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## Portland Metropolitan Area: August 2022

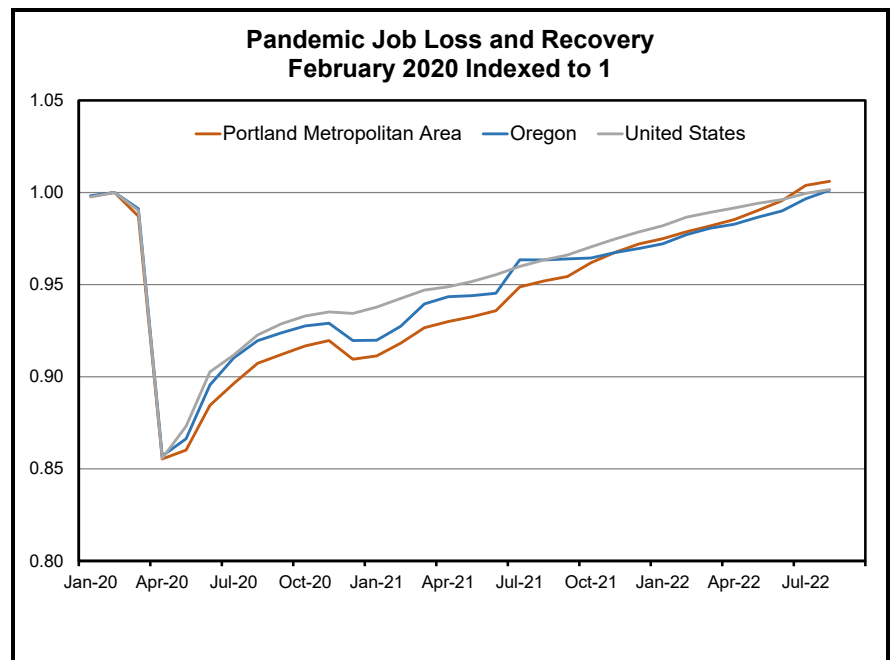
The Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate edged up to 3.5% in August. Approximately 56,300 area residents were unemployed; 10,700 less than a year ago. The national and statewide unemployment rates were both 3.7% in August.

Employers added 2,700 jobs in August following an upwardly revised gain of 10,400 in July (seasonally adjusted).

Nonfarm employment totaled 1,250,600 jobs in August; 7,500 jobs, or 0.6% above pre-pandemic highs. Oregon (0.1%) and the nation (0.2%) also reached new highs in August.

Strength in construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality outweighed below-typical growth in transportation and warehousing, private education and health services, and financial activities.

Over the past 12 months, nonfarm payrolls rose by 65,200 jobs, or 5.5%. Leisure and hospitality, construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services are growing more rapidly than the overall economy, while retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, financial activities, information, and the public sector are lagging.



