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## **Employment in Columbia County: January 2025**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 30 in January**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 30 in January to 11,960 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 70 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 40. The private sector lost 30 jobs, and government employment fell by 10. Construction added 40 jobs. Retail trade employment decreased by 30. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

January's total nonfarm employment was essentially unchanged from the previous year, up by 10 jobs. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in private education and health services, which added 40 jobs (+2.5%). Professional and business services was down 30 jobs over the year. Local government, including education, was down 90 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in January, up from a revised 4.8% in December. It was 4.8% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.4% in January, and the national rate was 4.0%.

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 1, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Wednesday, March 26.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,851	26,761	26,493	90	358
Unemployed	1,662	1,269	1,404	393	258
Unemployment rate	6.2%	4.7%	5.3%	1.5	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	4.8%	4.8%	0.2	0.2
Employed	25,189	25,492	25,089	-303	100
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,870	11,910	11,860	-40	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,960	11,930	11,940	30	20
Total private	9,860	9,890	9,770	-30	90
Mining, logging, and construction	870	840	860	30	10
Mining and logging	190	200	190	-10	0
Construction	680	640	670	40	10
Manufacturing	1,470	1,480	1,450	-10	20
Durable goods	1,110	1,120	1,080	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	220	220	220	0	0
Nondurable goods	360	360	370	0	-10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,360	2,290	-40	30
Retail trade	1,570	1,600	1,540	-30	30
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	510	510	520	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,110	1,090	1,140	20	-30
Private education and health services	1,660	1,650	1,620	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,380	1,410	1,370	-30	10
Other services	480	490	450	-10	30
Government	2,010	2,020	2,090	-10	-80
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,710	1,720	1,800	-10	-90
Local education	1,060	1,070	1,100	-10	-40
Local government excluding educational services	650	650	700	0	-50

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>January 2025</u>	<u>December 2024</u>	<u>January 2024</u>
United States	4.0	4.1	3.7
State of Oregon	4.4	4.3	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)		4.6	4.4
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)		4.0	3.9
Corvallis (Benton County)		3.5	3.4
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)		4.3	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)		5.6	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)		4.7	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)		4.2	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)		4.1	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.2	4.1	4.5
Benton		3.5	3.4
Clackamas	4.0	3.9	3.7
Clatsop	4.1	4.1	3.8
Columbia	5.0	4.8	4.8
Coos	4.9	4.9	4.8
Crook	5.4	5.4	6.1
Curry	5.1	5.1	5.0
Deschutes	4.0	4.0	3.9
Douglas	5.2	5.1	4.9
Gilliam	4.8	4.8	5.0
Grant	6.2	6.1	4.9
Harney	4.3	4.2	4.2
Hood River	3.4	3.3	3.2
Jackson		4.7	4.7
Jefferson	4.6	4.6	4.8
Josephine		5.6	5.4
Klamath	5.7	5.5	5.3
Lake	4.8	4.7	5.3
Lane		4.3	4.3
Lincoln	4.9	4.8	4.4
Linn		4.6	4.4
Malheur	3.8	3.8	3.8
Marion	4.2	4.1	4.0
Morrow	3.9	3.8	3.5
Multnomah	4.2	4.1	3.9
Polk	4.2	4.1	4.0
Sherman	3.7	3.7	4.3
Tillamook	4.1	3.9	3.9
Umatilla	4.3	4.2	4.1
Union	4.8	4.7	4.2
Wallowa	4.4	4.4	4.4
Wasco	4.1	4.1	4.0
Washington	3.9	3.8	3.6
Wheeler	3.3	3.1	2.9
Yamhill	4.1	3.9	3.8

(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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