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Employment in the Columbia Gorge: June 2020

Over-the-Year Job Losses Detail COVID-19 Impacts

In June, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 9.9 percent, a drop of 2.9 percentage points. Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 7.0 percentage points.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment rose by 180 jobs in June to total 10,010. Private industry increased its total to 8,610 jobs, rising by 120, while government chipped in 60 to reach 1,400.

Hood River County's private industry employment fell by 2,010 jobs over the year ending in June, a loss of 18.9 percent. COVID-19 impacts in accommodation and food services idled 690 jobs, dropping the industry's total to 1,170 (-37.1%). Education and health services suffered an over-the-year loss of 210 jobs (-12.3%), falling to 1,500. Manufacturing cut 290 jobs (-15.1%), retail trade idled 200 (-13.2%), other services sliced 90 (-20.9%), and professional and business services shed 130 (-11.3%). Arts, entertainment, and recreation cut its payrolls by 40 jobs, an over-the-year loss of 14.3 percent.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 3.3 percentage points in June to 10.7 percent. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 6.5 percentage points.

Wasco County gained 160 nonfarm jobs in June, climbing to 8,960. Private industry increased its total by 100 jobs, climbing to 7,050 and government chipped in 60, rising to 1,910.

Over the year ending in June, Wasco County's private industry employment fell by 1,360 jobs (-16.2%). Accommodation and food services idled 400 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, cutting its total to 880, a loss of 31.3 percent. Education and health services trimmed its payrolls by 260 jobs, falling to 2,070 (-11.2%). Manufacturing cut 150 jobs over the year, falling to 450 (-25%) and retail trade trimmed its payrolls by 100 (-6%), dropping to 1,580. COVID-19 related job losses were also felt in professional and business services (-110), construction (-90), and other services (-80).

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.6 percentage point in June to 10.6 percent. Over the year, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 7.1 percentage points. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment rose to 770 jobs in June, an increase of five. Over the

year, Gilliam County's private industry total fell by 210 jobs, a loss of 28.8 percent, to total 520. Government cut 25 jobs over the year, falling to 250.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 2.2 percentage points in June to 8.7 percent. Over the year, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 5.2 percentage points. Sherman County's nonfarm employment rose by 30 jobs in June to 875. Private industry rose by five jobs, climbing to 540, while government reached 335, an increase of 25. Over the year ending in June, private industry cut 45 jobs (-7.7%) and government idled 25.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in June to 5.7 percent. Over the year, Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 1.1 percentage points. Nonfarm employment totaled 275 jobs in June, with private industry adding five and government holding steady. Over the year ending in June, private industry lost 35 jobs, falling to 150 (-18.9%) and government rose by five, increasing its total to 125.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on August 25th, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on August 18th, 2020.

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--				
	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	906	892	1,006	14	-100
Unemployed	93	96	35	-3	58
Unemployment rate	10.3%	10.8%	3.5%	-0.5	6.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>11.2%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>7.1</i>
Employed	813	796	971	17	-158
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	770	765	1,005	5	-235
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>735</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>960</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-225</i>
Total private	520	530	730	-10	-210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	120	120	145	0	-25
Professional and business services	230	235	240	-5	-10
Education and health services	60	65	60	-5	0
Leisure and hospitality	30	25	45	5	-15
Government	250	235	275	15	-25
Federal government	15	10	10	5	5
State government	10	10	10	0	0
Local government	225	215	255	10	-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.

Hood River 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	14,047	13,303	14,539	744	-492
Unemployed	1,405	1,747	474	-342	931
Unemployment rate	10.0%	13.1%	3.3%	-3.1	6.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.9%	12.8%	2.9%	-2.9	7.0
Employed	12,642	11,556	14,065	1,086	-1,423
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,010	9,830	12,130	180	-2,120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,030	9,870	12,150	160	-2,120
Total private	8,610	8,490	10,620	120	-2,010
Mining, logging, and construction	430	430	540	0	-110
Manufacturing	1,630	1,650	1,920	-20	-290
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,820	1,810	2,220	10	-400
Wholesale trade	360	380	470	-20	-110
Retail trade	1,320	1,290	1,520	30	-200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	140	140	230	0	-90
Information	130	130	160	0	-30
Financial activities	330	330	350	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,020	1,020	1,150	0	-130
Education and health services	1,500	1,490	1,710	10	-210
Leisure and hospitality	1,410	1,290	2,140	120	-730
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	240	220	280	20	-40
Accommodation and food services	1,170	1,070	1,860	100	-690
Accommodation	280	250	470	30	-190
Food services and drinking places	890	820	1,390	70	-500
Other services	340	340	430	0	-90
Government	1,400	1,340	1,510	60	-110
Federal government	160	130	150	30	10
State government	120	110	120	10	0
Local government	1,120	1,100	1,240	20	-120
Local education	650	650	710	0	-60
Local government excluding educational services	470	450	530	20	-60

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Sherman 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	958	945	942	13	16
Unemployed	79	100	31	-21	48
Unemployment rate	8.2%	10.6%	3.3%	-2.4	4.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8.7%</i>	<i>10.9%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>-2.2</i>	<i>5.2</i>
Employed	879	845	911	34	-32
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	875	845	945	30	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>830</i>	<i>885</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-65</i>
Total private	540	535	585	5	-45
Trade, transportation, and utilities	235	235	225	0	10
Retail trade	85	80	90	5	-5
Leisure and hospitality	65	60	120	5	-55
Government	335	310	360	25	-25
Federal government	120	120	120	0	0
State government	55	45	55	10	0
Local government	160	145	185	15	-25

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Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	15,426	12,566	15,604	2,860	-178
Unemployed	1,435	1,807	560	-372	875
Unemployment rate	9.3%	14.4%	3.6%	-5.1	5.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10.7%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>6.5</i>
Employed	13,991	10,759	15,044	3,232	-1,053
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	8,960	8,800	10,430	160	-1,470
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8,570</i>	<i>8,690</i>	<i>9,980</i>	<i>-120</i>	<i>-1,410</i>
Total private	7,050	6,950	8,410	100	-1,360
Mining, logging, and construction	330	330	440	0	-110
Mining and logging	50	50	70	0	-20
Construction	280	280	370	0	-90
Manufacturing	450	470	600	-20	-150
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,970	1,900	2,080	70	-110
Wholesale trade	150	150	160	0	-10
Retail trade	1,580	1,520	1,680	60	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	240	230	240	10	0
Information	210	200	170	10	40
Financial activities	310	310	350	0	-40
Professional and business services	470	470	580	0	-110
Education and health services	2,070	2,080	2,330	-10	-260
Ambulatory health care services	300	300	440	0	-140
Nursing and residential care facilities	580	590	570	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	910	870	1,450	40	-540
Accommodation and food services	880	840	1,280	40	-400
Other services	330	320	410	10	-80
Government	1,910	1,850	2,020	60	-110
Federal government	300	280	290	20	10
State government	260	250	270	10	-10
Local government	1,350	1,320	1,460	30	-110
Indian tribal	10	10	10	0	0
Local education	680	660	730	20	-50
Local government excluding education and tribal	660	650	720	10	-60

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Wheeler 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	705	677	726	28	-21
Unemployed	41	39	36	2	5
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.8%	5.0%	0.0	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	6.0%	4.6%	-0.3	1.1
Employed	664	638	690	26	-26
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	275	270	305	5	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	265	260	295	5	-30
Total private	150	145	185	5	-35
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30	30	40	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	20	15	40	5	-20
Government	125	125	120	0	5
Federal government	5	5	10	0	-5
State government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	120	120	110	0	10

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