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Portland Metropolitan Area: January 2025

Employers added 1,000 jobs in January following a decline of 5,000 jobs in December (seasonally adjusted).

All broad industries typically shed jobs in January (on an unadjusted basis) and this year was no different. A few industries shed fewer jobs than expected, most notably public education (K-12 and community colleges).

On the other end of the spectrum, construction shed roughly 1,000 more jobs than normal; manufacturing was pulled down by losses in semiconductors; and health care was impacted by a large strike at a major health care provider.

Over the past 12 months, nonfarm payroll employment rose by 3,000 jobs, or 0.2%. Private health care and social assistance remains the fastest growing private industry (3.9%) despite January's slip. Private education (1.9%), financial activities (1.0%), and public education (4.6%) are also in the black. Transportation and warehousing (-3.5%), manufacturing (-3.8%) and construction (-2.3%) are among the industries recording the steepest declines over the year.

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 5.0% in January (not seasonally adjusted). The comparable year-ago rate was 4.4%. Approximately 68,600 area residents were unemployed; 8,800 more than a year ago. The statewide unadjusted unemployment rate was 5.4%.

Note: Labor force statistics (e.g. the unemployment rate) for the country's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS has temporarily suspended the production of seasonally adjusted data for MSAs as they work on implementing new geographic delineations of metro areas based on up-to-date population estimates from the 2020 Census. Production will resume when this work is completed, likely in time for the May data which will be released in June. In the meantime, the Oregon Employment Department will rely on the not seasonally adjusted data produced by the BLS. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](https://www.qualityinfo.org/web/guest/-/a-pause-on-seasonally-adjusted-labor-force-statistics-for-metro-areas).

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Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, April 1.

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

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,378,736	1,379,144	1,373,245	-408	5,491
Unemployed	68,572	56,982	59,807	11,590	8,765
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.1%	4.4%	0.9	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>		
Employed	1,310,164	1,322,162	1,313,438	-11,998	-3,274
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,231,100	1,253,300	1,228,100	-22,200	3,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,246,500</i>	<i>1,245,400</i>	<i>1,245,400</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>1,100</i>
Total private	1,069,700	1,091,500	1,071,200	-21,800	-1,500
Mining, logging, and construction	77,800	80,400	79,600	-2,600	-1,800
Mining and logging	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Construction	76,700	79,300	78,500	-2,600	-1,800
Construction of buildings	20,200	20,800	20,900	-600	-700
Residential building construction	12,500	12,900	13,000	-400	-500
Nonresidential building construction	7,700	7,900	7,900	-200	-200
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,700	7,100	6,700	-400	0
Specialty trade contractors	49,800	51,400	50,900	-1,600	-1,100
Manufacturing	117,800	119,900	122,400	-2,100	-4,600
Durable goods	87,600	89,300	91,800	-1,700	-4,200
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Primary metal manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,600	0	-200
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,600	11,800	11,900	-200	-300
Machinery manufacturing	9,000	9,100	9,300	-100	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,500	37,500	39,800	-1,000	-3,300
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	31,300	32,000	34,000	-700	-2,700
Electronic instrument manufacturing	3,900	4,000	4,200	-100	-300
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6,500	6,600	6,800	-100	-300
Nondurable goods	30,200	30,600	30,600	-400	-400
Food manufacturing	13,600	13,700	13,600	-100	0
Paper manufacturing	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	221,100	228,400	222,700	-7,300	-1,600
Wholesale trade	57,500	57,900	57,600	-400	-100
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	31,100	31,300	30,900	-200	200
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,700	20,900	20,800	-200	-100
Wholesale trade agents and brokers	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	-200
Retail trade	113,300	117,100	113,300	-3,800	0
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,500	14,500	14,200	0	300
Food and beverage retailers	25,500	25,800	25,100	-300	400
General merchandise retailers	22,500	23,600	22,500	-1,100	0
Clothing, accessories, shoe, and jewelry retailers	10,500	11,000	10,500	-500	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,300	53,400	51,800	-3,100	-1,500
Utilities	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	200
Transportation and warehousing	47,500	50,600	49,200	-3,100	-1,700
Air transportation	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	100
Truck transportation	10,400	10,500	10,500	-100	-100
Couriers and messengers	10,000	11,800	10,800	-1,800	-800
Warehousing and storage	12,300	13,000	12,400	-700	-100
Information	26,900	26,500	27,000	400	-100
Publishing industries	12,100	12,000	12,500	100	-400
Software publishers	10,800	10,700	11,100	100	-300
Telecommunications	2,300	2,800	2,800	-500	-500

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Financial activities	71,900	72,700	71,200	-800	700
Finance and insurance	40,400	40,900	40,200	-500	200
Credit intermediation and related activities	14,200	14,200	14,600	0	-400
Insurance carriers and related activities	19,100	19,000	18,700	100	400
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,500	31,800	31,000	-300	500
Professional and business services	191,700	194,200	193,500	-2,500	-1,800
Professional and technical services	85,000	85,200	85,600	-200	-600
Architectural and engineering services	15,900	16,000	15,700	-100	200
Computer systems design and related services	14,600	14,700	15,800	-100	-1,200
Management of companies and enterprises	40,400	40,800	41,600	-400	-1,200
Administrative and waste services	66,300	68,200	66,300	-1,900	0
Administrative and support services	62,200	64,100	62,300	-1,900	-100
Employment services	25,700	27,000	26,000	-1,300	-300
Business support services	3,400	3,500	4,300	-100	-900
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,900	17,300	16,300	-400	600
Private education and health services	204,900	207,700	197,700	-2,800	7,200
Private educational services	27,400	27,800	26,900	-400	500
Private colleges and universities	9,700	10,000	9,200	-300	500
Health care and social assistance	177,500	179,900	170,800	-2,400	6,700
Ambulatory health care services	63,300	64,600	62,400	-1,300	900
Hospitals	32,900	33,900	32,000	-1,000	900
Nursing and residential care facilities	33,100	33,600	31,100	-500	2,000
Social assistance	48,200	47,800	45,300	400	2,900
Leisure and hospitality	113,100	117,600	114,200	-4,500	-1,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,600	17,200	16,500	-600	100
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	11,800	12,100	11,700	-300	100
Accommodation and food services	96,500	100,400	97,700	-3,900	-1,200
Accommodation	9,700	10,000	9,600	-300	100
Food services and drinking places	86,800	90,400	88,100	-3,600	-1,300
Full-service restaurants	34,900	36,500	36,200	-1,600	-1,300
Limited-service eating places	40,500	42,200	41,300	-1,700	-800
Other services	44,500	44,100	42,900	400	1,600
Membership associations and organizations	18,400	18,300	17,900	100	500
Government	161,400	161,800	156,900	-400	4,500
Federal government	18,900	19,000	18,800	-100	100
State government	14,200	14,200	13,500	0	700
State education	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Local government	128,300	128,600	124,600	-300	3,700
Local education	70,200	70,100	67,100	100	3,100

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.