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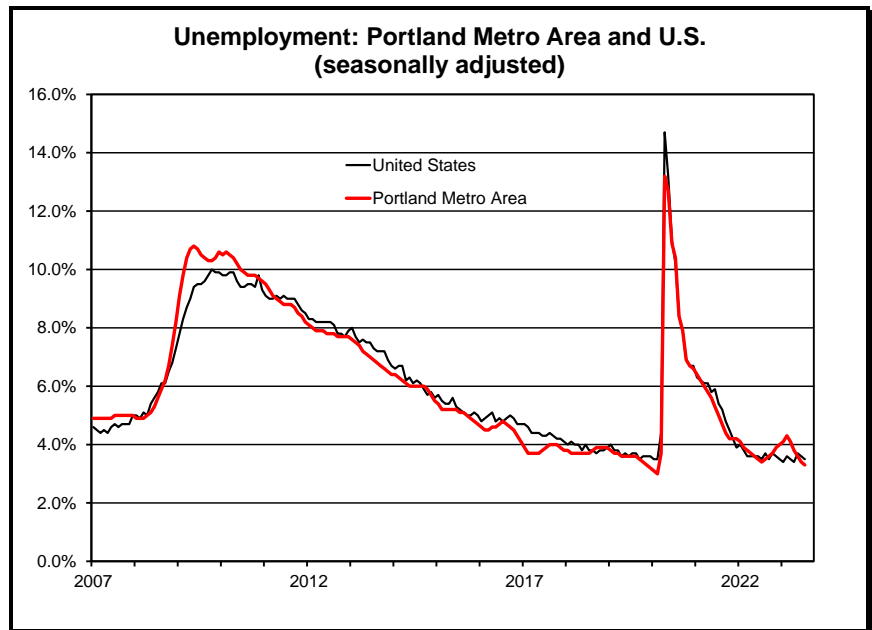
Portland Metropolitan Area: July 2023

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 3.3% in July, essentially unchanged from June (3.4%) and down from a year ago (3.9%). Approximately 48,700 area residents were unemployed; 6,000 less than a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate declined to 3.4%, tying the record low reached in late 2019 just prior to the Pandemic Recession.

Employers added 500 jobs in July following a gain of 1,400 jobs in June (seasonally adjusted).

Most industries added or lost jobs in line with seasonal expectations. Professional and business services was the only broad industry to lose jobs when a gain is the seasonal norm. The vast majority of these losses were in the employment services (e.g. temporary help) component. This decline was more than offset by stronger than normal growth in construction, and fewer seasonal layoffs than typical in education (private and public).

Over the past 12 months, nonfarm payrolls rose by 23,600 jobs, or 1.9%. Construction grew most rapidly (9.9%), followed by leisure and hospitality (5.3%) as the industry continues to recover from the pandemic. These two industries account for over half of the region's net job growth over the year. In contrast, financial activities (-1.9%) and wholesale trade (-2.1%) are in the red. Manufacturing slipped into negative territory for the first time since early 2021, pulled down by losses in computer and wood products.



Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, Sep. 19.

