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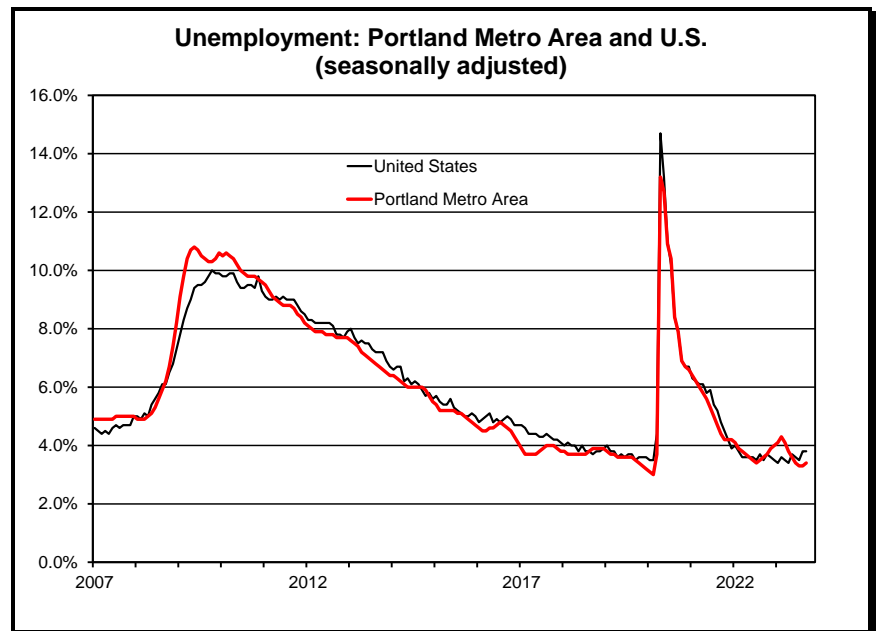
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Portland Metropolitan Area: September 2023

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 3.4% in September, essentially unchanged from August (3.3%) and lower than a year ago (4.3%). Approximately 45,600 area residents were unemployed; 9,000 less than a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.5% and the national rate held steady at 3.8%.

Employers added 2,000 jobs in September following a loss of 1,500 jobs in August (seasonally adjusted).

Professional and business services added 2,200 jobs (not seasonally adjusted), offsetting a summer of relatively weak hiring. Retailers typically shed hundreds of seasonal jobs in September, but this year they held on to employees into at least early autumn. Several industries partially offset these gains: Leisure and hospitality cut more jobs than typical for the end of summer, although seasonal gains (May through August) were stronger than normal. Construction has pulled back in recent months, but as with leisure and hospitality, this follows robust summer hiring.



Over the past 12 months, nonfarm payrolls rose by 22,200 jobs, or 1.8%. Despite recent slowing, construction (8.1%) is outpacing all other broad industries. Leisure and hospitality is also growing rapidly (5.5%) as it continues to recover from pandemic losses. In contrast, manufacturing hit a slow patch in 2023 and is now down 2.0% over the year (-2,600 jobs). Trade, transportation, and utilities is also in the red, with losses in every component except air transportation and grocery stores.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, Nov. 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

