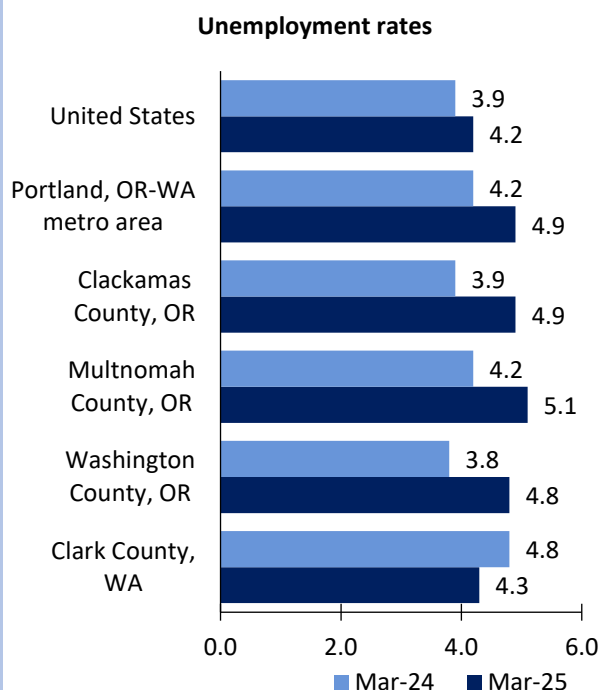


# Portland, OR-WA Area Economic Summary

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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>.

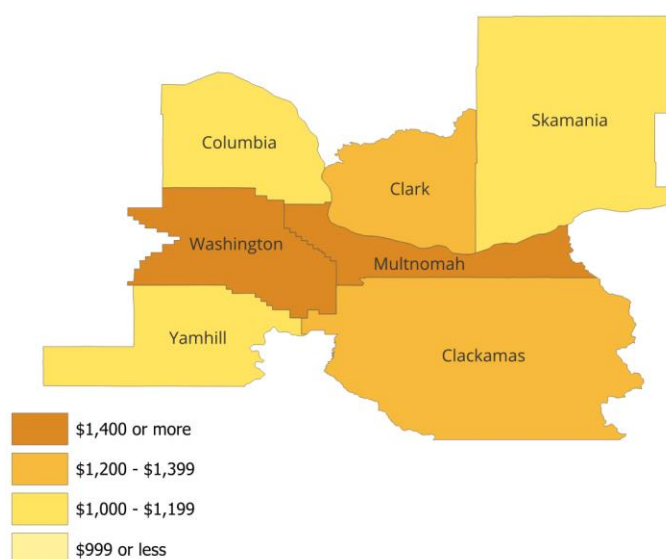
## Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas



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

## Average weekly wages for all industries by county

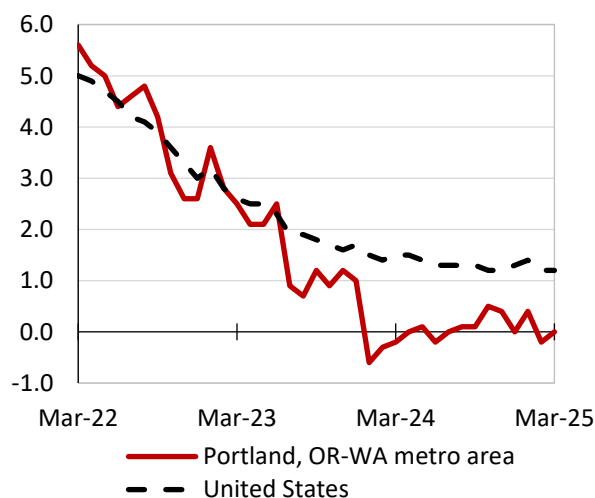
**Portland, OR-WA metro area, third quarter 2024**  
(U.S. = \$1,394; Area = \$1,498)



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

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

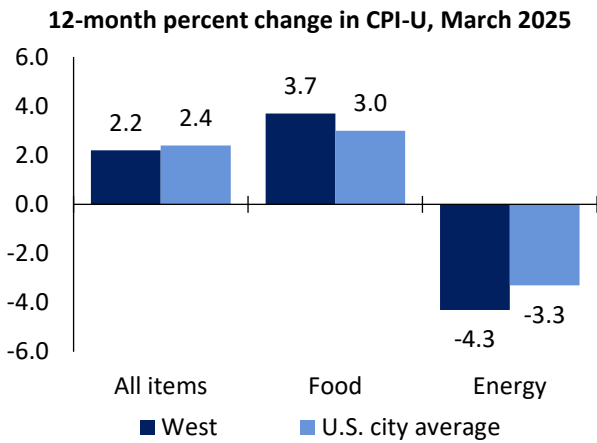
### 12-month percent changes in employment



