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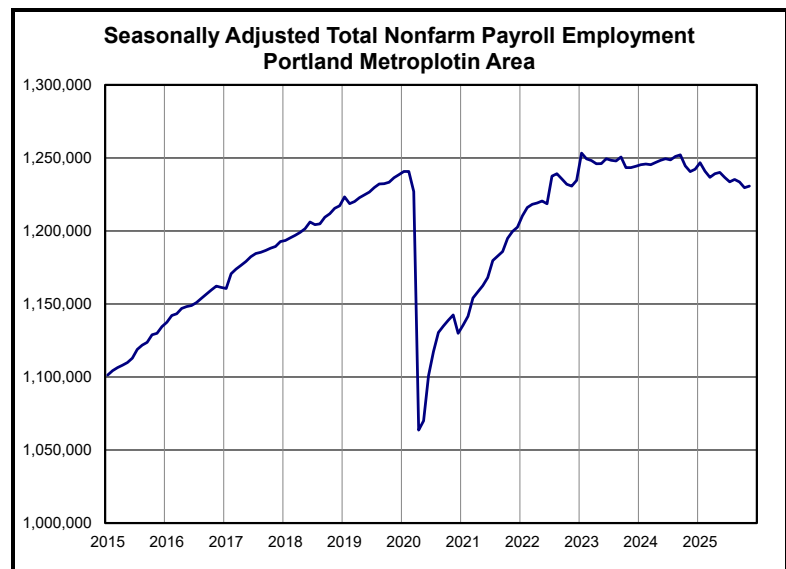
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Employment and Unemployment in the Portland Metropolitan Area November 2025

Today the Oregon Employment Department released November 2025 jobs data after a significant delay due to the federal government shutdown. November 2025 unemployment data for Oregon's (and the nation's) metro areas, including Portland, have not been released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. They are evaluating the data and will determine whether to publish them by January 16, 2026.

Employment (jobs) data are available and show that the Portland metropolitan area gained 1,100 jobs in November (seasonally adjusted). Revised data for October show a loss of 3,900 jobs.

Professional and business services added more jobs than usual for this time of year, due entirely to the professional and technical services component. Private healthcare and education also exceeded seasonal norms. On the other hand, construction shed twice as many jobs as typical for a November in the post-pandemic era. Most sectors of leisure and hospitality also cut more jobs than the norm, notably in limited-service restaurants.



Over the past 12 months, the metro area has lost 8,900 jobs, or -0.7% (not seasonally adjusted). Most major industries are in the red, led by professional and business services (-5,000; -2.6%), manufacturing (-4,300; -3.6%), and construction (-3,600; -4.5%). Private health care and social assistance (+6,800; +3.8%), transportation and warehousing (+2,700; +5.3%), and leisure and hospitality (+700; +0.6%) have partially offset these losses.

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. 27.

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

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,405,149	NA	1,390,523	NA	14,626
Unemployed	67,135	NA	55,211	NA	11,924
Unemployment rate	4.8%	NA	4.0%	NA	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	1,338,014	NA	1,335,312	NA	2,702
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,240,500	1,239,700	1,249,300	800	-8,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,230,700</i>	<i>1,229,600</i>	<i>1,240,600</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>-9,900</i>
Total private	1,075,300	1,075,500	1,086,000	-200	-10,700
Mining, logging, and construction	78,100	80,500	81,900	-2,400	-3,800
Mining and logging	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100
Construction	77,100	79,500	80,800	-2,400	-3,700
Construction of buildings	20,200	20,900	20,900	-700	-700
Residential building construction	12,400	12,800	13,000	-400	-600
Nonresidential building construction	7,800	8,100	7,900	-300	-100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,200	7,600	7,600	-400	-400
Specialty trade contractors	49,700	51,000	52,300	-1,300	-2,600
Manufacturing	115,200	115,300	119,500	-100	-4,300
Durable goods	84,700	84,600	88,700	100	-4,000
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
Machinery manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,200	0	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	34,200	34,400	37,400	-200	-3,200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,900	29,000	31,800	-100	-2,900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,800	6,700	6,700	100	100
Nondurable goods	30,500	30,700	30,800	-200	-300
Food manufacturing	14,000	14,100	13,800	-100	200
Paper manufacturing	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	226,100	222,900	225,300	3,200	800
Wholesale trade	55,600	55,900	56,500	-300	-900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,200	30,500	30,500	-300	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,300	20,300	20,600	0	-300
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,100	5,100	5,400	0	-300
Retail trade	113,900	112,000	115,000	1,900	-1,100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,200	14,300	14,400	-100	-200
Food and beverage retailers	25,200	25,100	25,600	100	-400
General merchandise retailers	23,100	22,500	23,400	600	-300
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	10,500	10,000	10,500	500	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	56,600	55,000	53,800	1,600	2,800
Utilities	2,700	2,800	2,700	-100	0
Transportation and warehousing	53,900	52,200	51,100	1,700	2,800
Air transportation	4,500	4,600	4,300	-100	200
Truck transportation	10,500	10,600	10,600	-100	-100
Couriers and messengers	11,000	10,300	11,300	700	-300
Warehousing and storage	13,000	12,000	12,800	1,000	200
Information	23,400	24,000	26,300	-600	-2,900
Publishing industries	11,100	11,200	11,900	-100	-800
Software publishers	9,700	9,900	10,500	-200	-800
Telecommunications	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Financial activities	70,400	70,600	71,000	-200	-600
Finance and insurance	39,200	39,300	39,900	-100	-700
Credit intermediation and related activities	13,600	13,600	14,000	0	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,600	18,700	19,000	-100	-400
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,200	31,300	31,100	-100	100
Professional and business services	188,100	187,700	193,200	400	-5,100
Professional and technical services	83,500	82,800	84,400	700	-900
Architectural and engineering services	15,900	15,900	15,700	0	200
Computer systems design and related services	15,100	15,100	15,100	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	39,400	39,200	39,700	200	-300
Administrative and waste services	65,200	65,700	69,100	-500	-3,900
Administrative and support services	60,800	61,400	64,900	-600	-4,100
Employment services	24,000	24,100	27,000	-100	-3,000
Business support services	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	17,200	17,300	17,500	-100	-300
Private education and health services	212,100	210,900	206,600	1,200	5,500
Private educational services	27,800	27,600	29,100	200	-1,300
Private colleges and universities	9,400	9,400	11,000	0	-1,600
Health care and social assistance	184,300	183,300	177,500	1,000	6,800
Ambulatory health care services	65,100	64,700	63,100	400	2,000
Hospitals	34,400	34,300	33,900	100	500
Nursing and residential care facilities	34,500	34,300	32,700	200	1,800
Social assistance	50,300	50,000	47,800	300	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	118,800	120,600	118,300	-1,800	500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17,100	17,800	17,800	-700	-700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,400	12,900	12,500	-500	-100
Accommodation and food services	101,700	102,800	100,500	-1,100	1,200
Accommodation	9,800	10,100	10,000	-300	-200
Food services and drinking places	91,900	92,700	90,500	-800	1,400
Full-service restaurants	36,800	36,900	36,500	-100	300
Limited-service eating places	43,200	43,800	42,300	-600	900
Other services	43,100	43,000	43,900	100	-800
Membership associations and organizations	17,500	17,600	18,400	-100	-900
Government	165,200	164,200	163,300	1,000	1,900
Federal government	18,000	18,000	19,000	0	-1,000
State government	14,500	14,300	14,100	200	400
State education	2,100	2,100	1,800	0	300
Local government	132,700	131,900	130,200	800	2,500
Local education	69,000	68,500	69,300	500	-300

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.