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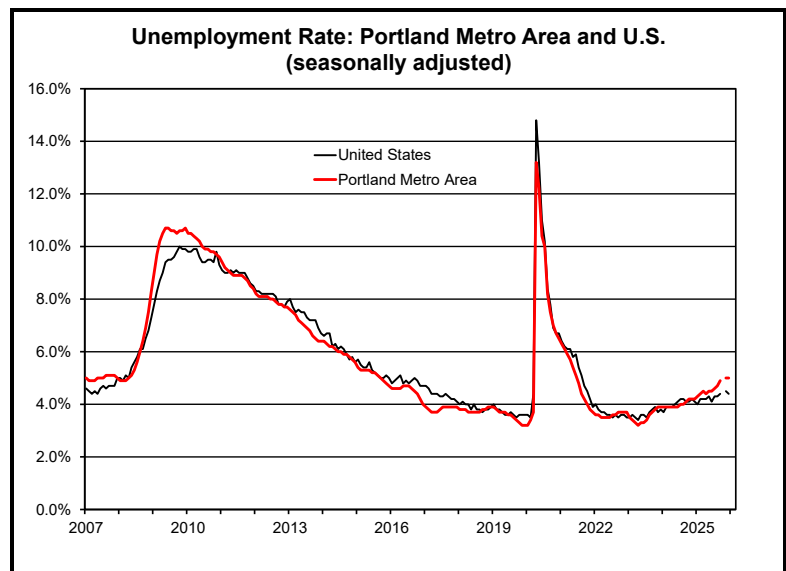
## Employment and Unemployment in the Portland Metropolitan Area December 2025

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 5.0% in December, unchanged from November and higher than a year earlier (4.2%). The unemployment rate has gradually risen from a post-pandemic low of 3.2% set in April 2023, then leveling out at, or close to, 5.0% in the last 4 months of 2025. Approximately 67,900 area residents were unemployed in December; 11,000 more than a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% and national rate was 4.4% in December.

The metro area's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment edged down by 400 jobs in December. November's gains were revised upward from 1,100 to 1,700 jobs.

For most of 2025 construction has underperformed historical trends, and December was no exception. It declined by 3,000 jobs during a month in which a loss of 600 is more typical.

Most other broad industries added or lost jobs in line with seasonal trends.



Over the past 12 months the metro area has lost 12,200 jobs, or -1.0% (not seasonally adjusted). Most major industries are in the red except for private health care and social assistance (+6,400 jobs; 3.6%), local government (+3,100; 2.4%), transportation and warehousing (+1,800; 3.4%), and leisure and hospitality (+1,700; 1.4%).

### Next Press Release

We are awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) when these dates become available.

