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## **Employment in Columbia County: November 2021**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment inched up by 20 in November**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 20 in November to 11,780 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 20 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment was unchanged. No private-sector industry had a significant change in employment. Local government education added 40 jobs.

November's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 290 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.5%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 240 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of November 2019. About half of the major private-sector industries gained jobs over the past year and nearly half lost jobs. Total private-sector employment increased by 90 jobs over the year. Local government education added 170 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in November, essentially unchanged from 5.0% in October. It was 7.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.2% in November, and the national rate was 4.2%.

Columbia County's unadjusted unemployment rate was even lower (3.9%) in November. Every county in Oregon had an unadjusted unemployment rate under 5% in November and three-fourths of the counties had rates that were under 4%. The only comparable period in the last 20 years with such low unemployment rates across the state was in the fall of 2019.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,062	24,901	24,405	161	657
Unemployed	972	982	1,613	-10	-641
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.9%	6.6%	0.0	-2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.0%	7.1%	-0.2	-2.3
Employed	24,090	23,919	22,792	171	1,298
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,870	11,870	11,580	0	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,780</i>	<i>11,760</i>	<i>11,500</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>280</i>
Total private	9,800	9,820	9,710	-20	90
Mining, logging, and construction	950	970	910	-20	40
Mining and logging	200	200	210	0	-10
Construction	750	770	700	-20	50
Manufacturing	1,630	1,620	1,670	10	-40
Durable goods	1,070	1,050	1,090	20	-20
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	250	0	0
Nondurable goods	560	570	580	-10	-20
Paper manufacturing	150	150	170	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,330	2,320	2,350	10	-20
Retail trade	1,590	1,580	1,600	10	-10
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	580	590	590	-10	-10
Professional and business services	990	980	940	10	50
Education and health services	1,600	1,600	1,590	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,240	1,260	1,210	-20	30
Other services	430	430	400	0	30
Government	2,070	2,050	1,870	20	200
Federal government	70	80	80	-10	-10
State government	190	200	180	-10	10
Local government	1,810	1,770	1,610	40	200
Local education	1,120	1,080	950	40	170
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>November 2021</u>	<u>October 2021</u>	<u>November 2020</u>
United States	4.2	4.6	6.7
State of Oregon	4.2	4.4	6.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.7	4.9	6.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.6	4.9	6.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.4	4.9
Eugene (Lane County)	4.6	4.9	6.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.3	5.5	6.8
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.8	6.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.4	7.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.4	5.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.4	4.7	6.5
Benton	3.2	3.4	4.9
Clackamas	3.8	4.1	6.4
Clatsop	4.8	5.1	7.1
Columbia	4.8	5.0	7.1
Coos	5.3	5.6	7.1
Crook	5.9	6.2	7.8
Curry	5.8	6.1	7.0
Deschutes	4.6	4.9	6.2
Douglas	5.1	5.3	6.5
Gilliam	4.2	4.5	5.6
Grant	6.2	6.4	7.7
Harney	4.8	4.9	5.6
Hood River	3.9	4.2	5.2
Jackson	4.6	4.8	6.5
Jefferson	5.6	5.8	7.4
Josephine	5.3	5.5	6.8
Klamath	6.0	6.3	7.5
Lake	5.0	5.2	5.4
Lane	4.6	4.9	6.6
Lincoln	5.7	6.1	8.0
Linn	4.7	4.9	6.7
Malheur	3.8	3.9	4.8
Marion	4.2	4.4	6.1
Morrow	4.0	4.2	4.8
Multnomah	4.4	4.7	7.7
Polk	4.0	4.2	5.7
Sherman	3.8	3.9	4.8
Tillamook	4.5	4.8	6.5
Umatilla	4.5	4.7	5.7
Union	4.7	5.0	6.2
Wallowa	5.1	5.3	6.1
Wasco	4.7	5.0	6.0
Washington	3.5	3.7	5.8
Wheeler	2.8	2.8	4.5
Yamhill	3.8	4.1	5.8

(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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