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Employment in the Portland Metro Area: April 2016

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in April, up slightly from March (4.2%). Over the year, the jobless rate declined from 5.3 percent as 63,600 area residents found work.

Businesses in the metro area added 1,100 jobs in April (seasonally adjusted) according to preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. Meanwhile, March's job growth was revised down to 1,600 jobs.

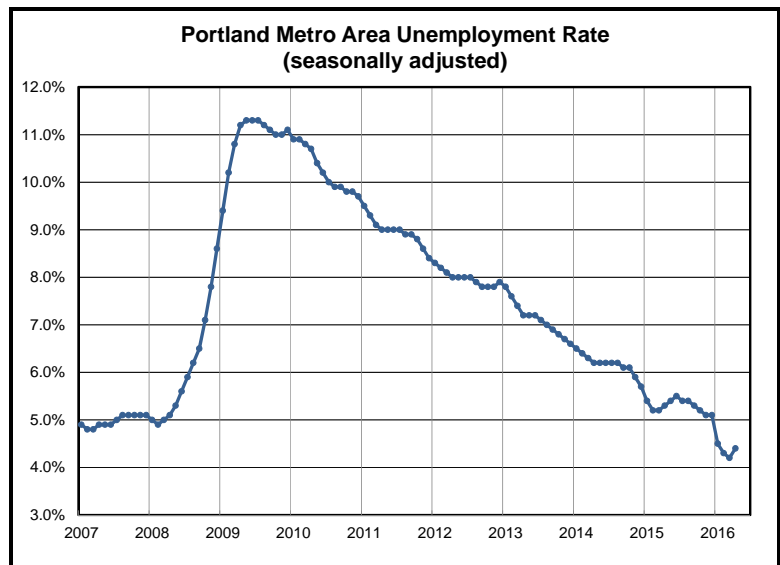
Manufacturing slipped in April, shedding 600 jobs. Most of those losses were in durable goods manufacturing; however, the semiconductor and electronic component manufacturing industry added jobs over the month (+200). Financial activities also retreated in April (-600 jobs), erasing some of March's gains (+900 jobs).

All other broad industries added jobs, led by the surging professional and business services industry (+2,500 jobs). This sprawling sector includes a wide variety of industries from accounting to waste collection. Temp help, company headquarters, building services, and architectural and engineering firms created more than half of these new jobs. Construction made up for a weak March by adding 1,500 jobs in April; about twice as many as normal for this time of year.

Over the year, employers created 35,300 jobs for a growth rate of 3.2 percent. Construction broke out of its holding pattern and is up 9.8 percent since April 2015, while manufacturing seems to be succumbing to national weakness and is now flat over the year.

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 21.



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.

To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*.

For help finding jobs and training resources, visit one of the state's WorkSource Oregon Centers or go to: www.WorkSourceOregon.org.

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Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA Labor Force and Industry Employment

