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Employment in Columbia County: June 2020

Employment rises by 460 more than expected in June

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 460 in June to 10,580 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 10 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 450. The private sector gained 440 jobs, and government added 10 jobs. Leisure and hospitality added 270 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities grew by 140 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

June's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 950 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 8.1 percent. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 350 jobs over the year, and local government, which lost 300 jobs compared with last year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 11.2 percent in June, down from 14.0 percent in May. It was 4.6 percent the year before. The county's unemployment rate reached a peak of 14.6 percent during the Great Recession. The statewide unemployment rate was 11.2 percent in June, and the national rate was 11.1 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 18.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,765	24,234	24,367	531	398
Unemployed	2,806	3,304	1,150	-498	1,656
Unemployment rate	11.3%	13.6%	4.7%	-2.3	6.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11.2%	14.0%	4.6%	-2.8	6.6
Employed	21,959	20,930	23,217	1,029	-1,258
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,750	10,300	11,700	450	-950
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,580</i>	<i>10,120</i>	<i>11,520</i>	<i>460</i>	<i>-940</i>
Total private	8,820	8,380	9,490	440	-670
Mining, logging, and construction	760	760	890	0	-130
Mining and logging	200	210	220	-10	-20
Construction	560	550	670	10	-110
Manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,620	-10	30
Durable goods	1,090	1,100	1,080	-10	10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	250	0	10
Nondurable goods	560	560	540	0	20
Paper manufacturing	160	180	170	-20	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,280	2,140	2,240	140	40
Retail trade	1,470	1,420	1,480	50	-10
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	540	550	540	-10	0
Professional and business services	770	740	830	30	-60
Education and health services	1,380	1,360	1,440	20	-60
Leisure and hospitality	1,110	840	1,460	270	-350
Other services	290	290	420	0	-130
Government	1,930	1,920	2,210	10	-280
Federal government	80	70	70	10	10
State government	190	190	180	0	10
Local government	1,660	1,660	1,960	0	-300
Local education	990	990	1,260	0	-270
Local government excluding educational services	670	670	700	0	-30

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)

	<u>June 2020</u>	<u>May 2020</u>	<u>June 2019</u>
United States	11.1	13.3	3.7
State of Oregon	11.2	14.3	3.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	10.6	13.5	4.4
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	12.0	16.3	3.9
Corvallis (Benton County)	8.3	10.2	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	11.1	14.6	4.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	11.3	14.0	5.1
Medford (Jackson County)	11.3	14.5	4.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	11.2	14.2	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	10.3	13.0	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	11.1	13.2	4.7
Benton	8.3	10.2	3.0
Clackamas	10.5	13.5	3.5
Clatsop	15.2	23.3	3.8
Columbia	11.2	14.0	4.6
Coos	12.6	17.6	5.0
Crook	13.5	17.1	5.3
Curry	13.4	17.4	5.2
Deschutes	12.0	16.3	3.9
Douglas	10.6	15.1	5.0
Gilliam	10.6	11.2	3.5
Grant	12.1	13.6	6.5
Harney	8.4	9.5	5.1
Hood River	9.9	12.8	2.9
Jackson	11.3	14.5	4.5
Jefferson	13.1	17.0	5.0
Josephine	11.3	14.0	5.1
Klamath	12.2	15.1	6.0
Lake	7.9	8.7	5.3
Lane	11.1	14.6	4.2
Lincoln	17.0	23.7	4.4
Linn	10.6	13.5	4.4
Malheur	7.4	8.5	4.1
Marion	10.0	12.9	4.0
Morrow	7.0	7.8	4.0
Multnomah	13.2	15.8	3.3
Polk	9.4	11.9	4.2
Sherman	8.7	10.9	3.5
Tillamook	12.3	17.0	4.0
Umatilla	8.7	12.7	4.3
Union	11.0	16.9	4.8
Wallowa	11.0	12.8	5.8
Wasco	10.7	14.0	4.2
Washington	9.6	12.2	3.2
Wheeler	5.7	6.0	4.6
Yamhill	9.7	13.2	3.5

(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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