

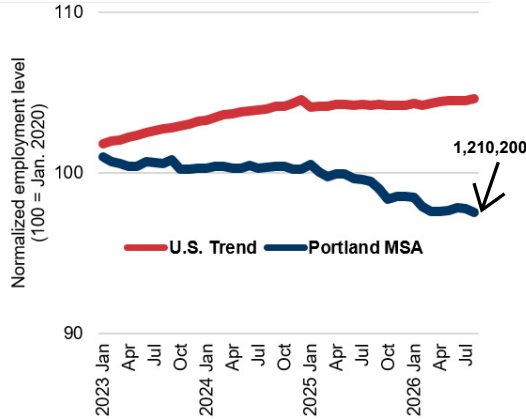
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Employment in Portland Metro

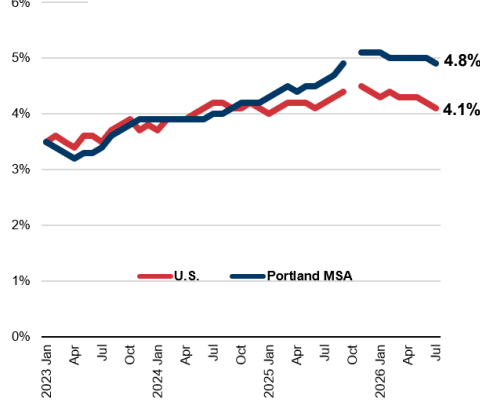
Jan. 2023 to Aug. 2026 (seasonally adjusted)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rate Portland Metro

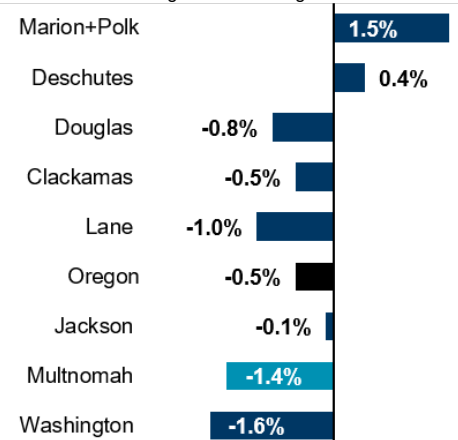
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Note: Oct. 2025 unemployment data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown
Source: QualityInfo - Oregon Employment Department

Employment Growth by County

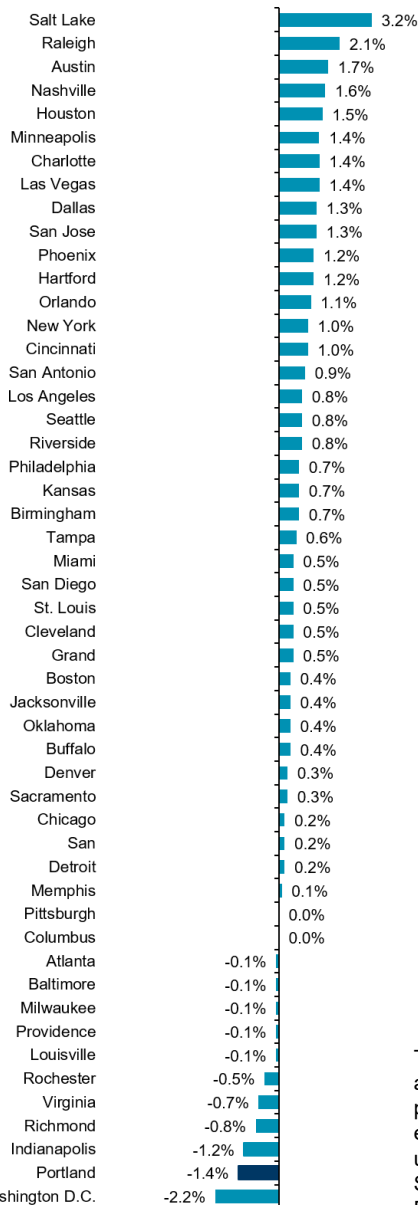
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Job Growth by U.S. Metro