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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	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,364,717	1,355,483	1,370,587	9,234	-5,870
Unemployed	48,661	44,487	54,696	4,174	-6,035
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.3%	4.0%	0.3	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%	-0.1	-0.6
Employed	1,316,056	1,310,996	1,315,891	5,060	165
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,259,300	1,260,600	1,230,500	-1,300	28,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,251,400</i>	<i>1,250,900</i>	<i>1,230,600</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>20,800</i>
Total private	1,109,100	1,102,800	1,085,500	6,300	23,600
Mining, logging, and construction	91,100	88,200	84,000	2,900	7,100
Mining and logging	1,000	900	1,100	100	-100
Construction	90,100	87,300	82,900	2,800	7,200
Construction of buildings	23,600	23,100	22,500	500	1,100
Residential building construction	14,600	14,300	13,800	300	800
Nonresidential building construction	9,000	8,800	8,700	200	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,300	7,100	6,800	200	500
Specialty trade contractors	59,200	57,100	53,600	2,100	5,600
Manufacturing	127,700	127,100	128,700	600	-1,000
Durable goods	94,600	94,300	95,900	300	-1,300
Wood product manufacturing	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	-300
Primary metal manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,900	0	-200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,500	12,400	12,800	100	-300
Machinery manufacturing	10,200	10,200	10,500	0	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	41,100	40,800	41,300	300	-200
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	35,700	35,200	35,300	500	400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,600	6,600	6,100	0	500
Nondurable goods	33,100	32,800	32,800	300	300
Food manufacturing	14,800	14,600	14,300	200	500
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	224,200	223,200	225,300	1,000	-1,100
Wholesale trade	56,500	55,900	57,200	600	-700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,300	30,100	31,000	200	-700
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,300	20,000	20,300	300	0
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,900	5,800	5,900	100	0
Retail trade	116,900	116,400	116,800	500	100
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,300	14,200	14,400	100	-100
Food and beverage retailers	25,100	25,200	24,800	-100	300
General merchandise retailers	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	0
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	10,700	10,500	10,900	200	-200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,800	50,900	51,300	-100	-500
Utilities	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Transportation and warehousing	48,100	48,300	48,700	-200	-600
Air transportation	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Truck transportation	11,300	11,200	11,600	100	-300
Couriers and messengers	10,000	10,100	10,100	-100	-100
Warehousing and storage	11,300	11,300	12,500	0	-1,200
Information	28,300	28,200	27,700	100	600
Publishing industries	12,800	12,700	12,800	100	0
Software publishers	11,200	11,100	11,200	100	0
Telecommunications	2,800	3,000	3,000	-200	-200

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

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	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Financial activities	76,200	75,200	76,500	1,000	-300
Finance and insurance	42,100	41,800	43,500	300	-1,400
Credit intermediation and related activities	16,300	16,500	17,100	-200	-800
Insurance carriers and related activities	17,900	18,000	18,300	-100	-400
Real estate and rental and leasing	34,100	33,400	33,000	700	1,100
Professional and business services	201,600	202,300	202,400	-700	-800
Professional and technical services	86,800	86,300	86,100	500	700
Architectural and engineering services	16,300	16,300	16,000	0	300
Computer systems design and related services	15,700	15,800	16,000	-100	-300
Management of companies and enterprises	42,700	42,400	41,700	300	1,000
Administrative and waste services	72,100	73,600	74,600	-1,500	-2,500
Administrative and support services	67,600	69,300	70,900	-1,700	-3,300
Employment services	30,000	31,500	34,400	-1,500	-4,400
Business support services	4,800	4,900	5,200	-100	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	17,000	17,100	17,200	-100	-200
Private education and health services	188,700	189,200	179,600	-500	9,100
Private educational services	24,700	26,100	22,400	-1,400	2,300
Private colleges and universities	8,100	8,800	6,800	-700	1,300
Health care and social assistance	164,000	163,100	157,200	900	6,800
Ambulatory health care services	59,100	59,000	58,500	100	600
Hospitals	31,600	31,500	30,600	100	1,000
Nursing and residential care facilities	29,400	29,100	27,300	300	2,100
Social assistance	43,900	43,500	40,800	400	3,100
Leisure and hospitality	128,200	126,700	119,300	1,500	8,900
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	19,500	18,800	17,900	700	1,600
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	13,900	13,100	13,300	800	600
Accommodation and food services	108,700	107,900	101,400	800	7,300
Accommodation	10,500	10,200	9,200	300	1,300
Food services and drinking places	98,200	97,700	92,200	500	6,000
Full-service restaurants	41,000	40,600	39,100	400	1,900
Limited-service eating places	44,800	44,400	43,000	400	1,800
Other services	43,100	42,700	42,000	400	1,100
Membership associations and organizations	18,700	18,600	17,500	100	1,200
Government	150,200	157,800	145,000	-7,600	5,200
Federal government	18,300	18,300	17,900	0	400
State government	11,900	13,100	12,000	-1,200	-100
State education	1,300	1,700	1,500	-400	-200
Local government	120,000	126,400	115,100	-6,400	4,900
Local education	60,700	68,000	59,000	-7,300	1,700

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.