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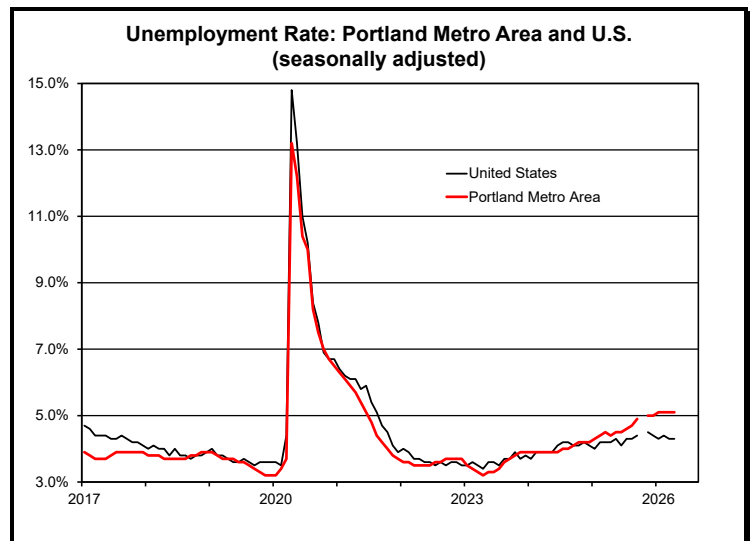
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Employment and Unemployment in the Portland Metropolitan Area Employment Holds Steady in April 2026

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 5.1% in April, unchanged from March although higher than a year earlier (4.4%). Approximately 70,900 area residents were unemployed; 2,500 more than a year ago. Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% and national rate was 4.3% in April.

The metro area's nonfarm employment was flat over the month, at 1,219,000 jobs (seasonally adjusted). March's losses were revised down to 3,800 jobs.

Construction (+1,700 jobs) and professional and business services (+700), two industries that have been lagging recently, added more jobs than typical for this time of year. Information (-600) and financial activities (-400) partially offset these gains. All other broad industries performed in line with seasonal expectations.



Over the past 12 months employment in the metro area has declined by 27,800 jobs, or -2.2% (not seasonally adjusted). Most major industries have lost jobs, led by professional and business services (-8,300 jobs; -4.3%), manufacturing (-6,700; -5.7%), and construction (-2,800; -3.6%). Private health care and social assistance is the only sector adding jobs over the year (+4,100; +2.3%).

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 23.

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

	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	--Change From--	
				March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,363,893	1,368,348	1,383,144	-4,455	-19,251
Unemployed	65,370	70,779	60,252	-5,409	5,118
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.2%	4.4%	-0.4	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.1%	4.4%	0.0	0.7
Employed	1,298,523	1,297,569	1,322,892	954	-24,369
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,215,000	1,210,500	1,242,800	4,500	-27,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,219,200	1,219,100	1,240,300	100	-21,100
Total private	1,053,400	1,048,900	1,079,900	4,500	-26,500
Mining, logging, and construction	76,000	74,300	79,000	1,700	-3,000
Mining and logging	900	900	1,100	0	-200
Construction	75,100	73,400	77,900	1,700	-2,800
Construction of buildings	20,000	19,600	20,400	400	-400
Residential building construction	12,700	12,500	12,700	200	0
Nonresidential building construction	7,300	7,100	7,700	200	-400
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,000	6,800	7,100	200	-100
Specialty trade contractors	48,100	47,000	50,400	1,100	-2,300
Manufacturing	110,300	110,100	117,000	200	-6,700
Durable goods	82,100	81,700	86,600	400	-4,500
Primary metal manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,500	11,400	11,800	100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	8,900	8,900	9,200	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	32,000	32,100	35,500	-100	-3,500
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	26,700	26,800	29,900	-100	-3,200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	-300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,900	6,800	6,700	100	200
Nondurable goods	28,200	28,400	30,400	-200	-2,200
Food manufacturing	13,100	13,300	13,800	-200	-700
Trade, transportation, and utilities	213,500	213,500	218,200	0	-4,700
Wholesale trade	54,600	54,400	55,900	200	-1,300
Retail trade	109,600	109,400	111,800	200	-2,200
General merchandise retailers	22,000	22,100	22,100	-100	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	49,300	49,700	50,500	-400	-1,200
Utilities	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	46,500	46,900	47,700	-400	-1,200
Truck transportation	9,900	9,900	10,500	0	-600
Couriers and messengers	12,200	12,400	11,600	-200	600
Warehousing and storage	9,200	9,300	8,900	-100	300
Information	23,600	24,200	25,900	-600	-2,300
Software publishers	9,600	9,600	10,400	0	-800
Financial activities	69,100	69,500	71,500	-400	-2,400
Finance and insurance	38,700	38,900	40,000	-200	-1,300
Credit intermediation and related activities	13,700	13,800	14,100	-100	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,000	18,100	18,900	-100	-900
Real estate and rental and leasing	30,400	30,600	31,500	-200	-1,100

	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)					
Professional and business services	185,200	184,500	193,500	700	-8,300
Professional and technical services	82,200	81,900	86,400	300	-4,200
Architectural and engineering services	15,400	15,300	15,900	100	-500
Computer systems design and related services	14,700	14,600	15,200	100	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	37,800	37,800	39,500	0	-1,700
Administrative and waste services	65,200	64,800	67,600	400	-2,400
Employment services	23,900	23,800	25,100	100	-1,200
Private education and health services	215,000	214,600	211,200	400	3,800
Private educational services	29,100	28,600	29,400	500	-300
Health care and social assistance	185,900	186,000	181,800	-100	4,100
Ambulatory health care services	64,800	64,600	64,100	200	700
Hospitals	34,400	34,500	34,300	-100	100
Nursing and residential care facilities	35,100	35,000	33,900	100	1,200
Social assistance	51,600	51,900	49,500	-300	2,100
Leisure and hospitality	117,600	115,500	119,700	2,100	-2,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	18,900	18,400	19,300	500	-400
Accommodation and food services	98,700	97,100	100,400	1,600	-1,700
Accommodation	10,000	9,900	9,900	100	100
Food services and drinking places	88,700	87,200	90,500	1,500	-1,800
Restaurants and other eating places	78,700	77,100	79,200	1,600	-500
Other services	43,100	42,700	43,900	400	-800
Government	161,600	161,600	162,900	0	-1,300
Federal government	17,500	17,500	18,800	0	-1,300
State government	14,300	14,300	14,400	0	-100
State education	1,800	1,900	2,000	-100	-200
Local government	129,800	129,800	129,700	0	100
Local education	67,200	67,400	68,500	-200	-1,300

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.