	---Change from---				
	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	March 2016	April 2015
LABOR FORCE STATUS					
Civilian Labor Force	1,265,900	1,265,200	1,209,400	700	56,500
Unemployed	55,200	58,100	62,400	-2,900	-7,200
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.6%	5.2%		
Unemployment Rate, seasonally adjusted	4.4%	4.2%	5.3%		
Total Employed	1,210,600	1,207,100	1,147,000	3,500	63,600
NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT					
Total nonfarm	1,140,200	1,131,800	1,104,900	8,400	35,300
Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted	1,136,900	1,135,800	1,102,000	1,100	34,900
Total private	983,200	975,400	952,100	7,800	31,100
Mining and logging	1,300	1,300	1,200	0	100
Construction	59,500	58,000	54,200	1,500	5,300
Construction of buildings	15,100	15,000	13,500	100	1,600
Residential building construction	8,600	8,500	7,500	100	1,100
Nonresidential building construction	6,500	6,500	6,000	0	500
Heavy and civil engineering construction	4,700	4,500	4,600	200	100
Specialty trade contractors	39,700	38,500	36,100	1,200	3,600
Manufacturing	121,200	121,800	121,200	-600	0
Durable goods	89,900	90,400	90,800	-500	-900
Wood product manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	6,100	6,200	6,600	-100	-500
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,600	12,600	12,800	0	-200
Machinery manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,800	0	100
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	37,500	37,400	36,600	100	900
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,600	30,400	29,600	200	1,000
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,400	7,400	7,900	0	-500
Nondurable goods	31,300	31,400	30,400	-100	900
Food manufacturing	12,600	12,500	11,800	100	800
Paper manufacturing	2,900	3,000	3,100	-100	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	208,400	207,200	203,500	1,200	4,900
Wholesale trade	54,500	55,000	54,800	-500	-300
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	24,700	24,800	25,300	-100	-600
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	17,800	18,200	17,700	-400	100
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	12,000	12,000	11,800	0	200
Retail trade	115,600	114,000	112,700	1,600	2,900
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,900	13,700	13,300	200	600
Food and beverage stores	23,900	24,000	24,000	-100	-100
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	10,300	10,300	9,800	0	500
General merchandise stores	22,200	22,100	23,000	100	-800
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	38,300	38,200	36,000	100	2,300
Utilities	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0
Transportation and Warehousing	36,100	36,000	33,800	100	2,300
Air transportation	3,600	3,700	3,600	-100	0
Truck transportation	10,700	10,600	10,400	100	300
Couriers and messengers	6,300	6,400	5,100	-100	1,200
Warehousing and storage	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	200
Information	25,600	25,500	23,800	100	1,800
Publishing industries, except internet	9,900	9,800	9,600	100	300
Software publishers	8,000	8,000	7,500	0	500
Telecommunications	5,700	5,600	5,400	100	300

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015	---Change from--- March 2016	April 2015
Financial activities	66,900	67,500	65,600	-600	1,300
Finance and insurance	41,600	41,300	41,300	300	300
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,800	17,600	17,900	200	-100
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,700	18,700	18,400	0	300
Real estate and rental and leasing	25,300	26,200	24,300	-900	1,000
Professional and business services	174,800	172,300	169,300	2,500	5,500
Professional and technical services	72,600	72,200	69,700	400	2,900
Architectural and engineering services	12,500	12,300	11,900	200	600
Computer systems design and related services	14,100	14,100	13,300	0	800
Management of companies and enterprises	37,600	37,300	35,600	300	2,000
Administrative and waste services	64,600	62,800	64,000	1,800	600
Administrative and support services	61,600	59,800	61,200	1,800	400
Employment services	26,300	25,800	25,900	500	400
Business support services	7,900	7,900	8,800	0	-900
Services to buildings and dwellings	14,300	13,900	14,700	400	-400
Educational and health services	169,600	167,900	163,000	1,700	6,600
Educational services	30,700	30,300	29,800	400	900
Colleges and universities	14,400	15,100	14,400	-700	0
Health care and social assistance	138,900	137,600	133,200	1,300	5,700
Ambulatory health care services	52,000	52,100	51,100	-100	900
Hospitals	30,900	30,700	29,400	200	1,500
Nursing and residential care facilities	27,800	27,100	26,600	700	1,200
Social assistance	28,200	27,700	26,100	500	2,100
Leisure and hospitality	115,300	114,100	111,500	1,200	3,800
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16,200	15,300	15,200	900	1,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	11,500	11,100	10,900	400	600
Accommodation and food services	99,100	98,800	96,300	300	2,800
Accommodation	10,200	10,000	9,800	200	400
Food services and drinking places	88,900	88,800	86,500	100	2,400
Full-service restaurants	41,800	41,300	40,300	500	1,500
Limited-service eating places	37,300	37,500	36,600	-200	700
Other services	40,600	39,800	38,800	800	1,800
Membership associations and organizations	17,800	17,800	17,000	0	800
Government	157,000	156,400	152,800	600	4,200
Federal government	17,900	17,800	17,800	100	100
State government	25,500	25,500	25,500	0	0
State education	9,900	9,900	9,200	0	700
Local government	113,600	113,100	109,500	500	4,100
Local education	63,000	63,000	60,400	0	2,600

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: 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.