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Portland Metropolitan Area: November 2021

The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate declined to 4.1% in November from 4.4% in October. The statewide and national rates were 4.2%. Approximately 43,800 area residents remain unemployed; 41,000 less than a year ago. Since peaking at 13.1% in April 2020, the unemployment rate has declined in all but two of the past 19 months.

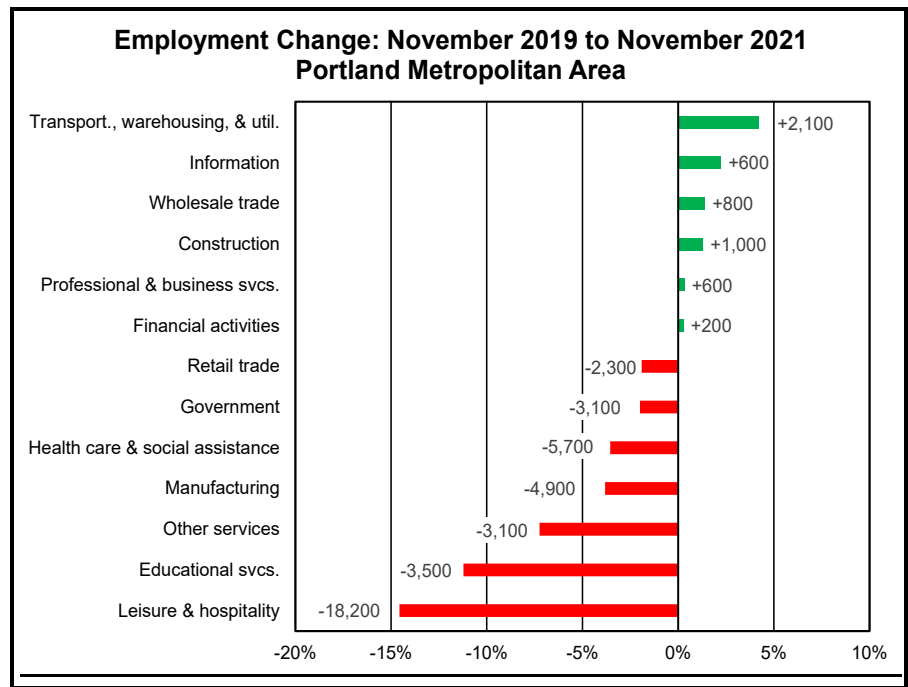
Employers added 9,900 jobs in November following a gain of 6,200 in October (seasonally adjusted). Since the start of the recovery in May 2020, the region has regained 138,400 jobs, or 77% of pandemic losses (-179,700). In comparison, Oregon has added back 79% of lost jobs and the U.S. has recovered 83%.

Most broad sectors matched or exceeded typical job gains for this time of year. The leisure

and hospitality sector once again outperformed seasonal expectations by the largest margin, adding 600 jobs when a decline of 700 is the pre-pandemic norm. Despite these gains, this sector is still 15% below pre-pandemic employment levels.

Hiring in public education fell hundreds short of typical trends as area school districts struggle with staffing shortages.

Nonfarm payroll employment totaled 1,200,900 in November; a decline of 41,300 jobs, or 4.3%, from the pre-recession peak in February 2020.



Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

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*.

To file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit our online claims system or call our contact centers, where Employment Department staff are ready to help by phone, at 1-877-FILE-4-UI (1-877-345-3484). For coronavirus questions related to employer and job seeker programs and services, visit <https://unemployment.oregon.gov>. For help finding jobs and training resources, go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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

