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## Portland Metropolitan Area: July 2021

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 5.3% in July from 5.7% in June. The statewide rate was 5.2% and the national rate declined to 5.4%. Approximately 62,800 area residents remain unemployed; 76,400 less than a year ago.

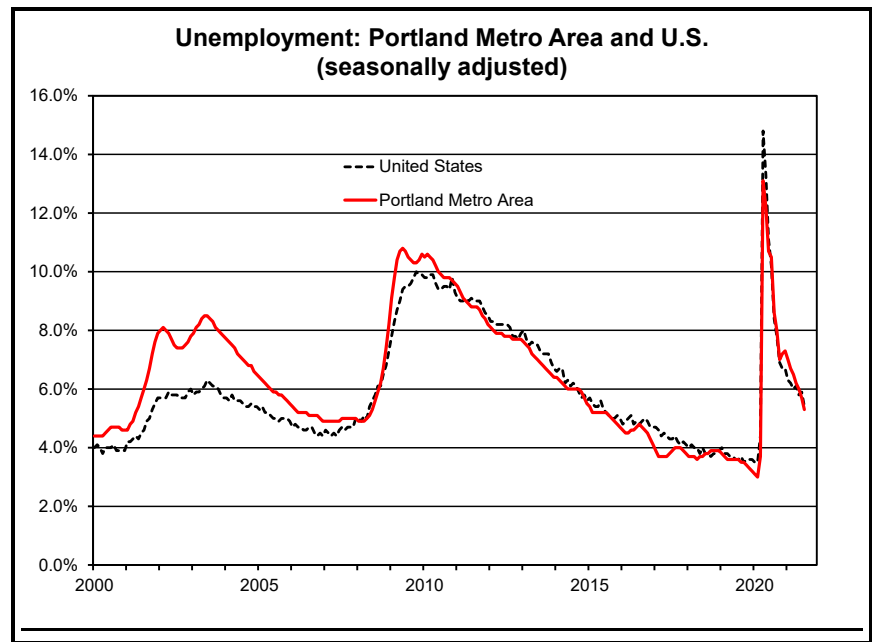
Since peaking at 13.1% in April 2020, the unemployment rate has declined in all but two of the past 15 months. However, it's still below the historic lows recorded in the months leading up to the recession as there are approximately 40,000 more unemployed residents today than before the pandemic.

Employers added 5,700 jobs in July following a gain of 8,100 in June (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May 2020, the region has regained 112,400 jobs, or 63% of pandemic losses (-179,700). In comparison, Oregon has added back 70% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 75%.

July's gains were driven by leisure and hospitality, as was the case in the early months of the recovery and again in 2021.

Professional and business services added more jobs than typical due largely to a hiring surge in employment services (e.g. temp help).

Nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,174,900 in July; a decline of 67,300 jobs, or 5.4%, from the pre-recession peak in February 2020. Leisure and hospitality lags the recovery by the widest margin.



