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Employment in Clatsop County: May 2020

Employment falls by 200 jobs more than expected in May

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 200 in May to 14,180 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 210 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's employment was essentially stable, gaining only 10 jobs. Private-sector employment was up 120 jobs, and total government employment decreased by 110. Leisure and hospitality added 110 jobs as accommodations added 130 jobs and food services and drinking places cut 40. Retail trade added 30 jobs. Local government education shed 110 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

May's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 5,090 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 26.2 percent. Every major industry lost jobs over the year, though leisure and hospitality has borne the brunt of the recession with the loss of 3,240 jobs over the year – a drop of 62.9 percent.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped a little from last month's record high. It was 23.5 percent in May, down from 24.2 percent in April. It was 3.9 percent the year before. Clatsop County still had the second-highest rate in the state after Lincoln County (23.5%). The county's unemployment rate reached a peak of 11.9 percent during the Great Recession. The statewide unemployment rate was 14.2 percent in May, and the national rate was 13.3 percent. Clatsop and Lincoln counties have a larger share of their employment in the leisure and hospitality industry than other Oregon counties and this industry was especially affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 14.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	18,908	19,063	19,465	-155	-557
Unemployed	4,333	4,626	659	-293	3,674
Unemployment rate	22.9%	24.3%	3.4%	-1.4	19.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	14,575	14,437	18,806	138	-4,231
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	14,320	14,310	19,410	10	-5,090
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>14,180</i>	<i>14,380</i>	<i>19,210</i>	<i>-200</i>	<i>-5,030</i>
Total private	11,780	11,660	16,540	120	-4,760
Mining, logging, and construction	1,000	980	1,190	20	-190
Mining and logging	120	120	170	0	-50
Construction	880	860	1,020	20	-140
Manufacturing	1,590	1,600	1,880	-10	-290
Durable goods	320	320	460	0	-140
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	1,270	1,280	1,420	-10	-150
Food manufacturing	450	460	600	-10	-150
Paper manufacturing	740	740	730	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,140	3,090	3,590	50	-450
Wholesale trade	180	170	200	10	-20
Retail trade	2,730	2,700	3,060	30	-330
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	220	330	10	-100
Information	120	120	150	0	-30
Financial activities	740	750	770	-10	-30
Professional and business services	660	690	730	-30	-70
Education and health services	2,280	2,270	2,470	10	-190
Leisure and hospitality	1,910	1,800	5,150	110	-3,240
Accommodation and food services	1,710	1,620	4,870	90	-3,160
Accommodation	580	450	1,590	130	-1,010
Food services and drinking places	1,130	1,170	3,280	-40	-2,150
Other services	340	360	610	-20	-270
Government	2,540	2,650	2,870	-110	-330
Federal government	210	220	200	-10	10
State government	370	370	330	0	40
Local government	1,960	2,060	2,340	-100	-380
Local education	970	1,080	1,160	-110	-190
Local government excluding educational services	990	980	1,180	10	-190

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>May 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>	<u>May 2019</u>
United States	13.3	14.7	3.6
State of Oregon	14.2	14.9	3.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	13.5	15.2	4.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	16.3	18.3	3.9
Corvallis (Benton County)	10.1	10.6	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	14.7	16.0	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	13.9	15.1	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	14.4	15.6	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	14.1	14.3	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	12.7	13.1	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	13.5	13.0	4.8
Benton	10.1	10.6	3.1
Clackamas	13.3	13.8	3.5
Clatsop	23.5	24.2	3.9
Columbia	14.2	15.0	4.6
Coos	17.8	18.5	5.1
Crook	17.5	18.3	5.3
Curry	17.3	17.7	5.3
Deschutes	16.3	18.3	3.9
Douglas	15.4	16.2	5.0
Gilliam	11.6	11.3	3.6
Grant	14.0	13.1	6.8
Harney	9.7	9.2	5.3
Hood River	13.3	13.8	2.9
Jackson	14.4	15.6	4.6
Jefferson	17.0	14.5	5.1
Josephine	13.9	15.1	5.2
Klamath	15.1	15.6	6.1
Lake	8.5	9.0	5.5
Lane	14.7	16.0	4.3
Lincoln	23.9	25.9	4.4
Linn	13.5	15.2	4.5
Malheur	8.8	8.5	4.3
Marion	12.9	13.2	4.1
Morrow	8.1	8.0	4.0
Multnomah	15.5	15.9	3.4
Polk	11.9	12.8	4.2
Sherman	11.6	12.1	3.5
Tillamook	17.3	18.0	3.9
Umatilla	13.3	13.9	4.3
Union	17.0	18.6	4.8
Wallowa	13.1	12.5	5.9
Wasco	14.6	14.4	4.2
Washington	12.0	12.2	3.2
Wheeler	6.5	6.1	4.5
Yamhill	13.2	13.2	3.5

(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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