and the national rate was 6.7%. Approximately 80,300 area residents remain unemployed; 42,600 more than a year ago.

Employers cut 16,000 jobs in December following seven months of gains (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May, the region has regained 49,300 jobs, or 28% of March and April losses (-176,900). In comparison, Oregon has added back 37% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 56%.

Losses were greatest in industries that were among the hardest hit in the pandemic's early days. Bars and restaurants cut 11,800 jobs in December as establishments closed or reduced operations in the midst of COVID's second wave. The arts, entertainment, and recreation sector, which includes gyms and golf courses, lost 2,700 jobs.



On the plus side, transportation and warehousing gained 3,100 jobs, twice what is typical for this time of year. Online shopping surged during the pandemic and was further bolstered by holiday shopping in December, resulting in strong hiring for warehouse workers and delivery drivers at the region's fulfillment centers.

Over the year, employment is down 10.5% in the metro area. The leisure and hospitality industry has lost nearly half of its jobs. At the other end of the spectrum, transportation, warehousing, and utilities is up 1.9% over the year and is the only broad industry in the black.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 9.

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--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,316,280	1,327,489	1,332,520	-11,209	-16,240
Unemployed	80,340	77,112	37,717	3,228	42,623
Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.8%	2.8%	0.3	3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	5.9%	3.1%	0.2	3.0
Employed	1,235,940	1,250,377	1,294,803	-14,437	-58,863
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,111,600	1,127,600	1,241,400	-16,000	-129,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,105,800	1,121,800	1,232,700	-16,000	-126,900
Total private	971,100	986,600	1,085,500	-15,500	-114,400
Mining, logging, and construction	69,500	72,000	77,400	-2,500	-7,900
Mining and logging	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Construction	68,400	70,900	76,200	-2,500	-7,800
Construction of buildings	19,000	19,500	20,600	-500	-1,600
Residential building construction	10,900	11,400	11,800	-500	-900
Nonresidential building construction	8,100	8,100	8,800	0	-700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,200	5,200	6,200	0	-1,000
Specialty trade contractors	44,200	46,200	49,400	-2,000	-5,200
Manufacturing	118,800	118,700	128,600	100	-9,800
Durable goods	88,300	87,600	94,700	700	-6,400
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,800	3,800	100	100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,500	4,500	6,300	0	-1,800
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,200	12,200	13,200	0	-1,000
Machinery manufacturing	9,600	9,600	10,000	0	-400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,300	36,800	37,500	500	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,600	30,500	31,000	100	-400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,500	4,900	100	-300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,400	5,500	7,200	-100	-1,800
Nondurable goods	30,500	31,100	33,900	-600	-3,400
Food manufacturing	12,300	12,500	13,500	-200	-1,200
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,500	2,500	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	225,900	221,100	231,300	4,800	-5,400
Wholesale trade	54,700	54,600	57,600	100	-2,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,200	29,100	29,800	100	-600
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	19,400	19,300	21,600	100	-2,200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,100	6,200	6,200	-100	-100
Retail trade	117,900	116,300	121,400	1,600	-3,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,900	13,000	14,300	-100	-1,400
Food and beverage stores	24,400	24,500	24,000	-100	400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,100	7,400	11,600	-300	-4,500
General merchandise stores	27,300	26,200	24,900	1,100	2,400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	53,300	50,200	52,300	3,100	1,000
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	50,900	47,800	49,800	3,100	1,100
Air transportation	3,500	3,500	4,200	0	-700
Truck transportation	10,200	10,000	11,100	200	-900
Couriers and messengers	13,500	11,200	10,100	2,300	3,400
Warehousing and storage	14,000	14,000	12,400	0	1,600
Information	24,500	24,300	26,200	200	-1,700
Publishing industries, except internet	11,200	11,300	11,200	-100	0
Software publishers	9,900	9,900	9,600	0	300
Telecommunications	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Financial activities	70,900	70,500	74,100	400	-3,200
Finance and insurance	42,400	42,500	43,300	-100	-900
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,900	17,800	18,200	100	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,100	19,100	18,700	0	400
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,500	28,000	30,800	500	-2,300
Professional and business services	185,500	184,400	192,100	1,100	-6,600
Professional and technical services	79,000	77,900	79,400	1,100	-400
Architectural and engineering services	15,400	15,300	15,200	100	200
Computer systems design and related services	15,300	15,200	15,700	100	-400
Management of companies and enterprises	41,100	41,000	43,400	100	-2,300
Administrative and waste services	65,400	65,500	69,300	-100	-3,900
Administrative and support services	61,300	61,000	64,800	300	-3,500
Employment services	28,600	27,400	28,800	1,200	-200
Business support services	6,000	6,100	6,900	-100	-900
Services to buildings and dwellings	14,900	15,400	15,500	-500	-600
Education and health services	175,100	175,600	187,000	-500	-11,900
Educational services	22,700	24,900	30,000	-2,200	-7,300
Colleges and universities	9,600	12,400	13,100	-2,800	-3,500
Health care and social assistance	152,400	150,700	157,000	1,700	-4,600
Ambulatory health care services	55,900	55,600	58,800	300	-2,900
Hospitals	30,700	30,500	31,800	200	-1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,400	29,000	29,000	400	400
Social assistance	36,400	35,600	37,400	800	-1,000
Leisure and hospitality	65,900	84,000	126,000	-18,100	-60,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	6,200	8,900	18,100	-2,700	-11,900
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	3,800	6,700	12,600	-2,900	-8,800
Accommodation and food services	59,700	75,100	107,900	-15,400	-48,200
Accommodation	4,800	5,100	11,200	-300	-6,400
Food services and drinking places	54,900	70,000	96,700	-15,100	-41,800
Full-service restaurants	14,800	26,600	42,500	-11,800	-27,700
Limited-service eating places	35,500	36,700	42,400	-1,200	-6,900
Other services	35,000	36,000	42,800	-1,000	-7,800
Membership associations and organizations	15,200	15,300	17,800	-100	-2,600
Government	140,500	141,000	155,900	-500	-15,400
Federal government	18,700	18,500	18,500	200	200
State government	12,900	12,700	12,500	200	400
State education	3,000	2,500	2,600	500	400
Local government	108,900	109,800	124,900	-900	-16,000
Local education	58,200	58,100	70,000	100	-11,800

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.