### Next Press Release

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

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	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,359,537	1,345,439	1,294,197	14,098	65,340
Unemployed	62,826	67,413	139,259	-4,587	-76,433
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.0%	10.8%	-0.4	-6.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.7%	10.5%	-0.4	-5.2
Employed	1,296,711	1,278,026	1,154,938	18,685	141,773
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,179,400	1,175,900	1,115,500	3,500	63,900
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,174,900	1,169,200	1,119,500	5,700	55,400
Total private	1,034,800	1,028,200	979,500	6,600	55,300
Mining, logging, and construction	83,200	81,600	75,700	1,600	7,500
Mining and logging	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Construction	81,900	80,300	74,500	1,600	7,400
Construction of buildings	20,900	20,300	20,000	600	900
Residential building construction	12,300	12,100	11,600	200	700
Nonresidential building construction	8,600	8,200	8,400	400	200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,200	6,900	6,300	300	900
Specialty trade contractors	53,800	53,100	48,200	700	5,600
Manufacturing	121,700	121,800	119,800	-100	1,900
Durable goods	90,100	89,800	88,100	300	2,000
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,100	3,800	100	400
Primary metal manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	-200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,000	12,000	12,100	0	-100
Machinery manufacturing	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,600	37,500	37,100	100	500
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,300	31,200	30,800	100	500
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,300	4,600	200	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,900	0	-100
Nondurable goods	31,600	32,000	31,700	-400	-100
Food manufacturing	13,300	13,400	13,100	-100	200
Paper manufacturing	2,000	2,000	2,500	0	-500
Trade, transportation, and utilities	222,000	221,600	213,500	400	8,500
Wholesale trade	56,100	55,800	54,100	300	2,000
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,000	29,900	28,900	100	1,100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	19,700	19,600	19,400	100	300
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,400	6,300	5,800	100	600
Retail trade	116,200	116,300	110,800	-100	5,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,800	13,900	12,800	-100	1,000
Food and beverage stores	24,800	25,000	24,400	-200	400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,000	8,400	7,600	600	1,400
General merchandise stores	23,800	23,600	23,600	200	200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	49,700	49,500	48,600	200	1,100
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	47,300	47,100	46,100	200	1,200
Air transportation	3,900	3,900	3,200	0	700
Truck transportation	11,500	11,200	10,900	300	600
Couriers and messengers	9,100	9,600	9,400	-500	-300
Warehousing and storage	12,800	12,900	13,600	-100	-800
Information	26,500	25,900	24,500	600	2,000
Publishing industries, except internet	12,000	11,900	11,200	100	800
Software publishers	10,400	10,500	9,800	-100	600
Telecommunications	3,500	3,400	3,600	100	-100

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Financial activities	73,900	72,900	73,100	1,000	800
Finance and insurance	42,600	42,200	43,500	400	-900
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,300	18,100	18,000	200	300
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,200	18,100	19,000	100	-800
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,300	30,700	29,600	600	1,700
Professional and business services	190,000	187,500	179,000	2,500	11,000
Professional and technical services	82,000	80,700	76,900	1,300	5,100
Architectural and engineering services	15,300	14,800	14,800	500	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,100	15,100	15,300	0	-200
Management of companies and enterprises	39,600	39,400	41,500	200	-1,900
Administrative and waste services	68,400	67,400	60,600	1,000	7,800
Administrative and support services	64,900	63,700	57,100	1,200	7,800
Employment services	30,100	28,700	23,000	1,400	7,100
Business support services	5,400	5,600	6,100	-200	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	17,000	17,200	15,800	-200	1,200
Education and health services	175,200	177,900	171,200	-2,700	4,000
Educational services	22,300	23,500	19,000	-1,200	3,300
Colleges and universities	8,500	8,400	6,600	100	1,900
Health care and social assistance	152,900	154,400	152,200	-1,500	700
Ambulatory health care services	57,900	56,800	54,900	1,100	3,000
Hospitals	30,900	30,800	30,900	100	0
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,200	28,500	28,900	-300	-700
Social assistance	35,900	38,300	37,500	-2,400	-1,600
Leisure and hospitality	101,800	98,400	85,300	3,400	16,500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,900	13,300	10,400	600	3,500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	10,400	9,900	7,600	500	2,800
Accommodation and food services	87,900	85,100	74,900	2,800	13,000
Accommodation	7,300	6,800	5,800	500	1,500
Food services and drinking places	80,600	78,300	69,100	2,300	11,500
Full-service restaurants	32,600	31,900	27,600	700	5,000
Limited-service eating places	40,500	39,400	36,100	1,100	4,400
Other services	40,500	40,600	37,400	-100	3,100
Membership associations and organizations	16,800	17,300	15,700	-500	1,100
Government	144,600	147,700	136,000	-3,100	8,600
Federal government	18,700	18,600	18,700	100	0
State government	12,900	13,100	12,000	-200	900
State education	2,200	2,200	1,600	0	600
Local government	113,000	116,000	105,300	-3,000	7,700
Local education	58,000	62,800	53,900	-4,800	4,100

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.