

## QUICK ECONOMIC INDICATORS APRIL 2011

Year over Year Change In Employment by Industry	Portland MSA			Multnomah County		
	Industry	Mar-11	Mar-10	Total Change	Mar-11	Mar-10
Mining and Logging	1,000	1,100	-100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	41,900	42,800	-900	15,200	15,100	100
Manufacturing	107,500	105,200	2,300	31,600	30,900	700
Wholesale trade	52,600	52,000	600	20,400	20,600	-200
Retail trade	100,100	99,000	1,100	37,300	37,000	300
Transportation, warehouse & utilities	33,700	32,800	900	19,900	20,100	-200
Information	22,200	22,100	100	9,400	9,400	0
Financial activities	61,200	61,600	-400	29,000	29,500	-500
Professional & business services	129,700	124,500	5,200	61,100	60,700	400
? Employment services	20,500	18,400	2,100	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education Services (private sector)	27,200	26,400	800	14,900	14,100	800
Health Care and Social Assistance	115,600	113,800	1,800	51,600	51,000	600
Leisure & hospitality	92,400	91,200	1,200	44,600	44,000	600
Other services	34,700	34,500	200	16,900	16,700	200
Government (includes public education)	150,900	150,400	500	75,000	75,400	-400
<b>Total Nonfarm (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>970,700</b>	<b>957,400</b>	<b>13,300</b>	<b>426,900</b>	<b>424,500</b>	<b>2,400</b>

### Civilian Labor Force & Unemployment Rates (seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted)

United States				
Month	Total	Unemployed Total	Not Adjusted	Adjusted
Mar-11	153,022,000	14,060,000	9.2	8.8
Mar-10	153,660,000	15,678,000	10.2	9.7

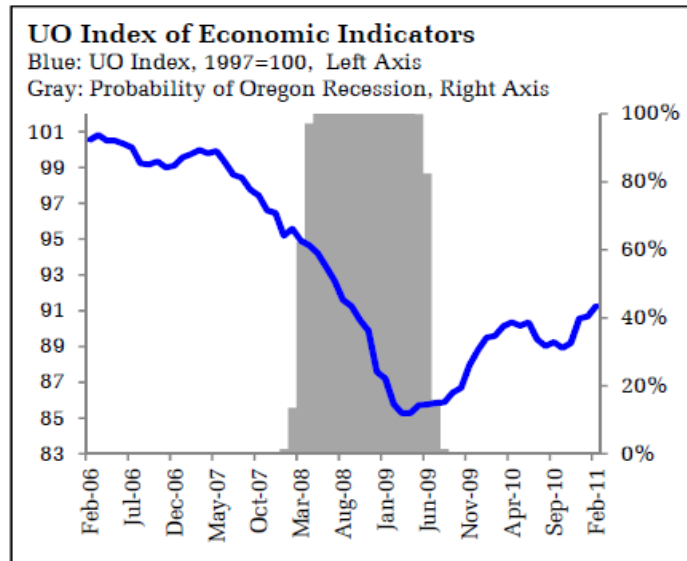
Oregon				
Month	Total	Unemployed Total	Not Adjusted	Adjusted
Mar-11	1,990,968	208,420	10.5	10
Mar-10	1,978,873	238,343	12.0	11

Portland-Beaverton-Vancouver MSA				
Month	Total	Unemployed Total	Not Adjusted	Adjusted
Mar-11	1,194,466	114,934	9.6	9.1
Mar-10	1,191,738	140,002	11.7	10.7

Multnomah County				
Month	Total	Unemployed Total	Not Adjusted	Adjusted
Mar-11	399,724	37,944	9.5	9.1
Mar-10	394,165	43,073	10.9	10.2



## PORTLAND METRO MONTHLY PRESS RELEASE

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The Portland metro area's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1 percent in March, down from the year-ago rate of 10.7 percent. An estimated 114,900 area residents were unemployed and looking for work; 25,100 fewer than one year earlier.

The Portland metro area added 300 jobs (seasonally adjusted) in March following a gain of 5,100 in February. Over the past year, the area gained 13,400 jobs, or 1.4 percent.

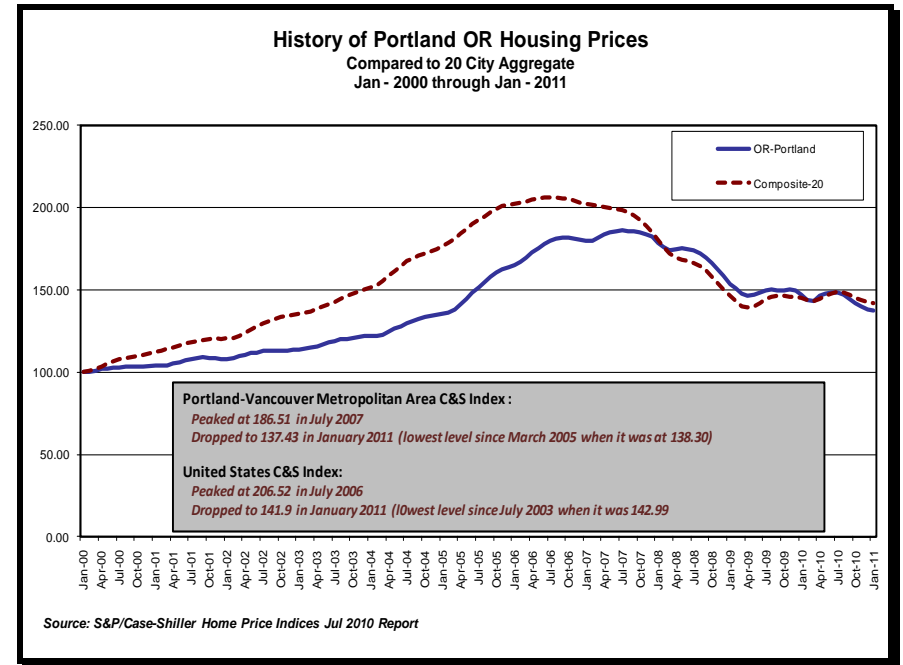
Construction was flat in March, a month that typically sees employers ramping up in preparation for the spring and summer busy season. March's weather, which was unseasonably cool and wet, might have been a contributing factor in construction's lackluster month.

Manufacturing added 500 jobs in March, mainly in the durable goods component. Metals took a breather while high tech, transportation equipment, and machinery added 400 jobs total. Over the year, manufacturing added 2,300 jobs for a growth rate of 2.2 percent; faster than the national rate of 1.8 percent.

Trade, transportation, and utilities gained 300 jobs; a few hundred shy of typical. Growth in wholesale trade and truck transportation was tempered by losses in retail trade.

Professional and business services added 1,300 jobs in March following a strong February (+2,900). The professional and technical services component gained 900 with tax preparation agencies in the thick of their busiest season. Over the year, the broader sector grew by 4.2 percent (+ 5,200); three times faster than the overall economy.

***The Employment Department will release the Portland metropolitan area's unemployment rate and employment survey data for April 2011 on Tuesday, May 24.***



## MHCC Invites Employers to May 4 Job Fair

Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) and WorkSource Portland Metro East are hosting a Career and Job Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, in the MHCC Gymnasium at 26000 S.E. Stark Street in Gresham. This year's Career and Job Fair is sponsored by FedEx Ground of Troutdale, Ore. Employers interested in attending may register online at [www.mhcc.edu/CareerFair.aspx](http://www.mhcc.edu/CareerFair.aspx) until April 20.

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