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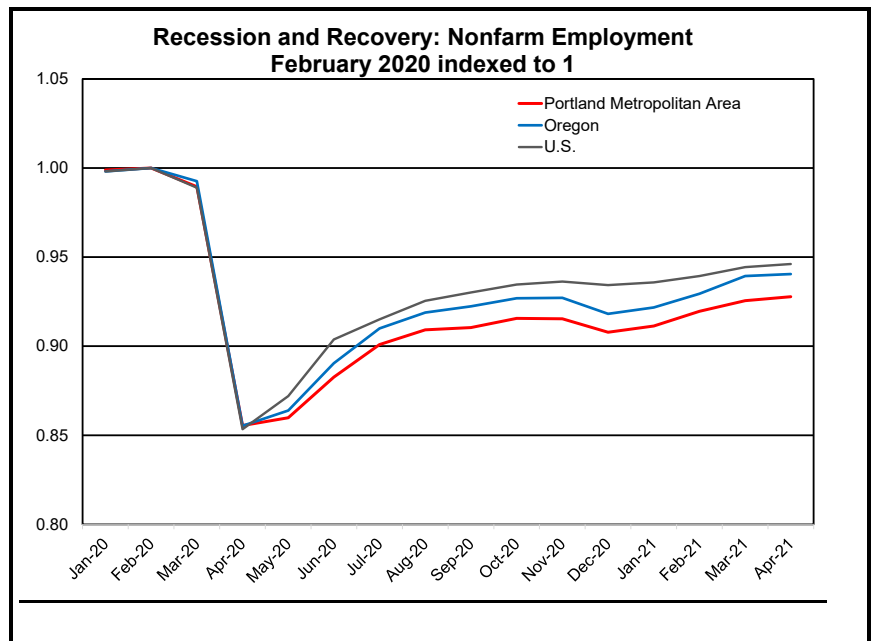
Portland Metropolitan Area: April 2021

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 6.3% in April, down slightly from March (6.5%). The statewide rate was 6.0% and the national rate was 6.1%. Approximately 82,600 area residents remain unemployed; 86,000 less than a year ago.

Employers added 2,800 jobs in April following a gain of 7,400 in March (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May 2020, the region has regained 89,900 jobs, or 50% of pandemic losses (-179,600). In

comparison, Oregon has added back 59% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 63%.

The metro area's recovery from the recession has been uneven, reflecting the changing status of COVID restrictions and a tight labor market, among other reasons. After an initial surge last summer (monthly growth averaged 20,000 jobs), the pace slowed in the fall (2,600 monthly average). December was a low point as the second wave hit and businesses once again closed or restricted operations (-9,400 jobs). Growth resumed in January and thus far in 2021, monthly growth is averaging 6,200 jobs.



Total nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,152,500 in April; a decline of 89,700 jobs, or 7.2%, from the pre-recession peak in February 2020. Most published industries have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. Among the handful that have are several components of construction, food and beverage stores, general merchandise stores (e.g. Costco, Fred Meyer), transportation and warehousing, software, building maintenance services, and state government.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 22.

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*.

