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Employment in Columbia County: October 2023

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 180 in October

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 180 in October to 12,070 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 80 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment decreased by 100. The private sector lost 130 jobs, and government employment increased by 30. Paper manufacturing lost 70 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, added 50 jobs.

October's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 70 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 0.6%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services was up 120 jobs. On the other hand, manufacturing was down 280 jobs, and professional and business services was down 60 jobs. Local government was up by 100 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in October, unchanged from 4.1% in September. It was 4.8% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.6% in October, and the national rate was 3.9%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2023	September 2023	October 2022	September 2023	October 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,975	24,862	25,422	113	-447
Unemployed	981	1,021	1,332	-40	-351
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.1%	5.2%	-0.2	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	4.8%	0.0	-0.7
Employed	23,994	23,841	24,090	153	-96
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,070	12,170	12,140	-100	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,980	12,160	12,040	-180	-60
Total private	9,890	10,020	10,070	-130	-180
Mining, logging, and construction	970	980	880	-10	90
Mining and logging	210	210	190	0	20
Construction	760	770	690	-10	70
Manufacturing	1,400	1,470	1,680	-70	-280
Durable goods	1,060	1,060	1,130	0	-70
Wood product manufacturing	220	230	250	-10	-30
Nondurable goods	340	410	550	-70	-210
Paper manufacturing	0	70	200	-70	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,270	2,310	2,320	-40	-50
Retail trade	1,560	1,570	1,560	-10	0
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	540	540	560	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,040	1,030	1,100	10	-60
Private education and health services	1,670	1,670	1,550	0	120
Leisure and hospitality	1,470	1,490	1,430	-20	40
Other services	470	470	480	0	-10
Government	2,180	2,150	2,070	30	110
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	190	200	190	-10	0
Local government	1,910	1,870	1,810	40	100
Local education	1,200	1,150	1,120	50	80
Local government excluding educational services	710	720	690	-10	20

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>October 2023</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>October 2022</u>
United States	3.9	3.8	3.7
State of Oregon	3.6	3.5	4.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.8	3.8	5.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.6	3.7	4.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.0	2.9	4.0
Eugene (Lane County)	3.8	3.8	5.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.8	4.7	6.4
Medford (Jackson County)	4.1	4.1	5.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.4	3.4	4.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.6	3.5	4.8
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.1	5.4
Benton	3.0	2.9	4.0
Clackamas	3.2	3.2	4.2
Clatsop	3.6	3.6	4.8
Columbia	4.1	4.1	5.4
Coos	4.3	4.3	6.0
Crook	5.6	5.5	6.2
Curry	4.3	4.4	6.2
Deschutes	3.6	3.7	4.7
Douglas	4.5	4.5	6.0
Gilliam	4.1	4.0	3.9
Grant	5.0	5.0	6.9
Harney	3.9	3.9	5.8
Hood River	2.9	2.8	4.2
Jackson	4.1	4.1	5.3
Jefferson	4.4	4.5	6.4
Josephine	4.8	4.7	6.4
Klamath	5.0	5.1	6.6
Lake	4.8	4.8	6.3
Lane	3.8	3.8	5.1
Lincoln	4.0	4.1	5.9
Linn	3.8	3.8	5.1
Malheur	3.6	3.6	5.1
Marion	3.5	3.5	4.8
Morrow	3.4	3.4	4.6
Multnomah	3.4	3.4	4.4
Polk	3.6	3.5	4.7
Sherman	4.0	3.8	3.6
Tillamook	3.6	3.7	5.0
Umatilla	3.8	3.8	5.2
Union	3.7	3.7	5.4
Wallowa	4.3	4.4	6.2
Wasco	3.7	3.7	4.8
Washington	3.1	3.1	3.9
Wheeler	2.9	3.1	3.5
Yamhill	3.3	3.2	4.3

(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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