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Employment in Columbia County: December 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment inched up by 20 in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 20 in December to 11,810 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 100 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by only 80. Construction shed 40 jobs, and professional and business services cut 30. Other industries had smaller changes in employment.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 490 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 4.3%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 250 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of December 2019. About half of the major private-sector industries gained jobs over the past year and nearly half lost jobs. Leisure and hospitality regained 230 jobs. Construction was up by 50 jobs. Local government education added 180 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in December, essentially unchanged from 4.8% in November. It was 7.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in December, and the national rate was 3.9%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January also on Tuesday, Mar. 8.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,091	25,091	24,353	0	738
Unemployed	1,030	991	1,633	39	-603
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.9%	6.7%	0.2	-2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	7.0%	-0.1	-2.3
Employed	24,061	24,100	22,720	-39	1,341
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,800	11,880	11,310	-80	490
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,810	11,790	11,320	20	490
Total private	9,710	9,810	9,430	-100	280
Mining, logging, and construction	910	950	870	-40	40
Mining and logging	200	200	210	0	-10
Construction	710	750	660	-40	50
Manufacturing	1,630	1,630	1,660	0	-30
Durable goods	1,070	1,070	1,080	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	260	250	250	10	10
Nondurable goods	560	560	580	0	-20
Paper manufacturing	150	150	180	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,330	2,370	-10	-50
Retail trade	1,580	1,590	1,610	-10	-30
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	570	590	570	-20	0
Professional and business services	960	990	940	-30	20
Education and health services	1,600	1,600	1,580	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,240	1,240	1,010	0	230
Other services	430	430	380	0	50
Government	2,090	2,070	1,880	20	210
Federal government	80	70	70	10	10
State government	190	190	200	0	-10
Local government	1,820	1,810	1,610	10	210
Local education	1,130	1,120	950	10	180
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>December 2021</u>	<u>November 2021</u>	<u>December 2020</u>
United States	3.9	4.2	6.7
State of Oregon	4.1	4.2	6.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.7	6.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.3	4.6	6.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.1	3.2	4.8
Eugene (Lane County)	4.4	4.6	6.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.1	5.3	6.6
Medford (Jackson County)	4.5	4.6	6.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.9	4.1	7.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.2	5.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.4	6.4
Benton	3.1	3.2	4.8
Clackamas	3.7	3.9	6.4
Clatsop	4.6	4.9	7.2
Columbia	4.7	4.8	7.0
Coos	5.2	5.3	6.7
Crook	5.6	5.9	8.0
Curry	5.6	5.8	6.8
Deschutes	4.3	4.6	6.7
Douglas	4.9	5.1	6.6
Gilliam	4.0	4.2	5.1
Grant	5.9	6.2	7.8
Harney	4.7	4.9	5.1
Hood River	3.6	3.9	5.2
Jackson	4.5	4.6	6.2
Jefferson	5.3	5.6	7.6
Josephine	5.1	5.3	6.6
Klamath	5.7	6.0	7.6
Lake	4.9	5.1	4.9
Lane	4.4	4.6	6.4
Lincoln	5.5	5.7	7.8
Linn	4.6	4.7	6.5
Malheur	3.7	3.8	4.8
Marion	4.1	4.2	6.1
Morrow	3.9	4.0	4.9
Multnomah	4.3	4.5	7.3
Polk	3.9	4.1	5.8
Sherman	3.7	3.8	4.7
Tillamook	4.3	4.5	6.0
Umatilla	4.3	4.5	6.0
Union	4.5	4.7	6.5
Wallowa	5.0	5.1	5.7
Wasco	4.5	4.8	6.1
Washington	3.4	3.5	5.6
Wheeler	2.8	2.9	4.4
Yamhill	3.7	3.9	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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