### Next Press Release

The Oregon Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 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--				
	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022	August 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,399,536	1,391,388	1,345,078	8,148	54,458
Unemployed	56,336	50,198	67,040	6,138	-10,704
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.6%	5.0%	0.4	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.4%	4.7%	0.1	-1.2
Employed	1,343,200	1,341,190	1,278,038	2,010	65,162
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,248,000	1,244,400	1,182,800	3,600	65,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,250,600	1,247,900	1,183,300	2,700	67,300
Total private	1,102,400	1,097,700	1,041,700	4,700	60,700
Mining, logging, and construction	89,500	87,000	80,300	2,500	9,200
Mining and logging	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Construction	88,300	85,800	79,100	2,500	9,200
Construction of buildings	24,400	23,600	21,600	800	2,800
Residential building construction	15,200	14,700	13,200	500	2,000
Nonresidential building construction	9,200	8,900	8,400	300	800
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7,600	7,400	6,800	200	800
Specialty trade contractors	56,300	54,800	50,700	1,500	5,600
Manufacturing	135,100	133,100	123,500	2,000	11,600
Durable goods	98,400	96,500	90,200	1,900	8,200
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	10,700	10,000	0	700
Computer and electronic product manufacturing	40,600	40,200	37,500	400	3,100
Semiconductor and electronic component mfg.	34,300	34,200	31,400	100	2,900
Electronic instrument manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	200
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,800	0	100
Nondurable goods	36,700	36,600	33,300	100	3,400
Food manufacturing	14,700	14,700	13,900	0	800
Paper manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	222,500	222,500	221,100	0	1,400
Wholesale trade	57,200	57,100	55,700	100	1,500
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30,200	30,200	30,100	0	100
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20,700	20,600	19,500	100	1,200
Electronic markets and agents and brokers	6,300	6,300	6,100	0	200
Retail trade	114,600	114,400	115,900	200	-1,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14,100	14,200	14,100	-100	0
Food and beverage stores	25,100	24,700	24,300	400	800
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	9,300	9,200	8,700	100	600
General merchandise stores	22,100	22,000	22,800	100	-700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50,700	51,000	49,500	-300	1,200
Utilities	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	100
Transportation and warehousing	48,000	48,300	46,900	-300	1,100
Air transportation	3,900	3,900	3,600	0	300
Truck transportation	11,300	11,300	11,300	0	0
Couriers and messengers	10,200	10,200	9,600	0	600
Warehousing and storage	12,800	12,900	12,300	-100	500
Information	27,300	27,800	26,800	-500	500
Publishing industries, except internet	12,000	12,300	12,200	-300	-200
Software publishers	10,700	10,900	10,800	-200	-100
Telecommunications	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0

## Nonfarm Payroll Employment (continued)

	--Change From--				
	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022	August 2021
Financial activities	75,300	76,100	74,300	-800	1,000
Finance and insurance	40,900	41,000	42,800	-100	-1,900
Credit intermediation and related activities	16,700	16,900	17,700	-200	-1,000
Insurance carriers and related activities	18,100	18,100	18,400	0	-300
Real estate and rental and leasing	34,400	35,100	31,500	-700	2,900
Professional and business services	202,100	201,200	189,800	900	12,300
Professional and technical services	85,900	86,500	82,100	-600	3,800
Architectural and engineering services	17,000	16,800	15,500	200	1,500
Computer systems design and related services	16,500	16,800	15,700	-300	800
Management of companies and enterprises	41,300	41,200	40,400	100	900
Administrative and waste services	74,900	73,500	67,300	1,400	7,600
Administrative and support services	71,200	69,800	63,800	1,400	7,400
Employment services	32,900	31,900	28,500	1,000	4,400
Business support services	5,100	5,100	5,500	0	-400
Services to buildings and dwellings	16,600	16,400	16,500	200	100
Education and health services	184,600	184,300	176,100	300	8,500
Educational services	26,200	25,900	21,400	300	4,800
Colleges and universities	10,100	9,900	7,400	200	2,700
Health care and social assistance	158,400	158,400	154,700	0	3,700
Ambulatory health care services	58,500	58,800	57,400	-300	1,100
Hospitals	30,800	30,900	30,400	-100	400
Nursing and residential care facilities	27,800	27,700	27,500	100	300
Social assistance	41,300	41,000	39,400	300	1,900
Leisure and hospitality	123,300	122,400	110,000	900	13,300
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17,200	17,600	15,200	-400	2,000
Amusement, gambling, and recreation	13,100	13,700	11,200	-600	1,900
Accommodation and food services	106,100	104,800	94,800	1,300	11,300
Accommodation	9,400	9,300	8,100	100	1,300
Food services and drinking places	96,700	95,500	86,700	1,200	10,000
Full-service restaurants	41,200	41,300	36,600	-100	4,600
Limited-service eating places	43,700	43,000	40,900	700	2,800
Other services	42,700	43,300	39,800	-600	2,900
Membership associations and organizations	18,300	18,000	16,200	300	2,100
Government	145,600	146,700	141,100	-1,100	4,500
Federal government	17,900	18,100	18,500	-200	-600
State government	12,900	12,800	12,500	100	400
State education	2,400	2,200	1,600	200	800
Local government	114,800	115,800	110,100	-1,000	4,700
Local education	57,900	59,100	55,900	-1,200	2,000

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.