	--Change From--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,370,065	1,361,363	1,333,319	8,702	36,746
Unemployed	43,829	46,784	84,875	-2,955	-41,046
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.4%	6.4%	-0.2	-3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.4%	7.2%	-0.3	-3.1
Employed	1,326,236	1,314,579	1,248,444	11,657	77,792
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	1,209,400	1,199,300	1,147,900	10,100	61,500
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,200,900</i>	<i>1,191,000</i>	<i>1,138,200</i>	<i>9,900</i>	<i>62,700</i>
Total private	1,056,800	1,047,300	1,005,000	9,500	51,800
Mining, logging, and construction	79,400	80,200	75,900	-800	3,500
Mining and logging	1,100	1,100	1,200	0	-100
Construction	78,300	79,100	74,700	-800	3,600
Construction of buildings	20,900	21,100	20,000	-200	900
Residential building construction	12,600	12,600	12,000	0	600
Nonresidential building construction	8,300	8,500	8,000	-200	300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6,400	6,700	6,200	-300	200
Specialty trade contractors	51,000	51,300	48,500	-300	2,500
Manufacturing	123,600	123,100	119,300	500	4,300
Durable goods	90,800	90,300	87,700	500	3,100
Wood product manufacturing	4,100	4,100	3,800	0	300
Primary metal manufacturing	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	300
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	11,900	11,900	12,000	0	-100
Machinery manufacturing	9,800	9,800	9,400	0	400
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	38,200	37,900	36,800	300	1,400
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	32,100	31,900	30,700	200	1,400
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,900	5,800	5,900	100	0
Nondurable goods	32,800	32,800	31,600	0	1,200
Food manufacturing	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	200
Paper manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	229,000	223,900	224,700	5,100	4,300
Wholesale trade	58,300	58,000	54,600	300	3,700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,200	30,600	29,200	-400	1,000
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	21,500	20,600	19,600	900	1,900
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,600	6,800	5,800	-200	800
Retail trade	118,500	115,300	117,000	3,200	1,500
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,600	13,600	13,400	0	200
Food and beverage stores	24,200	24,000	24,500	200	-300
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,700	9,000	9,000	700	700
General merchandise stores	26,200	24,800	25,200	1,400	1,000
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	52,200	50,600	53,100	1,600	-900
Utilities	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	49,700	48,100	50,600	1,600	-900
Air transportation	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300
Truck transportation	11,600	11,500	11,100	100	500
Couriers and messengers	12,300	10,200	11,700	2,100	600
Warehousing and storage	12,500	12,400	14,200	100	-1,700
Information	27,600	27,200	25,300	400	2,300
Publishing industries, except internet	12,400	12,400	11,600	0	800
Software publishers	10,900	10,800	10,200	100	700
Telecommunications	3,100	3,100	3,500	0	-400

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	--Change From--	
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Financial activities	74,300	73,000	72,600	1,300	1,700
Finance and insurance	43,200	42,400	43,300	800	-100
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,500	17,300	18,000	200	-500
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,700	18,500	18,900	200	-200
Real estate and rental and leasing	31,100	30,600	29,300	500	1,800
Professional and business services	193,700	192,800	182,700	900	11,000
Professional and technical services	85,100	84,900	77,700	200	7,400
Architectural and engineering services	16,000	16,000	14,800	0	1,200
Computer systems design and related services	15,500	15,700	15,400	-200	100
Management of companies and enterprises	39,500	39,500	40,600	0	-1,100
Administrative and waste services	69,100	68,400	64,400	700	4,700
Administrative and support services	66,100	65,300	60,900	800	5,200
Employment services	32,600	31,300	26,900	1,300	5,700
Business support services	5,200	5,200	5,900	0	-700
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,000	15,800	15,700	200	300
Education and health services	182,700	181,100	178,600	1,600	4,100
Educational services	27,700	26,100	24,600	1,600	3,100
Colleges and universities	10,200	9,900	10,400	300	-200
Health care and social assistance	155,000	155,000	154,000	0	1,000
Ambulatory health care services	57,600	58,000	56,300	-400	1,300
Hospitals	30,100	29,900	30,500	200	-400
Nursing and residential care facilities	26,000	26,200	28,700	-200	-2,700
Social assistance	41,300	40,900	38,500	400	2,800
Leisure and hospitality	106,800	106,200	87,900	600	18,900
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	13,100	13,400	10,400	-300	2,700
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	8,800	9,300	7,400	-500	1,400
Accommodation and food services	93,700	92,800	77,500	900	16,200
Accommodation	6,800	6,900	5,800	-100	1,000
Food services and drinking places	86,900	85,900	71,700	1,000	15,200
Full-service restaurants	36,100	35,500	28,300	600	7,800
Limited-service eating places	42,000	41,700	37,100	300	4,900
Other services	39,700	39,800	38,000	-100	1,700
Membership associations and organizations	16,700	16,800	15,800	-100	900
Government	152,600	152,000	142,900	600	9,700
Federal government	18,400	18,400	18,600	0	-200
State government	13,600	13,500	12,700	100	900
State education	3,000	3,000	2,000	0	1,000
Local government	120,600	120,100	111,600	500	9,000
Local education	67,200	66,400	59,400	800	7,800

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.