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

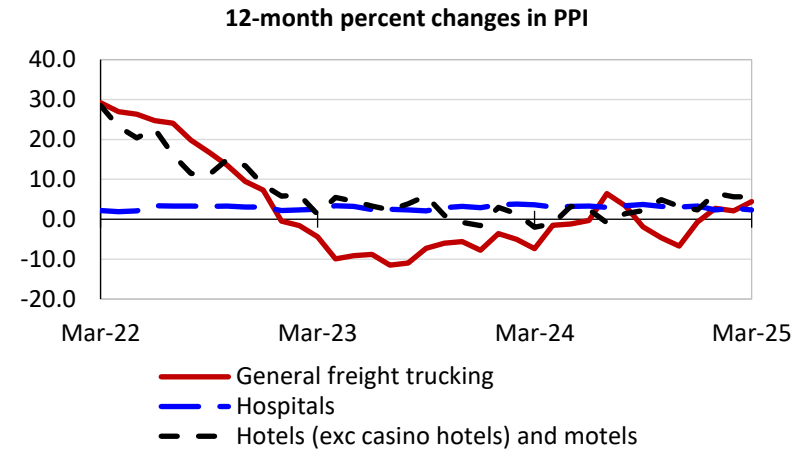
Portland, OR-WA metro area employment (number in thousands)	Mar. 2025	Change from Mar. 2024 to Mar. 2025	
		Number	Percent
Total nonfarm	1,244.0	0.3	0.0
Mining and logging	1.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	78.0	-3.0	-3.7
Manufacturing	117.8	-5.3	-4.3
Trade, transportation, and utilities	220.6	-0.1	0.0
Information	27.1	0.3	1.1
Financial activities	70.7	-0.6	-0.8
Professional and business services	194.5	-2.0	-1.0
Education and health services	210.8	8.9	4.4
Leisure and hospitality	115.7	-1.8	-1.5
Other services	44.9	1.2	2.7
Government	162.8	2.7	1.7

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



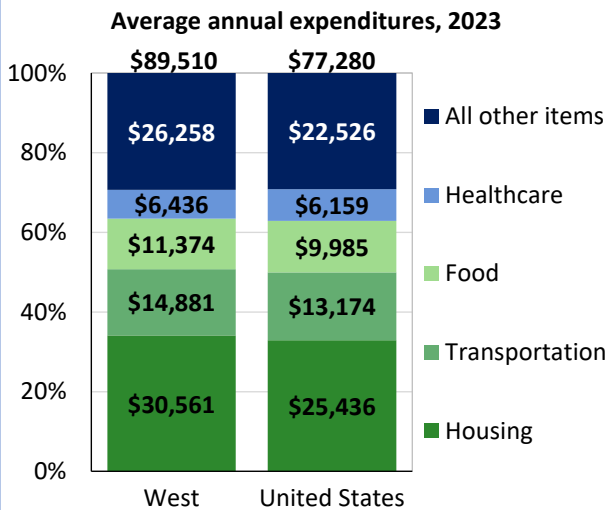
Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

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



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

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories



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

Average hourly wages for selected occupations, May 2024

Occupation	Portland, OR-WA area	United States
All occupations	\$36.77	\$32.66
Sales engineers	67.39	62.70
Clergy	36.40	32.29
Industrial engineering technologists and technicians	35.40	33.55
Semiconductor processing technicians	31.41	28.68
Automotive and watercraft service attendants	18.16	17.21
Fast food and counter workers	17.61	15.07

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

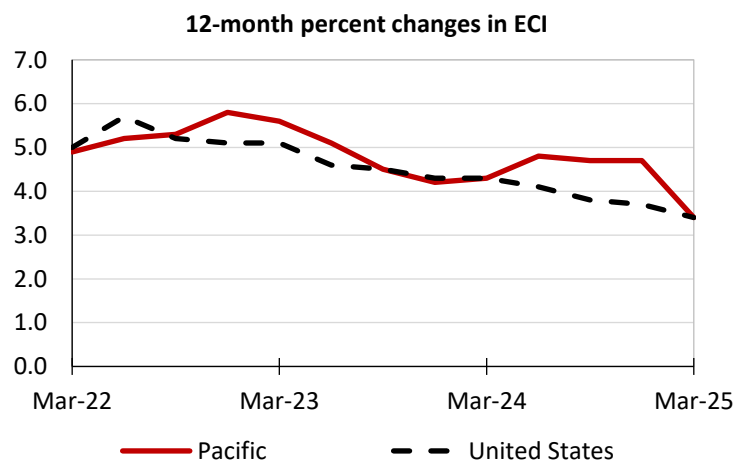
Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by census division

Private industry, December 2024	Pacific	United States
Total compensation	\$52.84	\$44.67
Wages and salaries	36.86	31.47
Total benefits	15.98	13.20
Paid leave	4.20	3.38
Vacation	2.09	1.71
Supplemental pay	2.27	1.84
Insurance	3.58	3.22
Retirement and savings	1.90	1.52
Legally required benefits	4.03	3.24

Map of Census Regions and Divisions

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

Changes in wages and salaries over-the-year



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