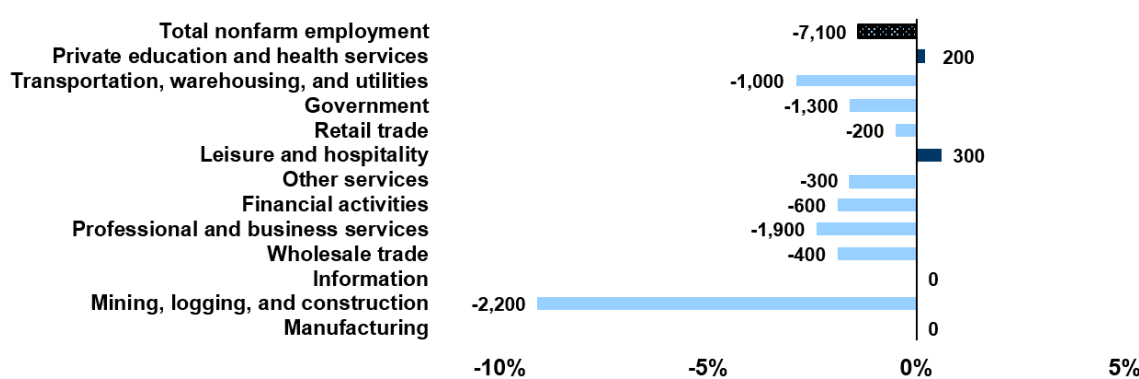
Percentage Growth — July 2025 to July 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employees on nonfarm payrolls by state and metropolitan area, not seasonally adjusted

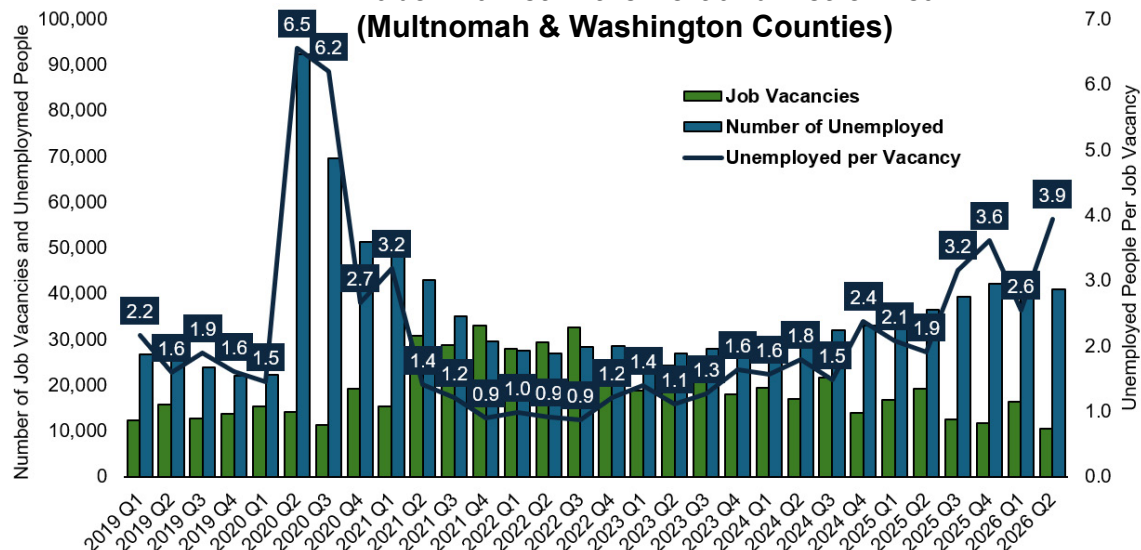
Employment Change, August 2025 to August 2026

Multnomah County, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Labor Market in the Portland Metro Area (Multnomah & Washington Counties)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Job Vacancy Survey

The ratio of unemployed persons to job openings compares the number of people who are unemployed with the number of available jobs. National unemployment figures come from the Current Population Survey (CPS), while state estimates are produced by the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. A ratio of 1.0 means there is one job opening for every unemployed person. Lower ratios indicate a tighter labor market, where job openings exceed the number of unemployed individuals. Higher ratios show that more unemployed people are competing for each available job.

Since 2023, the unemployed to job vacancy ratio has been rising steadily in the Portland metro area as job vacancies decline and the number of unemployed individuals increases. Oregon's overall ratio has been increasing as well. To learn more about Oregon's job vacancy ratio, click [HERE](#).

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