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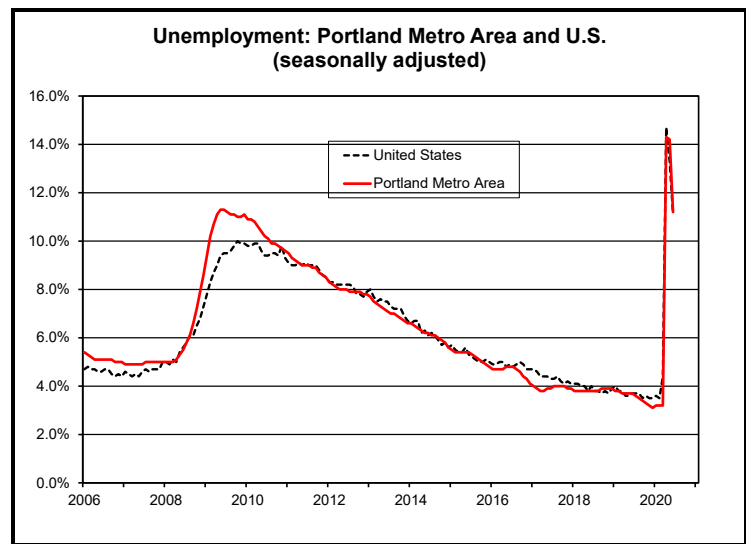
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## Portland Metropolitan Area: June 2020

The Portland metro area's unemployment rate declined to 11.2 percent in June from 14.2 percent in May. June's rate is similar to the national rate of 11.1 percent. Approximately 154,000 area residents remain unemployed.

The Portland region's total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 37,200 jobs in June, following a gain of 8,500 jobs in May (seasonally adjusted). Over the past two months, employers added back over a quarter of the jobs lost in March and April.

The largest over-the-month job gain by far was in leisure and hospitality, the sector of the economy hardest hit by pandemic-related closures. Employers added 20,700 jobs in June, for a two-month total of 28,900 jobs; recovering 42 percent of COVID-19 losses in March and April.



Construction is the only major industry back to March employment levels, the month when most industries started suffering the impacts of COVID-19. That said, this industry typically adds between 3,000 and 4,000 jobs between March and June, so a return to March levels isn't a return to normal.

'Other services', an industry that includes hair and nail salons, gyms, and other personal care businesses that were forced to close due to public health concerns, added 4,100 jobs over the past two months, recouping over half of COVID job losses. Ambulatory health care (e.g. doctor and dentist offices) and retail trade have also regained a large share of lost jobs; 66 percent and 43 percent, respectively.

Every large metro region across the nation has lost jobs during the pandemic. Portland's four-month rate of decline (-9.2%) ranks 23rd steepest among the nation's 50 largest metro areas. Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Phoenix, and Dallas reported job losses of 5 percent or less, while New York City, Boston, and Las Vegas had the steepest.

