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Employment in Columbia County: April 2022

Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 70 in April

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 70 in April to 11,720 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 90 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment increased by only 20. Leisure and hospitality added 50 jobs. Local government education shed 50 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

April's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 210 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.8%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 200 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of April 2019. Some of the major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality regained 120 jobs. Retail trade added 50 jobs, and professional and business services employment increased by 40 jobs. Local government education added 80 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in April, essentially unchanged from 4.5% in March. It was 6.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.6% in April, and the national rate was 3.7%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 15.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022	April 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,450	25,537	24,562	-87	888
Unemployed	1,056	1,160	1,554	-104	-498
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.5%	6.3%	-0.4	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.5%	6.3%	-0.1	-1.9
Employed	24,394	24,377	23,008	17	1,386
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,760	11,740	11,550	20	210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,720	11,790	11,500	-70	220
Total private	9,800	9,740	9,670	60	130
Mining, logging, and construction	920	930	920	-10	0
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	730	740	720	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,610	1,590	1,650	20	-40
Durable goods	1,060	1,050	1,080	10	-20
Wood product manufacturing	240	230	250	10	-10
Nondurable goods	550	540	570	10	-20
Paper manufacturing	180	180	170	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,380	2,380	2,330	0	50
Retail trade	1,620	1,610	1,570	10	50
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	580	580	570	0	10
Professional and business services	980	980	940	0	40
Education and health services	1,530	1,540	1,590	-10	-60
Leisure and hospitality	1,300	1,250	1,180	50	120
Other services	450	440	440	10	10
Government	1,960	2,000	1,880	-40	80
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	180	180	190	0	-10
Local government	1,710	1,750	1,620	-40	90
Local education	1,020	1,070	940	-50	80
Local government excluding educational services	690	680	680	10	10

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: 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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021
United States	3.6	3.6	6.0
State of Oregon	3.7	3.8	5.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.3	4.3	6.4
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.5	3.6	6.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.9	2.9	4.5
Eugene (Lane County)	4.0	4.1	6.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.7	4.8	6.9
Medford (Jackson County)	4.0	4.2	6.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.7	3.8	5.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.7	3.8	5.6
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.0	4.1	5.6
Benton	2.9	2.9	4.5
Clackamas	3.5	3.6	5.5
Clatsop	4.0	4.1	6.5
Columbia	4.4	4.5	6.3
Coos	4.8	4.8	6.8
Crook	5.0	5.2	7.3
Curry	5.1	5.3	7.2
Deschutes	3.5	3.6	6.0
Douglas	4.7	4.8	6.3
Gilliam	3.4	3.3	5.5
Grant	5.3	5.4	7.0
Harney	4.1	4.3	5.3
Hood River	3.1	3.2	5.0
Jackson	4.0	4.2	6.1
Jefferson	4.8	4.9	6.9
Josephine	4.7	4.8	6.9
Klamath	5.4	5.6	7.0
Lake	4.7	4.9	5.6
Lane	4.0	4.1	6.3
Lincoln	5.0	5.2	7.5
Linn	4.3	4.3	6.4
Malheur	3.4	3.5	4.7
Marion	3.8	3.9	5.6
Morrow	3.4	3.4	5.0
Multnomah	3.9	4.1	6.3
Polk	3.7	3.7	5.3
Sherman	3.4	3.5	4.5
Tillamook	4.0	4.0	6.0
Umatilla	3.9	4.0	5.7
Union	4.0	4.1	6.0
Wallowa	4.6	4.7	5.6
Wasco	4.0	4.1	5.6
Washington	3.1	3.2	5.0
Wheeler	3.0	3.0	3.4
Yamhill	3.4	3.5	5.4

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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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