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 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,390,681	1,404,514	1,381,774	-13,833	8,907
Unemployed	67,939	66,461	56,981	1,478	10,958
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.7%	4.1%	0.2	0.8
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.0%	5.0%	4.2%	0.0	0.8
Employed	1,322,742	1,338,053	1,324,793	-15,311	-2,051
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,238,600	1,241,300	1,250,800	-2,700	-12,200
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	1,230,900	1,231,300	1,242,300	-400	-11,400
Total private	1,073,800	1,076,200	1,088,100	-2,400	-14,300
Mining, logging, and construction	75,200	78,200	81,200	-3,000	-6,000
Mining and logging	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100
Construction	74,200	77,200	80,100	-3,000	-5,900
Construction of buildings	19,400	20,200	20,800	-800	-1,400
Residential building construction	11,900	12,400	12,900	-500	-1,000
Nonresidential building construction	7,500	7,800	7,900	-300	-400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,800	7,200	7,600	-400	-800
Specialty trade contractors	48,000	49,800	51,700	-1,800	-3,700
Manufacturing	115,400	115,200	119,800	200	-4,400
Durable goods	85,100	84,800	89,300	300	-4,200
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	11,900	11,800	11,900	100	0
Machinery manufacturing	9,200	9,200	9,200	0	0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	34,200	34,300	37,900	-100	-3,700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	28,900	29,000	32,200	-100	-3,300
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,800	6,800	6,600	0	200
Nondurable goods	30,300	30,400	30,500	-100	-200
Food manufacturing	13,800	13,900	13,700	-100	100
Paper manufacturing	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	226,900	225,900	227,300	1,000	-400
Wholesale trade	55,700	55,500	56,500	200	-800
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,200	30,200	30,500	0	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,400	20,200	20,600	200	-200
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,100	5,100	5,400	0	-300
Retail trade	114,300	113,900	115,700	400	-1,400
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,200	14,300	14,300	-100	-100
Food and beverage retailers	25,000	25,100	25,600	-100	-600
General merchandise retailers	23,600	23,400	23,700	200	-100
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	10,800	10,500	10,900	300	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	56,900	56,500	55,100	400	1,800
Utilities	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	54,200	53,800	52,400	400	1,800
Air transportation	4,500	4,500	4,300	0	200
Truck transportation	10,300	10,500	10,700	-200	-400
Couriers and messengers	11,600	11,000	12,200	600	-600
Warehousing and storage	12,800	12,900	12,900	-100	-100
Information	23,300	23,400	26,200	-100	-2,900
Publishing industries	11,000	11,100	11,900	-100	-900
Software publishers	9,700	9,800	10,500	-100	-800
Telecommunications	2,700	2,600	2,700	100	0

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Financial activities	69,700	70,400	71,300	-700	-1,600
Finance and insurance	38,800	39,200	40,000	-400	-1,200
Credit intermediation and related activities	13,500	13,600	14,000	-100	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,400	18,600	19,000	-200	-600
Real estate and rental and leasing	30,900	31,200	31,300	-300	-400
Professional and business services	187,800	188,100	192,700	-300	-4,900
Professional and technical services	83,400	83,300	84,800	100	-1,400
Architectural and engineering services	16,200	15,900	15,700	300	500
Computer systems design and related services	15,100	15,100	15,100	0	0
Management of companies and enterprises	39,600	39,400	39,700	200	-100
Administrative and waste services	64,800	65,400	68,200	-600	-3,400
Administrative and support services	60,400	61,000	64,000	-600	-3,600
Employment services	23,600	23,900	26,700	-300	-3,100
Business support services	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,800	17,100	17,000	-300	-200
Private education and health services	212,300	212,100	206,900	200	5,400
Private educational services	27,500	27,800	28,500	-300	-1,000
Private colleges and universities	9,200	9,400	10,600	-200	-1,400
Health care and social assistance	184,800	184,300	178,400	500	6,400
Ambulatory health care services	65,500	65,100	63,200	400	2,300
Hospitals	34,300	34,300	33,900	0	400
Nursing and residential care facilities	34,500	34,500	32,900	0	1,600
Social assistance	50,500	50,400	48,400	100	2,100
Leisure and hospitality	120,500	120,000	118,800	500	1,700
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17,500	17,300	18,000	200	-500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,800	12,700	12,700	100	100
Accommodation and food services	103,000	102,700	100,800	300	2,200
Accommodation	9,900	10,000	10,000	-100	-100
Food services and drinking places	93,100	92,700	90,800	400	2,300
Full-service restaurants	37,500	37,300	36,700	200	800
Limited-service eating places	43,400	43,500	42,400	-100	1,000
Other services	42,700	42,900	43,900	-200	-1,200
Membership associations and organizations	17,700	17,600	18,300	100	-600
Government	164,800	165,100	162,700	-300	2,100
Federal government	18,000	18,000	19,100	0	-1,100
State government	14,300	14,400	14,200	-100	100
State education	2,000	2,000	1,800	0	200
Local government	132,500	132,700	129,400	-200	3,100
Local education	68,700	69,000	68,500	-300	200

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.