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Portland Metropolitan Area: August 2021

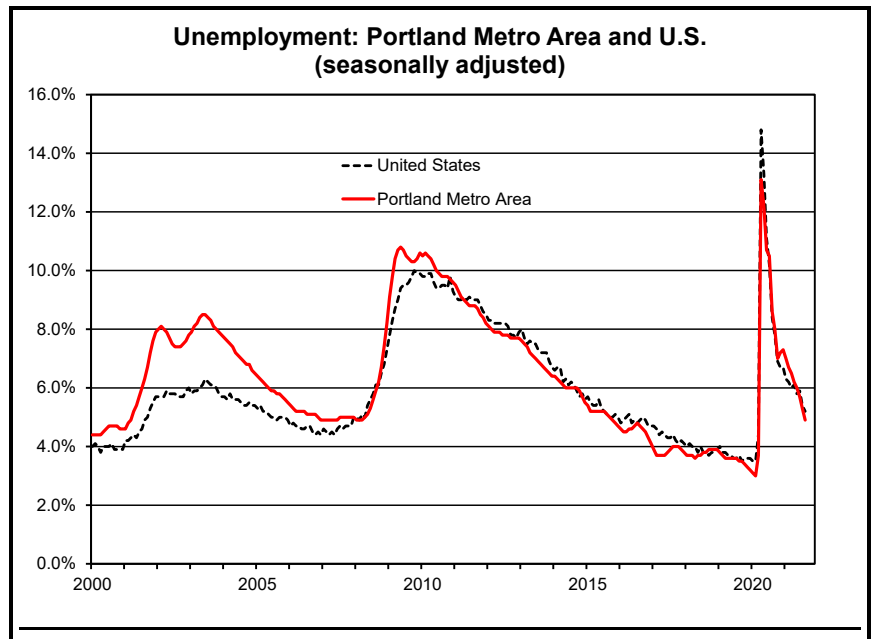
The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 4.9% in August from 5.3% in July. The statewide rate was 4.9% and the national rate declined to 5.2%. Approximately 59,700 area residents remain unemployed; 58,600 less than a year ago. Since peaking at 13.1% in April 2020, the unemployment rate has declined in all but two of the past 16 months.

Employers added 6,800 jobs in August following a gain of 7,100 in July (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May 2020, the region has regained 120,600 jobs, or 67% of pandemic losses (-179,700). In

comparison, Oregon has added back 72% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 75%.

August's job growth was driven predominantly by leisure and hospitality, as has been the case for much of this year. Despite these gains, this industry is still tens of thousands of jobs short of pre-pandemic employment levels.

Retail trade lost jobs (-1,200) during a month that typically sees small gains. Employment services also pulled back (-500) after several months of strong growth.



Nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,183,100 in August; 59,100 jobs, or 4.8%, below the pre-recession peak of 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 September on Tuesday, Oct. 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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To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit <https://unemployment.oregon.gov>. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,356,773	1,359,617	1,319,516	-2,844	37,257
Unemployed	59,746	62,985	118,339	-3,239	-58,593
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.6%	9.0%	-0.2	-4.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.3%	8.6%	-0.4	-3.7
Employed	1,297,027	1,296,632	1,201,177	395	95,850
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,187,200	1,180,400	1,127,200	6,800	60,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,183,100	1,176,300	1,129,700	6,800	53,400
Total private	1,042,700	1,036,000	989,000	6,700	53,700
Mining, logging, and construction	84,900	83,500	77,000	1,400	7,900
Mining and logging	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Construction	83,600	82,200	75,800	1,400	7,800
Construction of buildings	21,100	21,500	20,300	-400	800
Residential building construction	12,500	12,300	11,800	200	700
Nonresidential building construction	8,600	9,200	8,500	-600	100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,600	7,200	6,500	400	1,100
Specialty trade contractors	54,900	53,500	49,000	1,400	5,900
Manufacturing	121,700	121,700	119,900	0	1,800
Durable goods	90,300	90,100	88,000	200	2,300
Wood product manufacturing	4,200	4,200	3,800	0	400
Primary metal manufacturing	4,700	4,600	4,500	100	200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,800	12,000	12,100	-200	-300
Machinery manufacturing	9,900	9,900	9,400	0	500
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,800	37,600	37,000	200	800
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,500	31,300	30,800	200	700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,600	0	-200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,800	5,800	6,100	0	-300
Nondurable goods	31,400	31,600	31,900	-200	-500
Food manufacturing	13,000	13,300	13,100	-300	-100
Paper manufacturing	2,000	2,000	2,500	0	-500
Trade, transportation, and utilities	222,600	222,400	215,200	200	7,400
Wholesale trade	57,700	56,300	54,400	1,400	3,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,700	30,100	29,200	600	1,500
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,200	19,800	19,400	400	800
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,800	6,400	5,800	400	1,000
Retail trade	115,000	116,200	111,900	-1,200	3,100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,700	13,800	13,100	-100	600
Food and beverage stores	24,600	24,900	24,400	-300	200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8,400	8,700	8,100	-300	300
General merchandise stores	23,800	23,800	23,500	0	300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	49,900	49,900	48,900	0	1,000
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	47,500	47,500	46,400	0	1,100
Air transportation	3,900	3,900	3,400	0	500
Truck transportation	11,500	11,500	11,000	0	500
Couriers and messengers	9,600	9,400	9,300	200	300
Warehousing and storage	12,800	12,800	13,400	0	-600
Information	26,600	26,600	25,100	0	1,500
Publishing industries, except internet	12,300	12,000	11,400	300	900
Software publishers	10,500	10,400	10,000	100	500
Telecommunications	3,400	3,400	3,700	0	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Financial activities	74,000	73,900	73,300	100	700
Finance and insurance	42,300	42,600	43,600	-300	-1,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,200	18,300	18,100	-100	100
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,100	18,200	19,000	-100	-900
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,700	31,300	29,700	400	2,000
Professional and business services	190,600	189,800	180,600	800	10,000
Professional and technical services	83,300	81,700	76,800	1,600	6,500
Architectural and engineering services	15,500	15,100	14,800	400	700
Computer systems design and related services	15,200	15,100	15,300	100	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	39,600	39,600	41,400	0	-1,800
Administrative and waste services	67,700	68,500	62,400	-800	5,300
Administrative and support services	64,400	65,000	58,900	-600	5,500
Employment services	29,400	29,900	24,700	-500	4,700
Business support services	5,500	5,400	6,100	100	-600
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,900	17,400	15,900	-500	1,000
Education and health services	176,700	175,600	172,500	1,100	4,200
Educational services	22,400	22,300	20,400	100	2,000
Colleges and universities	8,600	8,400	7,700	200	900
Health care and social assistance	154,300	153,300	152,100	1,000	2,200
Ambulatory health care services	58,400	57,700	55,400	700	3,000
Hospitals	30,900	30,800	30,400	100	500
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,300	28,100	28,800	200	-500
Social assistance	36,700	36,700	37,500	0	-800
Leisure and hospitality	104,900	101,800	87,700	3,100	17,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	14,700	14,000	10,300	700	4,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	10,800	10,500	7,600	300	3,200
Accommodation and food services	90,200	87,800	77,400	2,400	12,800
Accommodation	7,400	7,300	5,900	100	1,500
Food services and drinking places	82,800	80,500	71,500	2,300	11,300
Full-service restaurants	34,400	32,600	28,500	1,800	5,900
Limited-service eating places	40,700	40,600	36,800	100	3,900
Other services	40,700	40,700	37,700	0	3,000
Membership associations and organizations	17,100	16,900	15,700	200	1,400
Government	144,500	144,400	138,200	100	6,300
Federal government	18,500	18,700	20,500	-200	-2,000
State government	13,600	13,100	12,400	500	1,200
State education	2,900	2,200	1,800	700	1,100
Local government	112,400	112,600	105,300	-200	7,100
Local education	57,500	57,800	53,600	-300	3,900

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.