Portland, OR-WA Area Economic Summary

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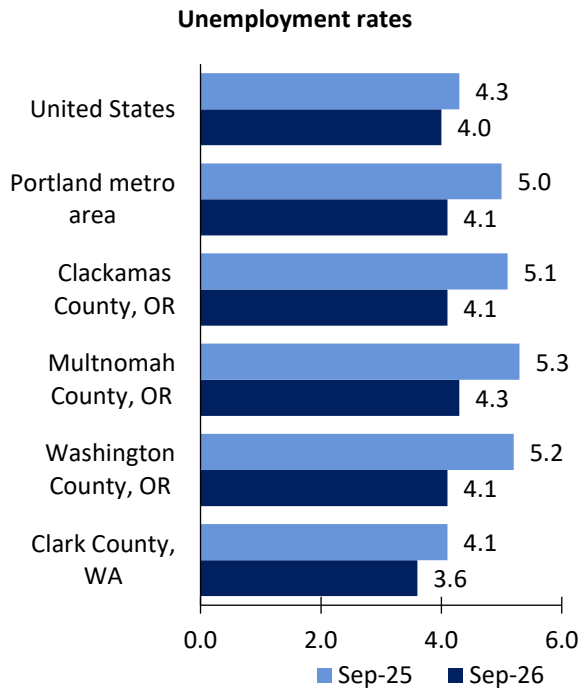
This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include **unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending,** and **benefits**. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see https://www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

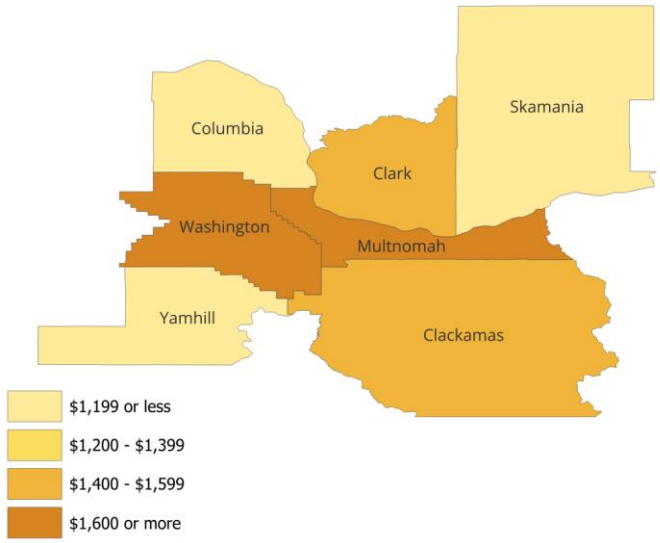


Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

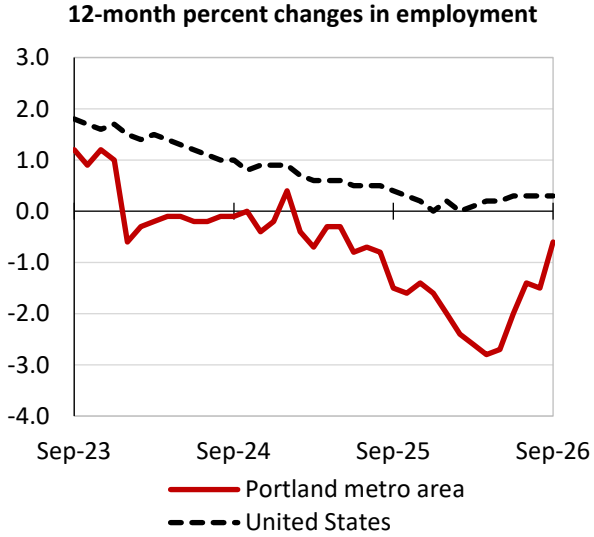
Portland metro area, first quarter 2026

(U.S. = $1,654; Area = $1,661)



Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector, over-the-year changes

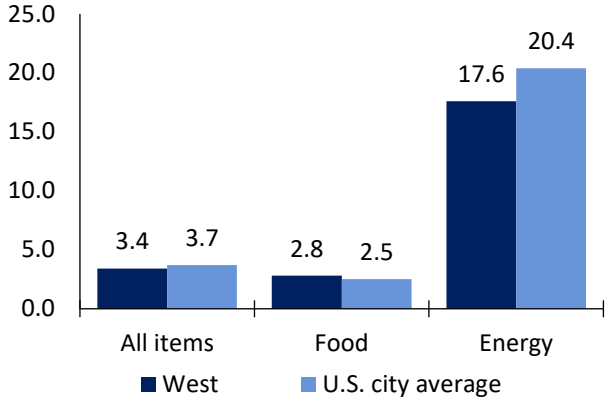


Portland metro area employment (number in thousands)	Sep. 2026	Change from Sep. 2025 to Sep. 2026	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,222.1	-7.7	-0.6
Mining and logging	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	78.3	-0.6	-0.8
Manufacturing	111.9	-3.3	-2.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities	215.0	-1.9	-0.9
Information	23.3	-2.4	-9.3
Financial activities	71.4	0.2	0.3
Professional and business services	186.6	-3.0	-1.6
Education and health services	212.6	4.5	2.2
Leisure and hospitality	122.7	0.7	0.6
Other services	41.1	-2.3	-5.3
Government	158.2	0.4	0.3

Source: U.S. BLS, Current Employment Statistics.

Prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories, over-the-year change

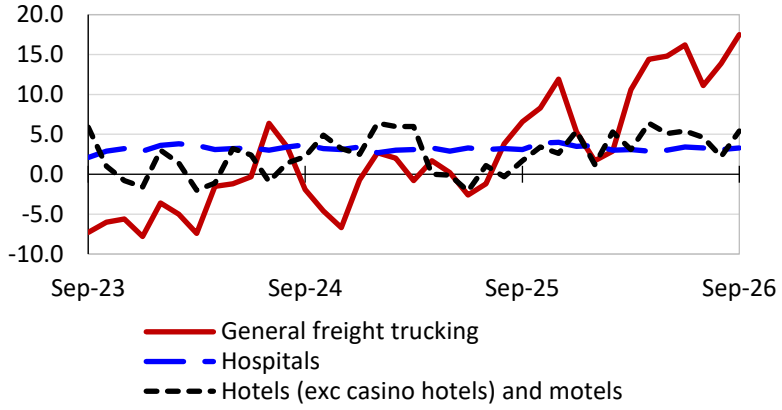
12-month percent change in CPI-U, September 2026



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide, over-the-year change

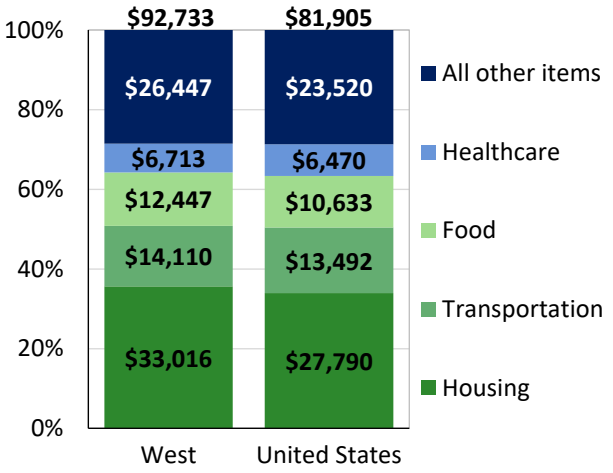
12-month percent changes in PPI



Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, 2025



Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2025

Occupation	Portland metro area	United States
All occupations	$37.71	$33.54
Public relations managers	70.89	79.21
Electrical engineers	60.47	60.15
Clergy	33.60	32.15
Semiconductor processing technicians	32.16	28.93
Automotive and watercraft service attendants	18.35	17.68
Fast food and counter workers	18.19	15.46

Source: U.S. BLS, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

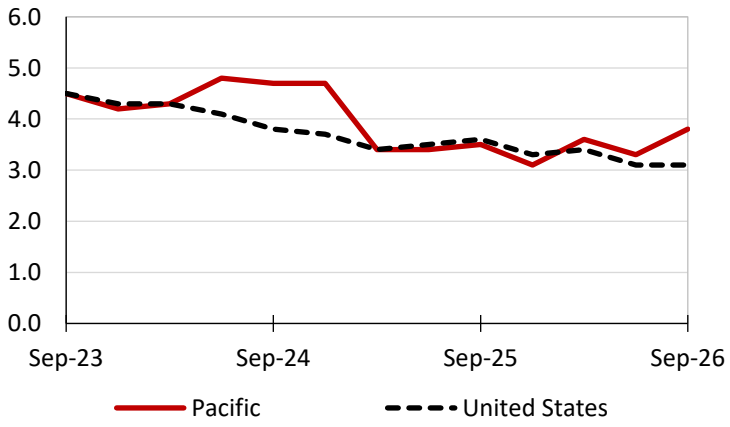
Private industry, June 2026	Pacific	United States
Total compensation	$55.49	$46.89
Wages and salaries	38.03	32.82
Total benefits	17.45	14.07
Paid leave	4.41	3.54
Vacation	2.18	1.76
Supplemental pay	2.62	1.88
Insurance	4.05	3.69
Retirement and savings	2.10	1.57
Legally required benefits	4.27	3.40

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year

12-month percent changes in ECI



Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.