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Employment in Clatsop County: March 2020

Employment changes significantly in March

Although Clatsop County employment fell by 90 jobs in mid-March on a seasonally adjusted basis, it appeared to fall even more dramatically in late March due to business closures and layoffs from the COVID-19 restrictions. Data that better reflect the economic impact from COVID-19 restrictions will be released May 27th.

COVID-19 closures have caused a spike in unemployment insurance claims. During the four-week period ending April 15, 2020, the Oregon Employment Department processed nearly 2,500 new claims for unemployment insurance from Clatsop County residents. That was 18 times the average of the preceding four weeks. Additionally, not all claims filed by Clatsop County residents have been processed yet.

The Employment Department has rapidly redeployed its staff, opened additional phone lines, and hired new staff in an attempt to address this unprecedented surge in claims. The department is still offering job seeker and employer services with additional, socially distanced options. We are present to help Oregonians who have experienced tremendous disruptions, while also doing our part to follow health and safety guidelines for our communities.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

March Employment

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 90 in March to 19,170 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 110 jobs was expected for the month, but the county added only 20 jobs. These gains almost certainly happened before COVID-19 restrictions began. Private-sector employment was unchanged, and total government employment increased by 20. Leisure and hospitality had a net increase of 10 jobs as accommodations cut 100 jobs

and food services and drinking places added 110. Retail trade shed 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

March's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 50 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 0.3 percent. The industries gaining the most jobs over the year were professional and business services (+150), private education and health services (+60), and local government excluding education (+60). Industries losing the most jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-200) and retail trade (-50 jobs).

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5 percent in March, unchanged from the previous month (3.5%), but it was lower than the year before (4.3%). The county's rate was also essentially the same as the statewide rate (3.3%), but lower than the national rate (4.4%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	18,976	18,847	19,065	129	-89
Unemployed	770	744	867	26	-97
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.9%	4.5%	0.2	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.5%	4.3%	0.0	-0.8
Employed	18,206	18,103	18,198	103	8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,620	18,600	18,670	20	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,170	19,260	19,220	-90	-50
Total private	15,700	15,700	15,770	0	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	1,150	1,160	1,180	-10	-30
Mining and logging	160	150	180	10	-20
Construction	990	1,010	1,000	-20	-10
Manufacturing	1,720	1,730	1,670	-10	50
Durable goods	440	440	450	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	250	0	10
Nondurable goods	1,280	1,290	1,220	-10	60
Food manufacturing	450	470	410	-20	40
Paper manufacturing	750	740	740	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,460	3,490	3,520	-30	-60
Wholesale trade	200	200	200	0	0
Retail trade	2,990	3,020	3,040	-30	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	270	280	0	-10
Information	150	150	150	0	0
Financial activities	780	760	790	20	-10
Professional and business services	860	860	710	0	150
Education and health services	2,530	2,520	2,470	10	60
Leisure and hospitality	4,460	4,450	4,660	10	-200
Accommodation and food services	4,200	4,190	4,420	10	-220
Accommodation	1,320	1,420	1,450	-100	-130
Food services and drinking places	2,880	2,770	2,970	110	-90
Other services	590	580	620	10	-30
Government	2,920	2,900	2,900	20	20
Federal government	210	200	200	10	10
State government	330	330	340	0	-10
Local government	2,380	2,370	2,360	10	20
Local education	1,200	1,190	1,240	10	-40
Local government excluding educational services	1,180	1,180	1,120	0	60

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)

	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019
United States	4.4	3.5	3.8
State of Oregon	3.3	3.3	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.9	3.9	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.4	3.4	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.6	2.7	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	3.6	3.7	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.3	4.4	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	3.9	3.9	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.2	3.3	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.6	3.7	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.4	5.4
Benton	2.6	2.7	3.3
Clackamas	3.1	3.2	3.9
Clatsop	3.5	3.5	4.3
Columbia	4.3	4.4	5.1
Coos	4.3	4.4	5.7
Crook	4.9	5.0	6.1
Curry	4.7	4.8	6.4
Deschutes	3.4	3.4	4.5
Douglas	4.5	4.6	5.6
Gilliam	4.1	4.0	4.7
Grant	6.0	6.1	8.0
Harney	4.5	4.5	6.6
Hood River	2.8	2.9	3.7
Jackson	3.9	3.9	5.0
Jefferson	4.4	4.5	5.8
Josephine	4.3	4.4	5.7
Klamath	6.0	6.1	7.0
Lake	4.2	4.4	6.5
Lane	3.6	3.7	4.6
Lincoln	4.0	4.0	5.0
Linn	3.9	3.9	4.9
Malheur	3.6	3.7	4.8
Marion	3.6	3.7	4.5
Morrow	3.7	3.8	4.7
Multnomah	3.0	3.0	3.8
Polk	3.7	3.8	4.6
Sherman	4.1	4.0	3.9
Tillamook	3.6	3.6	4.6
Umatilla	4.1	4.2	5.3
Union	4.3	4.3	5.8
Wallowa	5.1	5.3	6.4
Wasco	3.8	3.9	4.7
Washington	2.8	2.9	3.6
Wheeler	3.7	4.0	4.6
Yamhill	3.1	3.1	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.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

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