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## Portland Metropolitan Area: October 2021

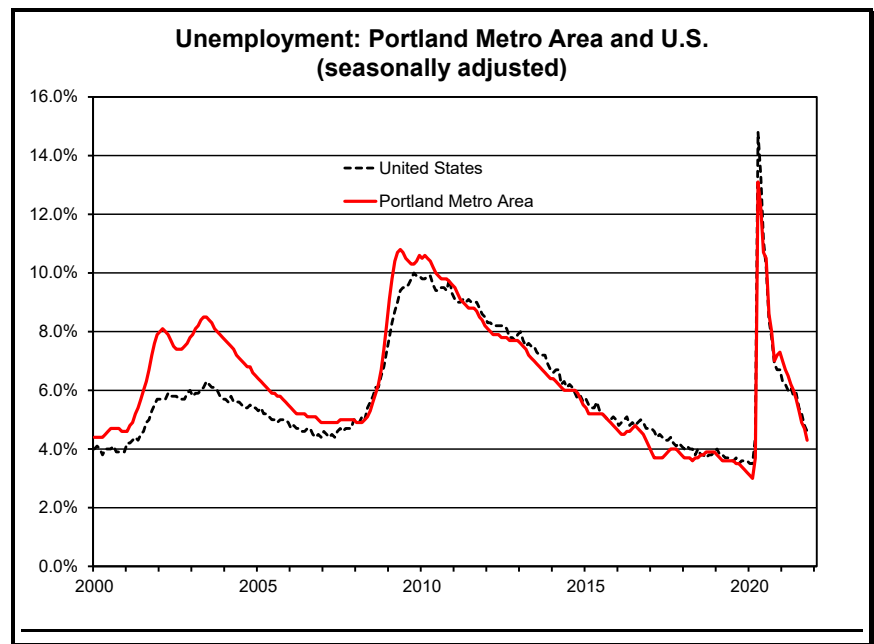
The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 4.3% in October from 4.7% in September. The statewide rate was 4.4% and the national rate declined to 4.6%. Approximately 46,700 area residents remain unemployed; 43,500 less than a year ago. Since peaking at 13.1% in April 2020, the unemployment rate has declined in all but two of the past 18 months.

Employers added 6,500 jobs in October following a gain of 3,600 in September (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May 2020, the region has regained 128,800 jobs, or 72% of pandemic losses (-179,700). In comparison, Oregon has added back 74% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 81%.

October's gains were driven by leisure and hospitality, as was the case in the early months of the recovery and again in 2021. This sector added 1,800 jobs in a month that typically sees a seasonal loss of several thousand.

Professional and business services also outperformed seasonal expectations, primarily in the employment services (e.g. temp help) component.

Nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,191,300 in October; a decline of 50,900 jobs, or 4.1%, 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 November on Tuesday, Dec. 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

