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Employment in the Columbia Gorge: April 2022

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates Little Changed in April

In April, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 3.1%. Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate tied for third lowest among 36 Oregon counties, trailing Benton (2.9%) and Wheeler (3.0%), while tied with Washington. Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.9 percentage points.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment rose by 30 jobs in April to reach 11,900. Private industry held steady at 10,520 and government chipped in 30 to reach 1,380. Accommodation and food services led private industry in April, rising by 100 jobs to 1,620. Manufacturing rose by 20 jobs to reach 1,750 and retail trade chipped in 20, rising to 1,380. Arts, entertainment, and recreation cut 110 jobs in April, dropping to 910, and education and health services shed 30, falling to 1,880. Local government led the public sector, rising by 30 jobs to total 1,170.

Hood River County's private industry employment rose by 1.0% over the year, adding 100 jobs. Food services and drinking places regained 70 jobs over the year to lead private industry, an increase of 6.3%. Education and health services rose by 60 jobs over the year, an increase of 3.3%. Information (+40) and other services (+20) also added jobs over the year. Local education led government, rising by 40 jobs over the year (+6.3%) and other local government chipped in 20.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in April to 4.0% while ranking 16th. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percentage points.

Wasco County's nonfarm employment rose by a scant 10 jobs in April to reach 10,130. Private industry held steady in April with 8,170 jobs and government rose by 10 to 1,960. Leisure and hospitality led Wasco County's private industry, rising by 50 jobs in April to reach 1,230. Mining and logging (+10); construction (+10); wholesale trade (+10); and professional and business services (+10) also rose in April. Education and health services cut 80 jobs in April, falling to 2,240. Local government education led the public sector, rising by 10 jobs in April to reach 770.

Wasco County's private industry employment rose by 180 jobs or 2.3% over the year ending in April. Leisure and hospitality led private industry jobs growth, rising by 160 jobs or 15%. Construction

increased its payrolls by 80 jobs over the year, climbing to 440 (+22.2%), and information rose by 60 to reach 350 (20.7%). Professional and business services (+40 jobs) also rose over the year. Education and health services cut its payrolls by 120 jobs, an over-the-year loss of 5.1%. Retail trade cut 30 jobs over the year, falling to 1,630 (-1.8%), and manufacturing shed 20, dropping to 540. In the public sector, local education rose by 70 jobs over the year and other local government cut 20.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point in April to 3.4%, ranking fifth out of 36 Oregon counties. Over the year, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 2.1 percentage points. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment fell by five jobs in April to total 940. Over the year, Gilliam County's private industry total rose by 135 jobs to 700, an increase of 23.9%. Government cut five jobs over the year, falling to 220 (-2%).

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in April to 3.4%, good enough to rank fifth in Oregon – but in a five-way tie. Over the year, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points. Sherman County's nonfarm employment rose by 10 jobs in April to reach 905. Private industry increased its total by 15 jobs, climbing to 615, and government cut five, falling to 290. Over the year ending in April, private industry rose by 35 jobs and government idled 35.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in April at 3.0%, ranking as Oregon's second lowest county unemployment rate, trailing Benton (2.9%). Over the year Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point. Nonfarm employment totaled 295 in April, with private industry rising by five jobs and government cutting five. Over the year ending in April, private industry cut five jobs, falling to 160, and government cut five, dropping to 135.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on June 22nd, 2022 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on June 15th, 2022.

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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Gilliam 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	1,020	1,034	917	-14	103
Unemployed	37	38	51	-1	-14
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	5.6%	-0.1	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.3%	5.5%	0.1	-2.1
Employed	983	996	866	-13	117
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	940	945	810	-5	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	945	955	815	-10	130
Total private	700	710	565	-10	135
Trade, transportation, and utilities	135	135	125	0	10
Professional and business services	235	245	245	-10	-10
Education and health services	65	65	75	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	50	50	30	0	20
Government	240	235	245	5	-5
Federal government	10	10	15	0	-5
State government	10	10	10	0	0
Local government	220	215	220	5	0

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.