**Next Press Release**

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 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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### Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,355,300	1,335,856	1,322,096	19,444	33,204
Unemployed	154,040	186,868	50,589	-32,828	103,451
Unemployment rate	11.4%	14.0%	3.8%	-2.6	7.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11.2%</i>	<i>14.2%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>7.5</i>
Employed	1,201,260	1,148,988	1,271,507	52,272	-70,247
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,118,100	1,077,200	1,225,100	40,900	-107,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>1,112,200</i>	<i>1,075,000</i>	<i>1,220,500</i>	<i>37,200</i>	<i>-108,300</i>
Total private	972,300	930,800	1,069,400	41,500	-97,100
Mining, logging, and construction	77,900	75,900	77,900	2,000	0
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,300	0	-100
Construction	76,700	74,700	76,600	2,000	100
Construction of buildings	18,600	18,200	19,900	400	-1,300
Residential building construction	10,600	10,400	11,600	200	-1,000
Nonresidential building construction	8,000	7,800	8,300	200	-300
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,000	6,800	6,500	200	500
Specialty trade contractors	51,100	49,700	50,200	1,400	900
Manufacturing	121,500	118,300	129,900	3,200	-8,400
Durable goods	91,000	88,300	95,500	2,700	-4,500
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,700	4,000	100	-200
Primary metal manufacturing	4,600	5,300	6,100	-700	-1,500
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	12,600	12,500	13,500	100	-900
Machinery manufacturing	9,800	9,900	10,100	-100	-300
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	36,800	34,800	37,500	2,000	-700
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	30,700	28,900	30,700	1,800	0
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,500	4,400	5,100	100	-600
Transportation equipment manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,700	0	-600
Nondurable goods	30,500	30,000	34,400	500	-3,900
Food manufacturing	12,200	12,000	13,800	200	-1,600
Paper manufacturing	2,300	2,300	2,500	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	207,500	203,700	219,300	3,800	-11,800
Wholesale trade	55,800	56,300	57,500	-500	-1,700
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	28,800	29,100	29,600	-300	-800
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,800	21,000	21,500	-200	-700
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,200	6,200	6,400	0	-200
Retail trade	108,000	104,200	116,800	3,800	-8,800
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13,700	12,600	14,400	1,100	-700
Food and beverage stores	25,000	24,900	23,800	100	1,200
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	6,800	6,700	10,300	100	-3,500
General merchandise stores	23,200	22,600	22,600	600	600
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	43,700	43,200	45,000	500	-1,300
Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Transportation and warehousing	41,100	40,600	42,400	500	-1,300
Air transportation	3,400	3,400	4,200	0	-800
Truck transportation	10,600	10,500	11,200	100	-600
Couriers and messengers	7,800	7,100	7,000	700	800
Warehousing and storage	9,000	8,900	8,100	100	900
Information	25,100	23,900	26,600	1,200	-1,500
Publishing industries, except internet	10,600	10,400	10,900	200	-300
Software publishers	9,000	8,900	9,300	100	-300
Telecommunications	3,800	3,900	4,100	-100	-300

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Financial activities	68,600	68,100	73,300	500	-4,700
Finance and insurance	41,200	41,200	42,800	0	-1,600
Credit intermediation and related activities	17,300	17,300	18,200	0	-900
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,400	18,300	18,400	100	0
Real estate and rental and leasing	27,400	26,900	30,500	500	-3,100
Professional and business services	179,600	177,000	189,600	2,600	-10,000
Professional and technical services	76,300	75,300	77,800	1,000	-1,500
Architectural and engineering services	15,500	15,500	14,900	0	600
Computer systems design and related services	15,000	15,000	15,500	0	-500
Management of companies and enterprises	40,600	40,400	43,300	200	-2,700
Administrative and waste services	62,700	61,300	68,500	1,400	-5,800
Administrative and support services	58,900	57,500	65,000	1,400	-6,100
Employment services	23,900	22,600	28,600	1,300	-4,700
Business support services	6,700	6,700	7,000	0	-300
Services to buildings and dwellings	15,400	15,200	16,000	200	-600
Education and health services	169,400	164,500	179,800	4,900	-10,400
Educational services	22,800	22,400	25,300	400	-2,500
Colleges and universities	9,400	9,900	8,700	-500	700
Health care and social assistance	146,600	142,100	154,500	4,500	-7,900
Ambulatory health care services	54,300	51,600	57,800	2,700	-3,500
Hospitals	31,200	31,000	31,700	200	-500
Nursing and residential care facilities	28,300	28,600	28,300	-300	0
Social assistance	32,800	30,900	36,700	1,900	-3,900
Leisure and hospitality	83,100	62,400	130,200	20,700	-47,100
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	11,700	7,500	19,900	4,200	-8,200
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	8,000	4,500	14,300	3,500	-6,300
Accommodation and food services	71,400	54,900	110,300	16,500	-38,900
Accommodation	6,300	4,500	11,700	1,800	-5,400
Food services and drinking places	65,100	50,400	98,600	14,700	-33,500
Full-service restaurants	26,500	18,000	44,000	8,500	-17,500
Limited-service eating places	31,800	28,200	43,100	3,600	-11,300
Other services	39,600	37,000	42,800	2,600	-3,200
Membership associations and organizations	16,100	16,600	17,800	-500	-1,700
Government	145,800	146,400	155,700	-600	-9,900
Federal government	18,500	18,400	18,400	100	100
State government	11,700	12,500	12,400	-800	-700
State education	2,300	2,700	2,400	-400	-100
Local government	115,600	115,500	124,900	100	-9,300
Local education	63,400	64,500	69,400	-1,100	-6,000

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.