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## Portland Metropolitan Area: September 2022

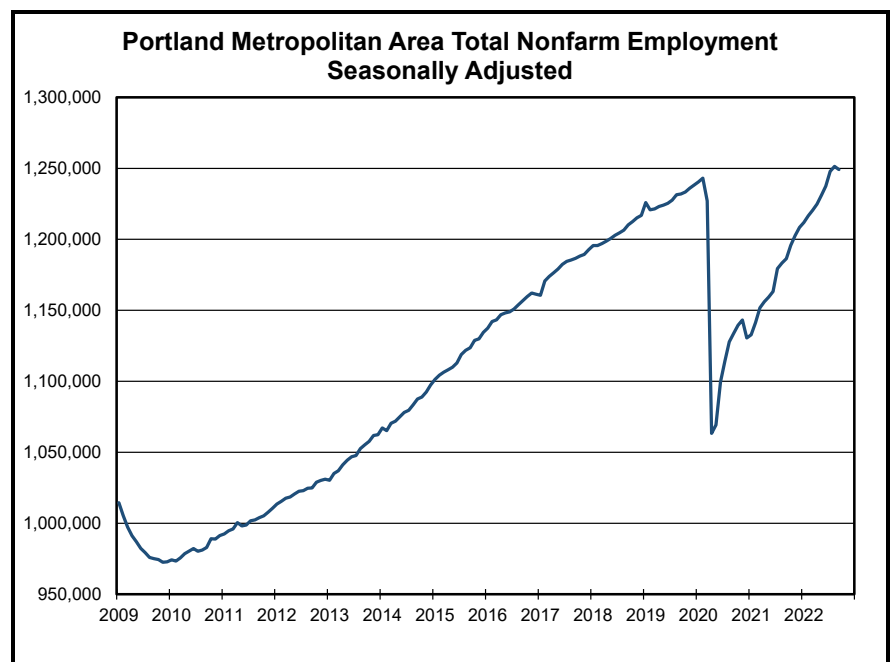
The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate edged up to 3.6% in September. Approximately 51,500 area residents were unemployed; 5,700 less than a year ago. The statewide unemployment rate increased to 3.8% and the national rate declined to 3.5% in September.

Employers cut 2,200 jobs in September following an upwardly revised gain of 3,500 in August (seasonally adjusted). This is the first monthly loss since December 2021. Note that September's numbers are preliminary; revised estimates will be released next month with the October employment report.

Manufacturing and leisure and hospitality were the only broad industries outperforming seasonal trends. Manufacturing was essentially flat when a loss of 600 is the norm for September. Leisure and hospitality's decline was slightly milder than typical.

Local government education (e.g. K-12) was flat in September; a month when districts start ramping up for the school year and adding thousands of jobs. This sector

fell short of typical trends by the largest number of all broad industries (4,500); however, its September preliminary employment estimate is also likely to be revised upwards.



### Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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--				
	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022	September 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,385,864	1,399,551	1,343,042	-13,687	42,822
Unemployed	51,455	55,783	57,132	-4,328	-5,677
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.0%	4.3%	-0.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.5%	4.4%	0.1	-0.8
Employed	1,334,409	1,343,768	1,285,910	-9,359	48,499
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,244,800	1,250,400	1,186,400	-5,600	58,400
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,249,200</i>	<i>1,251,400</i>	<i>1,186,400</i>	<i>-2,200</i>	<i>62,800</i>
Total private	1,095,500	1,101,600	1,041,500	-6,100	54,000
Mining, logging, and construction	87,500	89,500	79,700	-2,000	7,800
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Construction	86,300	88,300	78,500	-2,000	7,800
Construction of buildings	23,800	24,300	21,200	-500	2,600
Residential building construction	14,900	15,200	13,000	-300	1,900
Nonresidential building construction	8,900	9,100	8,200	-200	700
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,500	7,700	6,800	-200	700
Specialty trade contractors	55,000	56,300	50,500	-1,300	4,500
Manufacturing	133,800	133,900	123,500	-100	10,300
Durable goods	97,600	97,200	90,100	400	7,500
Wood product manufacturing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Primary metal manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,600	0	400
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	13,000	13,100	12,400	-100	600
Machinery manufacturing	10,700	10,800	10,000	-100	700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,000	40,400	37,600	-400	2,400
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	33,600	34,200	31,400	-600	2,200
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,600	0	300
Nondurable goods	36,200	36,700	33,400	-500	2,800
Food manufacturing	14,500	14,800	13,700	-300	800
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	221,000	222,300	220,800	-1,300	200
Wholesale trade	56,900	56,900	55,700	0	1,200
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,200	30,100	30,100	100	100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,500	20,500	19,500	0	1,000
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,200	6,300	6,100	-100	100
Retail trade	113,500	114,700	115,400	-1,200	-1,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,000	14,200	14,000	-200	0
Food and beverage stores	24,900	25,100	24,400	-200	500
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,200	9,300	8,300	-100	900
General merchandise stores	21,900	22,100	23,000	-200	-1,100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,600	50,700	49,700	-100	900
Utilities	2,600	2,700	2,500	-100	100
Transportation and warehousing	48,000	48,000	47,200	0	800
Air transportation	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	200
Truck transportation	11,100	11,200	11,400	-100	-300
Couriers and messengers	10,200	10,200	9,800	0	400
Warehousing and storage	12,900	12,800	11,900	100	1,000
Information	27,200	27,300	26,900	-100	300
Publishing industries, except internet	12,000	12,100	12,200	-100	-200
Software publishers	10,700	10,800	10,800	-100	-100
Telecommunications	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	September 2022	August 2022	September 2021	August 2022	September 2021
Financial activities	74,900	75,200	73,200	-300	1,700
Finance and insurance	40,100	40,800	42,100	-700	-2,000
Credit intermediation and related activities	16,500	16,700	17,100	-200	-600
Insurance carriers and related activities	17,800	18,100	18,300	-300	-500
Real estate and rental and leasing	34,800	34,400	31,100	400	3,700
Professional and business services	201,200	202,300	190,200	-1,100	11,000
Professional and technical services	85,500	86,100	81,900	-600	3,600
Architectural and engineering services	16,500	17,000	15,500	-500	1,000
Computer systems design and related services	16,600	16,600	15,600	0	1,000
Management of companies and enterprises	41,300	41,300	40,300	0	1,000
Administrative and waste services	74,400	74,900	68,000	-500	6,400
Administrative and support services	70,600	71,200	64,500	-600	6,100
Employment services	32,900	33,000	29,500	-100	3,400
Business support services	5,100	5,100	5,500	0	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,300	16,700	16,300	-400	0
Education and health services	186,700	185,300	179,000	1,400	7,700
Educational services	28,300	26,400	24,900	1,900	3,400
Colleges and universities	12,000	10,200	9,800	1,800	2,200
Health care and social assistance	158,400	158,900	154,100	-500	4,300
Ambulatory health care services	57,900	58,700	57,200	-800	700
Hospitals	31,000	30,800	30,400	200	600
Nursing and residential care facilities	27,700	27,700	27,200	0	500
Social assistance	41,800	41,700	39,300	100	2,500
Leisure and hospitality	121,700	123,000	108,500	-1,300	13,200
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,300	17,500	14,800	-1,200	1,500
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	12,800	13,600	10,600	-800	2,200
Accommodation and food services	105,400	105,500	93,700	-100	11,700
Accommodation	9,100	9,200	7,900	-100	1,200
Food services and drinking places	96,300	96,300	85,800	0	10,500
Full-service restaurants	41,200	41,400	36,500	-200	4,700
Limited-service eating places	42,400	43,500	40,300	-1,100	2,100
Other services	41,500	42,800	39,700	-1,300	1,800
Membership associations and organizations	16,900	18,300	16,200	-1,400	700
Government	149,300	148,800	144,900	500	4,400
Federal government	18,000	17,900	18,400	100	-400
State government	13,300	13,000	12,700	300	600
State education	2,800	2,400	1,900	400	900
Local government	118,000	117,900	113,800	100	4,200
Local education	61,100	61,100	60,200	0	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.