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

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	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,345,639	1,339,806	1,291,811	5,833	53,828
Unemployed	82,607	85,624	168,642	-3,017	-86,035
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.4%	13.1%	-0.3	-7.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.5%	13.1%	-0.2	-6.8
Employed	1,263,032	1,254,182	1,123,169	8,850	139,863
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,152,500	1,145,700	1,063,700	6,800	88,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,152,500</i>	<i>1,149,700</i>	<i>1,062,600</i>	<i>2,800</i>	<i>89,900</i>
Total private	1,007,800	1,002,900	914,400	4,900	93,400
Mining, logging, and construction	75,300	73,900	68,400	1,400	6,900
Mining and logging	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Construction	74,200	72,800	67,200	1,400	7,000
Construction of buildings	19,000	19,500	18,400	-500	600
Residential building construction	11,700	11,900	10,200	-200	1,500
Nonresidential building construction	7,300	7,600	8,200	-300	-900
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,100	6,200	5,600	-100	500
Specialty trade contractors	49,100	47,100	43,200	2,000	5,900
Manufacturing	117,700	118,300	118,300	-600	-600
Durable goods	86,500	86,500	89,000	0	-2,500
Wood product manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300
Primary metal manufacturing	4,400	4,400	6,300	0	-1,900
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,600	11,900	11,800	-300	-200
Machinery manufacturing	9,700	9,400	9,500	300	200
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,200	37,200	37,400	0	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,000	31,000	31,100	0	-100
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,500	4,600	100	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	-300
Nondurable goods	31,200	31,800	29,300	-600	1,900
Food manufacturing	13,100	13,500	11,800	-400	1,300
Paper manufacturing	2,800	2,700	2,500	100	300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	219,900	221,100	197,600	-1,200	22,300
Wholesale trade	55,200	54,800	53,900	400	1,300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,100	29,800	28,800	300	1,300
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	19,200	19,000	19,400	200	-200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	5,900	6,000	5,700	-100	200
Retail trade	113,400	112,900	97,600	500	15,800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,400	13,400	11,800	0	1,600
Food and beverage stores	24,000	23,900	23,700	100	300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8,900	8,400	4,200	500	4,700
General merchandise stores	23,400	23,700	21,300	-300	2,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	51,300	53,400	46,100	-2,100	5,200
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	48,800	50,900	43,600	-2,100	5,200
Air transportation	4,100	4,100	3,600	0	500
Truck transportation	11,100	11,200	10,300	-100	800
Couriers and messengers	9,300	10,700	8,000	-1,400	1,300
Warehousing and storage	14,100	14,200	12,200	-100	1,900
Information	25,300	25,000	24,400	300	900
Publishing industries, except internet	11,400	11,300	10,900	100	500
Software publishers	10,000	10,000	9,600	0	400
Telecommunications	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	-300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
Financial activities	72,500	72,400	71,100	100	1,400
Finance and insurance	42,900	43,600	43,000	-700	-100
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,900	18,000	17,900	-100	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,500	19,100	18,600	-600	-100
Real estate and rental and leasing	29,600	28,800	28,100	800	1,500
Professional and business services	183,500	183,000	175,100	500	8,400
Professional and technical services	78,700	78,400	76,100	300	2,600
Architectural and engineering services	14,900	14,900	14,700	0	200
Computer systems design and related services	14,700	15,200	15,300	-500	-600
Management of companies and enterprises	40,000	39,900	40,800	100	-800
Administrative and waste services	64,800	64,700	58,200	100	6,600
Administrative and support services	61,400	61,200	54,800	200	6,600
Employment services	27,100	27,100	22,200	0	4,900
Business support services	5,700	5,700	6,100	0	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,800	15,000	14,300	800	1,500
Education and health services	179,300	180,300	166,600	-1,000	12,700
Educational services	25,400	24,700	25,000	700	400
Colleges and universities	10,400	10,300	11,500	100	-1,100
Health care and social assistance	153,900	155,600	141,600	-1,700	12,300
Ambulatory health care services	55,900	56,600	46,000	-700	9,900
Hospitals	31,100	31,500	30,900	-400	200
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,600	28,700	28,700	-100	-100
Social assistance	38,300	38,800	36,000	-500	2,300
Leisure and hospitality	93,700	88,800	60,900	4,900	32,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	10,400	9,600	9,000	800	1,400
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	7,600	7,000	5,900	600	1,700
Accommodation and food services	83,300	79,200	51,900	4,100	31,400
Accommodation	6,200	5,800	4,900	400	1,300
Food services and drinking places	77,100	73,400	47,000	3,700	30,100
Full-service restaurants	31,900	29,300	13,600	2,600	18,300
Limited-service eating places	39,300	38,200	29,200	1,100	10,100
Other services	40,600	40,100	32,000	500	8,600
Membership associations and organizations	17,600	17,200	15,700	400	1,900
Government	144,700	142,800	149,300	1,900	-4,600
Federal government	18,500	18,400	18,300	100	200
State government	13,300	12,800	12,000	500	1,300
State education	2,600	2,000	2,000	600	600
Local government	112,900	111,600	119,000	1,300	-6,100
Local education	61,500	60,300	67,500	1,200	-6,000

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.