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,362,892	1,355,499	1,345,132	7,393	17,760
Unemployed	46,709	54,336	90,217	-7,627	-43,508
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.0%	6.7%	-0.6	-3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.7%	7.0%	-0.4	-2.7
Employed	1,316,183	1,301,163	1,254,915	15,020	61,268
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,201,800	1,186,900	1,144,300	14,900	57,500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,191,300</i>	<i>1,184,800</i>	<i>1,137,900</i>	<i>6,500</i>	<i>53,400</i>
Total private	1,049,300	1,040,700	1,001,300	8,600	48,000
Mining, logging, and construction	81,400	80,600	77,200	800	4,200
Mining and logging	1,100	1,200	1,200	-100	-100
Construction	80,300	79,400	76,000	900	4,300
Construction of buildings	21,800	21,500	20,300	300	1,500
Residential building construction	12,700	12,400	12,100	300	600
Nonresidential building construction	9,100	9,100	8,200	0	900
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,700	6,600	6,400	100	300
Specialty trade contractors	51,800	51,300	49,300	500	2,500
Manufacturing	123,300	122,100	119,800	1,200	3,500
Durable goods	90,400	89,800	87,700	600	2,700
Wood product manufacturing	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Primary metal manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,900	11,800	12,000	100	-100
Machinery manufacturing	9,800	9,800	9,400	0	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,900	37,700	36,900	200	1,000
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,900	31,700	30,700	200	1,200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Nondurable goods	32,900	32,300	32,100	600	800
Food manufacturing	13,400	13,400	13,000	0	400
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	223,800	221,000	219,300	2,800	4,500
Wholesale trade	57,900	57,100	54,400	800	3,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,500	30,400	29,100	100	1,400
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,800	20,200	19,500	600	1,300
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,600	6,500	5,800	100	800
Retail trade	115,400	114,000	113,900	1,400	1,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,600	13,600	13,300	0	300
Food and beverage stores	24,000	23,800	24,400	200	-400
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,000	8,300	8,200	700	800
General merchandise stores	24,800	23,800	24,000	1,000	800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,500	49,900	51,000	600	-500
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	48,000	47,400	48,500	600	-500
Air transportation	3,700	3,700	3,300	0	400
Truck transportation	11,500	11,400	11,100	100	400
Couriers and messengers	10,200	9,900	10,200	300	0
Warehousing and storage	12,400	12,200	13,900	200	-1,500
Information	27,800	27,100	25,300	700	2,500
Publishing industries, except internet	12,300	12,300	11,500	0	800
Software publishers	10,700	10,800	10,200	-100	500
Telecommunications	3,200	3,200	3,500	0	-300

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Financial activities	72,800	73,500	72,800	-700	0
Finance and insurance	41,800	42,500	43,500	-700	-1,700
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,200	17,700	18,100	-500	-900
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,300	18,400	18,900	-100	-600
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,000	31,000	29,300	0	1,700
Professional and business services	193,300	191,200	182,200	2,100	11,100
Professional and technical services	85,300	83,600	77,500	1,700	7,800
Architectural and engineering services	15,900	15,900	14,800	0	1,100
Computer systems design and related services	15,700	15,600	15,300	100	400
Management of companies and enterprises	39,500	39,700	40,600	-200	-1,100
Administrative and waste services	68,500	67,900	64,100	600	4,400
Administrative and support services	65,400	64,900	60,600	500	4,800
Employment services	31,800	29,700	26,500	2,100	5,300
Business support services	5,200	5,400	5,900	-200	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,900	15,800	15,800	100	100
Education and health services	180,600	180,100	178,100	500	2,500
Educational services	26,300	25,100	24,400	1,200	1,900
Colleges and universities	10,700	9,500	10,300	1,200	400
Health care and social assistance	154,300	155,000	153,700	-700	600
Ambulatory health care services	57,900	57,800	56,200	100	1,700
Hospitals	29,600	30,300	30,300	-700	-700
Nursing and residential care facilities	26,100	26,200	28,600	-100	-2,500
Social assistance	40,700	40,700	38,600	0	2,100
Leisure and hospitality	106,700	104,900	88,700	1,800	18,000
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,300	13,300	10,300	0	3,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	9,500	9,500	7,400	0	2,100
Accommodation and food services	93,400	91,600	78,400	1,800	15,000
Accommodation	6,900	7,100	6,000	-200	900
Food services and drinking places	86,500	84,500	72,400	2,000	14,100
Full-service restaurants	35,700	35,100	28,700	600	7,000
Limited-service eating places	42,000	41,100	37,100	900	4,900
Other services	39,600	40,200	37,900	-600	1,700
Membership associations and organizations	16,700	16,900	15,800	-200	900
Government	152,500	146,200	143,000	6,300	9,500
Federal government	18,400	18,400	19,000	0	-600
State government	14,000	13,500	12,700	500	1,300
State education	3,600	2,900	2,000	700	1,600
Local government	120,100	114,300	111,300	5,800	8,800
Local education	66,300	62,400	59,200	3,900	7,100

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.