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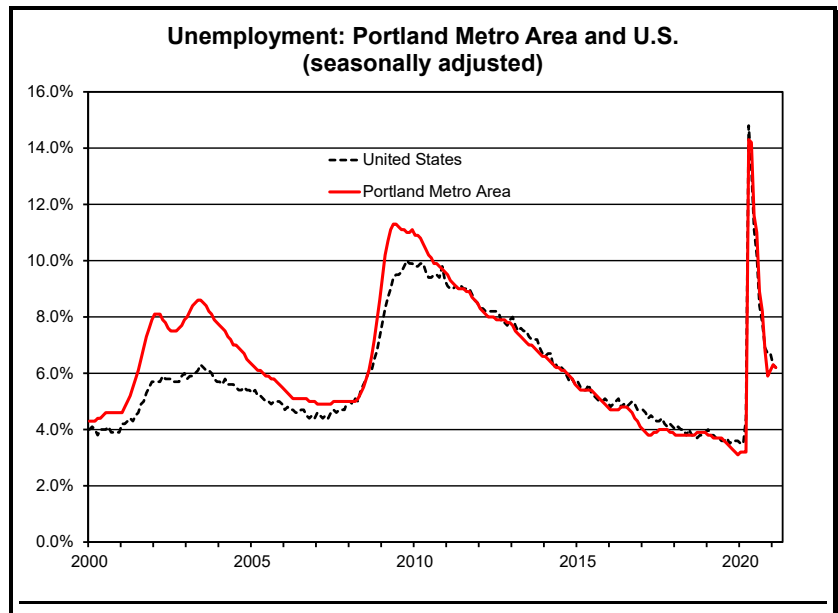
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Portland Metropolitan Area: February 2021

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 6.2% in February, essentially unchanged from January (6.3%). The statewide rate was 6.1% and the national rate was 6.2%. Approximately 85,000 area residents remain unemployed; 39,300 more than a year ago.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 8,400 jobs in February, following a gain of 4,300 in January (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May, the region has regained 76,300 jobs, or 42% of March and April losses (-179,600). In comparison, Oregon has added back 46% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 58%.

Employment in leisure and hospitality surged in February (+6,000 jobs). Four counties in the metro area (Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington) moved from the 'extreme' risk category to 'high' at the beginning of the month, allowing restaurants to resume indoor seating and expanding capacities at gyms, museums, and other recreation and entertainment venues.



Couriers and messengers did not shed the usual post-holiday jobs as the pandemic and consequent surge in online shopping has kept demand elevated for these services.

Over the year, employment in the metro area is down 8.9% (-103,300 jobs). Most published industries are in the red with the exception of grocery stores, general merchandise stores, transportation and warehousing, architectural and engineering services, and state government – all of which have experienced an increase in demand due to the pandemic.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 20.

