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## **Employment in Columbia County: February 2023**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment rose by 60 in February**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 60 in February to 12,440 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 20 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment rose by 40. The private sector added all 40 jobs, and government employment was unchanged. No industry had a significant change in employment.

February's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 170 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.4%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Professional and business services gained 100 jobs over the year. Other services added 60 jobs, and durable goods manufacturing was up 40 jobs over the year. On the other hand, leisure and hospitality lost 50 jobs during the year. Local government, excluding education, added 40 jobs compared with the year before.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in February, unchanged from 5.1% in January. It was 4.6% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.7% in February, and the national rate was 3.6%.

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

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2023	February 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,203	25,249	25,165	-46	38
Unemployed	1,311	1,423	1,153	-112	158
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.6%	4.6%	-0.4	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.1%	4.6%	0.0	0.5
Employed	23,892	23,826	24,012	66	-120
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,340	12,300	12,170	40	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,440</i>	<i>12,380</i>	<i>12,280</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>160</i>
Total private	10,280	10,240	10,110	40	170
Mining, logging, and construction	940	940	970	0	-30
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	750	750	770	0	-20
Manufacturing	1,680	1,680	1,650	0	30
Durable goods	1,120	1,130	1,080	-10	40
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	250	0	-10
Nondurable goods	560	550	570	10	-10
Paper manufacturing	210	210	180	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,510	2,500	2,490	10	20
Retail trade	1,610	1,610	1,600	0	10
Information	120	120	100	0	20
Financial activities	580	580	590	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,170	1,150	1,070	20	100
Private education and health services	1,490	1,490	1,460	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,230	1,230	1,280	0	-50
Other services	560	550	500	10	60
Government	2,060	2,060	2,060	0	0
Federal government	70	60	80	10	-10
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	1,810	1,820	1,800	-10	10
Local education	1,090	1,090	1,120	0	-30
Local government excluding educational services	720	730	680	-10	40

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>February 2023</u>	<u>January 2023</u>	<u>February 2022</u>
United States	3.6	3.4	3.8
State of Oregon	4.7	4.8	3.7
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	4.9	4.4
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.4	4.4	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.7	3.7	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	5.0	4.9	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.2	6.3	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.2	5.1	4.4
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.2	4.1	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.6	4.6	4.0
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.1	5.0	4.2
Benton	3.7	3.7	3.0
Clackamas	4.0	3.9	3.7
Clatsop	4.6	4.7	4.3
Columbia	5.1	5.1	4.6
Coos	5.8	5.8	5.0
Crook	6.2	6.1	5.4
Curry	6.1	6.1	5.6
Deschutes	4.4	4.4	3.8
Douglas	5.9	5.8	4.9
Gilliam	3.9	4.0	3.5
Grant	6.5	6.7	5.6
Harney	5.4	5.5	4.5
Hood River	3.7	3.7	3.3
Jackson	5.2	5.1	4.4
Jefferson	5.8	5.9	5.2
Josephine	6.2	6.3	5.0
Klamath	6.6	6.5	5.7
Lake	6.1	6.1	5.1
Lane	5.0	4.9	4.3
Lincoln	5.8	5.8	5.4
Linn	4.9	4.9	4.4
Malheur	4.7	4.7	3.6
Marion	4.5	4.5	4.0
Morrow	4.3	4.3	3.6
Multnomah	4.2	4.2	4.2
Polk	4.5	4.4	3.8
Sherman	3.6	3.5	3.6
Tillamook	4.7	4.7	4.2
Umatilla	5.3	5.1	4.1
Union	5.0	5.0	4.2
Wallowa	5.8	5.6	4.9
Wasco	4.4	4.3	4.2
Washington	3.6	3.6	3.3
Wheeler	3.2	3.2	3.1
Yamhill	4.1	4.0	3.7

(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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