Hood River 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	14,320	14,495	14,103	-175	217
Unemployed	456	470	723	-14	-267
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.2%	5.1%	0.0	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.1%	3.2%	5.0%	-0.1	-1.9
Employed	13,864	14,025	13,380	-161	484
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,900	11,870	11,740	30	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,850	11,920	11,700	-70	150
Total private	10,520	10,520	10,420	0	100
Mining, logging, and construction	490	490	520	0	-30
Manufacturing	1,750	1,730	1,790	20	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,050	2,030	2,070	20	-20
Wholesale trade	500	500	490	0	10
Retail trade	1,380	1,360	1,410	20	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	170	170	170	0	0
Information	130	130	90	0	40
Financial activities	310	310	320	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,030	1,030	1,020	0	10
Education and health services	1,880	1,910	1,820	-30	60
Leisure and hospitality	2,530	2,540	2,460	-10	70
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	910	1,020	910	-110	0
Accommodation and food services	1,620	1,520	1,550	100	70
Accommodation	430	390	430	40	0
Food services and drinking places	1,190	1,130	1,120	60	70
Other services	350	350	330	0	20
Government	1,380	1,350	1,320	30	60
Federal government	110	100	110	10	0
State government	100	110	100	-10	0
Local government	1,170	1,140	1,110	30	60
Local education	670	660	630	10	40
Local government excluding educational services	500	480	480	20	20

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Sherman 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	963	959	964	4	-1
Unemployed	29	32	45	-3	-16
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.3%	4.7%	-0.3	-1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.4%	3.5%	4.5%	-0.1	-1.1
Employed	934	927	919	7	15
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	905	895	905	10	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	910	890	910	20	0
Total private	615	600	580	15	35
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	315	285	5	35
Retail trade	130	130	105	0	25
Leisure and hospitality	95	90	100	5	-5
Government	290	295	325	-5	-35
Federal government	120	115	130	5	-10
State government	30	30	35	0	-5
Local government	140	150	160	-10	-20

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Wasco 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	13,177	13,163	13,051	14	126
Unemployed	513	562	767	-49	-254
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.3%	5.9%	-0.4	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-1.6</i>
Employed	12,664	12,601	12,284	63	380
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,130	10,120	9,900	10	230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,210</i>	<i>10,320</i>	<i>9,980</i>	<i>-110</i>	<i>230</i>
Total private	8,170	8,170	7,990	0	180
Mining, logging, and construction	500	480	420	20	80
Mining and logging	60	50	60	10	0
Construction	440	430	360	10	80
Manufacturing	540	540	560	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,100	2,100	2,110	0	-10
Wholesale trade	190	180	180	10	10
Retail trade	1,630	1,630	1,660	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	290	270	-10	10
Information	350	350	290	0	60
Financial activities	300	300	300	0	0
Professional and business services	550	540	510	10	40
Education and health services	2,240	2,320	2,360	-80	-120
Ambulatory health care services	460	480	460	-20	0
Nursing and residential care facilities	510	520	520	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	1,230	1,180	1,070	50	160
Accommodation and food services	1,180	1,140	1,010	40	170
Other services	360	360	370	0	-10
Government	1,960	1,950	1,910	10	50
Federal government	270	270	270	0	0
State government	260	260	260	0	0
Local government	1,430	1,420	1,380	10	50
Indian tribal	10	10	10	0	0
Local education	770	760	700	10	70
Local government excluding education and tribal	650	650	670	0	-20

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Wheeler 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	728	724	735	4	-7
Unemployed	19	22	22	-3	-3
Unemployment rate	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%	-0.4	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.0%	3.0%	3.4%	0.0	-0.4
Employed	709	702	713	7	-4
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	295	295	305	0	-10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	290	295	300	-5	-10
Total private	160	155	165	5	-5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	35	35	30	0	5
Leisure and hospitality	25	20	25	5	0
Government	135	140	140	-5	-5
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	130	135	135	-5	-5

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