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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To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit <https://unemployment.oregon.gov>. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,325,276	1,317,380	1,340,315	7,896	-15,039
Unemployed	84,960	88,387	45,629	-3,427	39,331
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.7%	3.4%	-0.3	3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.3%	3.2%	-0.1	3.0
Employed	1,240,316	1,228,993	1,294,686	11,323	-54,370
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,128,800	1,115,800	1,232,500	13,000	-103,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,138,900</i>	<i>1,130,500</i>	<i>1,242,200</i>	<i>8,400</i>	<i>-103,300</i>
Total private	985,300	976,100	1,077,000	9,200	-91,700
Mining, logging, and construction	70,800	69,900	76,500	900	-5,700
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Construction	69,600	68,700	75,300	900	-5,700
Construction of buildings	18,900	18,800	20,700	100	-1,800
Residential building construction	10,900	10,800	11,600	100	-700
Nonresidential building construction	8,000	8,000	9,100	0	-1,100
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5,500	5,400	5,900	100	-400
Specialty trade contractors	45,200	44,500	48,700	700	-3,500
Manufacturing	120,200	119,600	126,900	600	-6,700
Durable goods	88,600	88,200	93,900	400	-5,300
Wood product manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	4,000	4,000	6,100	0	-2,100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,200	12,100	12,900	100	-700
Machinery manufacturing	9,700	9,500	9,900	200	-200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,000	37,000	37,600	0	-600
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,500	30,500	31,100	0	-600
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,800	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,900	5,800	7,000	100	-1,100
Nondurable goods	31,600	31,400	33,000	200	-1,400
Food manufacturing	13,000	12,700	13,200	300	-200
Paper manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,500	0	300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	220,100	222,200	221,800	-2,100	-1,700
Wholesale trade	54,800	55,100	57,300	-300	-2,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,700	29,600	30,300	100	-600
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	18,900	19,300	21,000	-400	-2,100
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	200
Retail trade	113,300	115,000	116,300	-1,700	-3,000
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	12,900	13,000	14,500	-100	-1,600
Food and beverage stores	24,300	24,400	23,500	-100	800
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7,700	7,900	10,100	-200	-2,400
General merchandise stores	23,700	24,300	22,600	-600	1,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	52,000	52,100	48,200	-100	3,800
Utilities	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Transportation and warehousing	49,600	49,700	45,700	-100	3,900
Air transportation	3,800	3,400	4,200	400	-400
Truck transportation	10,500	10,400	10,800	100	-300
Couriers and messengers	11,300	11,200	8,200	100	3,100
Warehousing and storage	14,700	14,700	10,900	0	3,800
Information	25,300	25,000	26,200	300	-900
Publishing industries, except internet	11,600	11,500	11,200	100	400
Software publishers	10,100	10,100	9,700	0	400
Telecommunications	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	-200

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Financial activities	70,300	70,100	74,800	200	-4,500
Finance and insurance	41,500	41,600	43,400	-100	-1,900
Credit intermediation and related activities	18,100	18,100	18,200	0	-100
Insurance carriers and related activities	17,900	18,000	18,700	-100	-800
Real estate and rental and leasing	28,800	28,500	31,400	300	-2,600
Professional and business services	184,000	183,200	191,200	800	-7,200
Professional and technical services	80,600	80,100	80,000	500	600
Architectural and engineering services	15,700	15,500	15,100	200	600
Computer systems design and related services	15,600	15,500	15,700	100	-100
Management of companies and enterprises	40,200	40,300	42,900	-100	-2,700
Administrative and waste services	63,200	62,800	68,300	400	-5,100
Administrative and support services	60,900	60,400	64,900	500	-4,000
Employment services	26,000	26,700	29,500	-700	-3,500
Business support services	5,900	6,000	6,800	-100	-900
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,100	14,800	15,300	300	-200
Education and health services	179,400	177,400	193,000	2,000	-13,600
Educational services	23,600	22,400	31,200	1,200	-7,600
Colleges and universities	9,300	8,100	14,000	1,200	-4,700
Health care and social assistance	155,800	155,000	161,800	800	-6,000
Ambulatory health care services	56,100	55,500	58,900	600	-2,800
Hospitals	31,100	31,100	31,600	0	-500
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,000	28,800	29,300	200	-300
Social assistance	39,600	39,600	42,000	0	-2,400
Leisure and hospitality	77,300	71,300	123,500	6,000	-46,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	8,400	7,000	18,200	1,400	-9,800
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	5,800	4,600	12,700	1,200	-6,900
Accommodation and food services	68,900	64,300	105,300	4,600	-36,400
Accommodation	5,300	5,200	10,900	100	-5,600
Food services and drinking places	63,600	59,100	94,400	4,500	-30,800
Full-service restaurants	21,100	18,100	41,400	3,000	-20,300
Limited-service eating places	37,200	36,100	41,800	1,100	-4,600
Other services	37,900	37,400	43,100	500	-5,200
Membership associations and organizations	16,800	16,600	18,000	200	-1,200
Government	143,500	139,700	155,500	3,800	-12,000
Federal government	18,500	18,600	18,500	-100	0
State government	13,000	12,500	12,000	500	1,000
State education	2,000	1,800	2,200	200	-200
Local government	112,000	108,600	125,000	3,400	-13,000
Local education	59,700	58,500	69,900	1,200	-10,200

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.