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	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	August 2023	September 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,358,170	1,365,296	1,369,043	-7,126	-10,873
Unemployed	45,635	50,710	54,604	-5,075	-8,969
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	-0.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.3%	4.3%	0.1	-0.9
Employed	1,312,535	1,314,586	1,314,439	-2,051	-1,904
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,258,500	1,256,700	1,232,200	1,800	26,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,250,000	1,248,000	1,233,100	2,000	16,900
Total private	1,105,400	1,106,500	1,085,400	-1,100	20,000
Mining, logging, and construction	89,700	91,200	83,900	-1,500	5,800
Mining and logging	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100
Construction	88,700	90,200	82,800	-1,500	5,900
Construction of buildings	23,100	23,600	22,100	-500	1,000
Residential building construction	14,300	14,600	13,600	-300	700
Nonresidential building construction	8,800	9,000	8,500	-200	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,200	7,400	6,800	-200	400
Specialty trade contractors	58,400	59,200	53,900	-800	4,500
Manufacturing	125,800	126,300	128,400	-500	-2,600
Durable goods	93,100	93,600	95,700	-500	-2,600
Wood product manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	-200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,400	12,300	12,600	100	-200
Machinery manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,400	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,600	40,800	41,300	-200	-700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	35,300	35,300	35,300	0	0
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,700	6,600	6,300	100	400
Nondurable goods	32,700	32,700	32,700	0	0
Food manufacturing	14,300	14,500	14,300	-200	0
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,600	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	224,300	223,400	225,000	900	-700
Wholesale trade	56,900	56,700	57,100	200	-200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,700	30,500	31,000	200	-300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,300	20,300	20,200	0	100
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0
Retail trade	116,300	116,200	116,000	100	300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,200	14,300	14,300	-100	-100
Food and beverage retailers	24,900	25,100	25,100	-200	-200
General merchandise retailers	23,000	22,900	22,700	100	300
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	10,400	10,600	10,500	-200	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	51,100	50,500	51,900	600	-800
Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	48,500	47,900	49,300	600	-800
Air transportation	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Truck transportation	11,100	11,200	11,500	-100	-400
Couriers and messengers	10,300	10,100	10,300	200	0
Warehousing and storage	11,400	11,300	12,200	100	-800
Information	27,300	27,800	27,400	-500	-100
Publishing industries	12,700	12,700	12,600	0	100
Software publishers	11,100	11,100	11,000	0	100
Telecommunications	2,800	2,900	3,000	-100	-200

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	September 2023	August 2023	September 2022	August 2023	September 2022
Financial activities	76,300	76,100	75,500	200	800
Finance and insurance	42,900	42,500	42,800	400	100
Credit intermediation and related activities	16,300	16,300	16,600	0	-300
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,200	18,200	18,200	0	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	33,400	33,600	32,700	-200	700
Professional and business services	201,700	199,500	201,000	2,200	700
Professional and technical services	86,700	86,300	85,300	400	1,400
Architectural and engineering services	16,300	16,300	15,900	0	400
Computer systems design and related services	15,500	15,600	15,700	-100	-200
Management of companies and enterprises	43,000	43,100	41,900	-100	1,100
Administrative and waste services	72,000	70,100	73,800	1,900	-1,800
Administrative and support services	67,800	65,700	70,100	2,100	-2,300
Employment services	30,100	29,700	33,700	400	-3,600
Business support services	4,500	4,600	5,200	-100	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,100	16,600	17,200	-500	-1,100
Private education and health services	190,700	188,700	184,700	2,000	6,000
Private educational services	26,300	24,300	27,100	2,000	-800
Private colleges and universities	9,500	8,200	10,600	1,300	-1,100
Health care and social assistance	164,400	164,400	157,600	0	6,800
Ambulatory health care services	60,100	59,300	58,600	800	1,500
Hospitals	32,100	32,100	30,900	0	1,200
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,900	29,100	27,200	-200	1,700
Social assistance	43,300	43,900	40,900	-600	2,400
Leisure and hospitality	127,000	131,600	117,900	-4,600	9,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	18,400	19,800	17,000	-1,400	1,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,800	14,000	12,000	-1,200	800
Accommodation and food services	108,600	111,800	100,900	-3,200	7,700
Accommodation	10,300	10,600	9,100	-300	1,200
Food services and drinking places	98,300	101,200	91,800	-2,900	6,500
Full-service restaurants	41,100	41,500	38,500	-400	2,600
Limited-service eating places	44,300	45,700	42,300	-1,400	2,000
Other services	42,600	41,900	41,600	700	1,000
Membership associations and organizations	18,100	18,100	17,400	0	700
Government	153,100	150,200	146,800	2,900	6,300
Federal government	18,600	18,500	17,900	100	700
State government	12,800	13,000	12,300	-200	500
State education	1,500	1,600	1,700	-100	-200
Local government	121,700	118,700	116,600	3,000	5,100
Local education	62,500	59,400	61,000	3,100	1,500

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.