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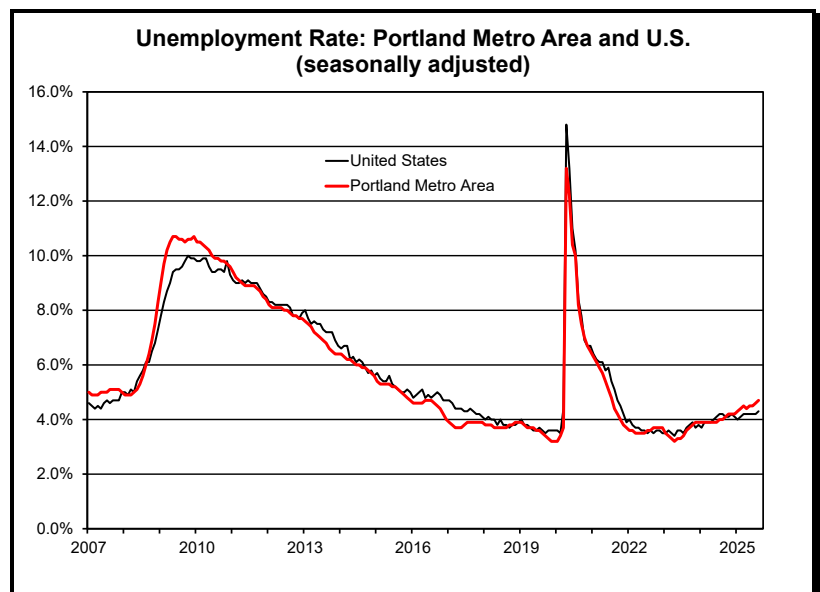
Employment and Unemployment in the Portland Metropolitan Area August 2025

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 4.7% in August compared with 4.6% in July. The unemployment rate has gradually risen from a post-pandemic low of 3.2% set in April 2023. Approximately 74,200 area residents were unemployed; 15,000 more than a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.0% and national rate was 4.3% in August.

The metro area's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 4,300 in August. July's losses were revised downward from 5,500 to 3,000 jobs.

Construction continued its long-term decline in August, shedding 1,000 jobs when gains of 500 to 1,000 jobs are more typical. This sector is now roughly 4,000 jobs below the peak summer employment levels of the past few years.

On the other end of the spectrum, health care and social assistance, leisure and hospitality, and financial activities all added more jobs than typical for this time of year. All published components of these broad industries contributed to the gains.



Over the past 12 months, the metro area has lost 5,800 jobs (not seasonally adjusted). Most major industries are in the red, led by manufacturing (-6,200; -5.0%). This sector has been steadily declining for three years. As of August, employment levels were 11,100 jobs (-8.6%) below the most recent August peak (2022). Manufacturing employment also peaked in 2022 nationally, although the decline has been more gradual (-6.6%). Gains in private health care and social assistance (+5,300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (+3,500) partially offset losses in manufacturing and elsewhere.

Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 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 MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	--Change From--	
				July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,405,124	1,392,023	1,389,463	13,101	15,661
Unemployed	74,161	70,628	59,174	3,533	14,987
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.1%	4.3%	0.2	1.0
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.7%	4.6%	4.0%	0.1	0.7
Employed	1,330,963	1,321,395	1,330,289	9,568	674
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,239,900	1,233,600	1,245,700	6,300	-5,800
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	1,229,900	1,225,600	1,249,800	4,300	-19,900
Total private	1,086,200	1,079,700	1,092,200	6,500	-6,000
Mining, logging, and construction	81,300	82,300	85,200	-1,000	-3,900
Mining and logging	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100
Construction	80,300	81,300	84,100	-1,000	-3,800
Construction of buildings	21,000	21,200	21,600	-200	-600
Residential building construction	13,000	13,100	13,300	-100	-300
Nonresidential building construction	8,000	8,100	8,300	-100	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,800	7,800	7,700	0	100
Specialty trade contractors	51,500	52,300	54,800	-800	-3,300
Manufacturing	117,600	117,400	123,800	200	-6,200
Durable goods	87,200	86,700	92,000	500	-4,800
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	-100
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,900	11,800	12,000	100	-100
Machinery manufacturing	9,300	9,200	9,200	100	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,100	36,000	39,900	100	-3,800
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,300	30,300	34,200	0	-3,900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,500	6,500	6,800	0	-300
Nondurable goods	30,400	30,700	31,800	-300	-1,400
Food manufacturing	14,100	14,200	14,200	-100	-100
Paper manufacturing	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	219,000	218,300	221,400	700	-2,400
Wholesale trade	55,200	55,500	57,100	-300	-1,900
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	29,900	30,000	30,800	-100	-900
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,100	20,300	20,800	-200	-700
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,200	5,200	5,500	0	-300
Retail trade	112,100	112,100	114,000	0	-1,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,200	14,200	14,500	0	-300
Food and beverage retailers	25,200	25,200	25,600	0	-400
General merchandise retailers	22,300	22,200	22,300	100	0
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	9,900	9,800	10,400	100	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	51,700	50,700	50,300	1,000	1,400
Utilities	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	48,800	47,800	47,600	1,000	1,200
Air transportation	4,600	4,600	4,300	0	300
Truck transportation	10,500	10,400	10,600	100	-100
Couriers and messengers	9,500	9,400	9,900	100	-400
Warehousing and storage	11,700	11,500	11,300	200	400
Information	26,500	26,500	26,500	0	0
Publishing industries	11,900	11,800	12,000	100	-100
Software publishers	10,500	10,500	10,700	0	-200
Telecommunications	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	--Change From--	
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Financial activities	71,100	70,300	71,500	800	-400
Finance and insurance	40,100	39,600	39,900	500	200
Credit intermediation and related activities	13,900	13,700	14,100	200	-200
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,100	18,900	18,800	200	300
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,000	30,700	31,600	300	-600
Professional and business services	192,800	191,500	193,900	1,300	-1,100
Professional and technical services	85,200	85,000	85,300	200	-100
Architectural and engineering services	16,100	16,000	16,000	100	100
Computer systems design and related services	15,800	15,500	15,400	300	400
Management of companies and enterprises	39,400	39,500	40,100	-100	-700
Administrative and waste services	68,200	67,000	68,500	1,200	-300
Administrative and support services	63,900	62,700	64,300	1,200	-400
Employment services	25,600	25,100	25,700	500	-100
Business support services	3,500	3,500	3,800	0	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	17,100	17,000	18,000	100	-900
Private education and health services	206,200	203,100	200,300	3,100	5,900
Private educational services	25,300	24,400	24,700	900	600
Private colleges and universities	8,400	8,100	8,100	300	300
Health care and social assistance	180,900	178,700	175,600	2,200	5,300
Ambulatory health care services	64,000	63,500	62,700	500	1,300
Hospitals	34,500	34,400	33,400	100	1,100
Nursing and residential care facilities	34,000	33,700	32,600	300	1,400
Social assistance	48,400	47,100	46,900	1,300	1,500
Leisure and hospitality	128,500	127,700	125,000	800	3,500
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	21,200	21,200	20,600	0	600
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	15,200	15,200	14,600	0	600
Accommodation and food services	107,300	106,500	104,400	800	2,900
Accommodation	11,000	10,900	10,500	100	500
Food services and drinking places	96,300	95,600	93,900	700	2,400
Full-service restaurants	38,400	38,200	38,200	200	200
Limited-service eating places	45,400	45,200	44,100	200	1,300
Other services	43,200	42,600	44,600	600	-1,400
Membership associations and organizations	17,900	17,600	18,600	300	-700
Government	153,700	153,900	153,500	-200	200
Federal government	18,500	18,800	19,200	-300	-700
State government	13,700	13,700	13,700	0	0
State education	1,500	1,400	1,600	100	-100
Local government	121,500	121,400	120,600	100	900
Local education	60,500	61,000	61,400	-500	-900

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.