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Employment in Columbia County: October 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment inched up by 10 in October

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 in October to 11,820 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 130 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 140. No private-sector industry had a significant change in employment. Local government education added 120 jobs as schools reopened.

October's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 250 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.1%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 190 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of October 2019. About half of the major private-sector industries gained jobs over the past year and nearly half lost jobs. Total private-sector employment was unchanged over the year. Local government education added 200 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in October, essentially unchanged from 5.4% in September. It was 7.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.4% in October, and the national rate was 4.6%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,918	24,857	24,192	61	726
Unemployed	976	1,165	1,666	-189	-690
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.7%	6.9%	-0.8	-3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.4%	7.2%	-0.4	-2.2
Employed	23,942	23,692	22,526	250	1,416
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,930	11,790	11,680	140	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,820	11,810	11,570	10	250
Total private	9,820	9,800	9,820	20	0
Mining, logging, and construction	970	970	1,010	0	-40
Mining and logging	200	200	210	0	-10
Construction	770	770	800	0	-30
Manufacturing	1,620	1,620	1,680	0	-60
Durable goods	1,050	1,060	1,100	-10	-50
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	260	0	-10
Nondurable goods	570	560	580	10	-10
Paper manufacturing	150	160	170	-10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,310	2,350	10	-30
Retail trade	1,580	1,570	1,600	10	-20
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	590	580	580	10	10
Professional and business services	980	980	970	0	10
Education and health services	1,600	1,600	1,580	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,260	1,260	1,190	0	70
Other services	430	430	410	0	20
Government	2,110	1,990	1,860	120	250
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	200	200	180	0	20
Local government	1,830	1,710	1,600	120	230
Local education	1,140	1,020	940	120	200
Local government excluding educational services	690	690	660	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>October 2021</u>	<u>September 2021</u>	<u>October 2020</u>
United States	4.6	4.8	6.9
State of Oregon	4.4	4.7	7.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	5.2	7.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.9	5.2	6.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.6	5.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.9	5.2	7.0
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.5	5.9	7.1
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	5.0	6.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.3	4.7	7.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.4	4.7	6.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.7	4.9	6.5
Benton	3.4	3.6	5.2
Clackamas	4.1	4.4	6.7
Clatsop	5.1	5.5	7.3
Columbia	5.0	5.4	7.2
Coos	5.6	6.0	7.3
Crook	6.2	6.6	8.0
Curry	6.1	6.5	7.4
Deschutes	4.9	5.2	6.6
Douglas	5.3	5.7	6.5
Gilliam	4.5	4.9	5.4
Grant	6.4	6.6	7.3
Harney	4.9	5.1	5.8
Hood River	4.2	4.5	5.3
Jackson	4.8	5.0	6.9
Jefferson	5.8	6.2	7.6
Josephine	5.5	5.9	7.1
Klamath	6.3	6.6	7.8
Lake	5.2	5.4	5.7
Lane	4.9	5.2	7.0
Lincoln	6.1	6.5	8.6
Linn	4.9	5.2	7.0
Malheur	3.9	4.1	4.8
Marion	4.4	4.8	6.3
Morrow	4.2	4.4	5.0
Multnomah	4.7	5.1	8.1
Polk	4.2	4.5	5.8
Sherman	4.0	4.1	5.6
Tillamook	4.8	5.2	6.9
Umatilla	4.7	5.0	6.1
Union	5.0	5.3	6.4
Wallowa	5.3	5.4	6.4
Wasco	5.0	5.2	6.2
Washington	3.7	4.0	6.1
Wheeler	2.8	2.9	4.4
Yamhill	4.1	4.4	6.0

(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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