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Employment in Clatsop County: August 2020

Employment grows by 340 more than expected in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 340 in August to 17,500 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 120 jobs was expected for the month, but the county added 220 jobs. The private sector added 10 jobs, and total government employment rose by 210. Leisure and hospitality shed 80 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 40 jobs and private education and health services added 30 jobs. The federal government added 50 jobs, mostly due to the 2020 Census, and local government education grew by 170 jobs as preparation for the school year began. Other industries had smaller changes.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers were still down from the previous year by 1,880 jobs, a decrease of 9.4 percent. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though leisure and hospitality has borne the brunt of the recession with the loss of 890 jobs over the year – a drop of 16 percent.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped again from last month. It was 8.7 percent in August, down from 12.3 percent in July. The county had the seventh-highest rate in the state. It was 3.6 percent the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in August, and the national rate was 8.4 percent.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 13.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	19,398	19,601	20,046	-203	-648
Unemployed	1,577	2,317	702	-740	875
Unemployment rate	8.1%	11.8%	3.5%	-3.7	4.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.7%	12.3%	3.6%	-3.6	5.1
Employed	17,821	17,284	19,344	537	-1,523
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,220	18,000	20,100	220	-1,880
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	17,500	17,160	19,300	340	-1,800
Total private	15,850	15,840	17,480	10	-1,630
Mining, logging, and construction	1,190	1,170	1,220	20	-30
Mining and logging	160	150	160	10	0
Construction	1,030	1,020	1,060	10	-30
Manufacturing	1,920	1,930	1,940	-10	-20
Durable goods	410	410	440	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	240	250	250	-10	-10
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,520	1,500	-10	10
Food manufacturing	710	730	690	-20	20
Paper manufacturing	710	710	720	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,460	3,420	3,680	40	-220
Wholesale trade	210	200	220	10	-10
Retail trade	2,970	2,950	3,180	20	-210
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	270	280	10	0
Information	120	120	150	0	-30
Financial activities	740	740	810	0	-70
Professional and business services	810	820	980	-10	-170
Education and health services	2,280	2,250	2,440	30	-160
Leisure and hospitality	4,680	4,760	5,570	-80	-890
Accommodation and food services	4,420	4,500	5,240	-80	-820
Accommodation	1,530	1,610	1,670	-80	-140
Food services and drinking places	2,890	2,890	3,570	0	-680
Other services	650	630	690	20	-40
Government	2,370	2,160	2,620	210	-250
Federal government	230	180	210	50	20
State government	360	360	360	0	0
Local government	1,780	1,620	2,050	160	-270
Local education	750	580	890	170	-140
Local government excluding educational services	1,030	1,040	1,160	-10	-130

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>August 2020</u>	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>August 2019</u>
United States	8.4	10.2	3.7
State of Oregon	7.7	10.4	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	7.5	10.0	4.2
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.7	10.9	3.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	5.7	7.7	2.9
Eugene (Lane County)	7.5	10.3	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	8.2	10.6	4.8
Medford (Jackson County)	7.7	10.4	4.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	8.3	11.0	3.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	7.3	9.7	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	7.8	9.8	4.5
Benton	5.7	7.7	2.9
Clackamas	7.5	10.0	3.4
Clatsop	8.7	12.3	3.6
Columbia	7.8	10.3	4.4
Coos	8.4	11.4	4.7
Crook	8.9	11.4	5.0
Curry	9.0	12.0	5.0
Deschutes	7.7	10.9	3.7
Douglas	7.3	9.8	4.8
Gilliam	6.2	8.1	3.4
Grant	8.9	10.7	6.1
Harney	6.8	7.9	4.9
Hood River	6.2	8.4	2.8
Jackson	7.7	10.4	4.2
Jefferson	9.1	11.1	4.8
Josephine	8.2	10.6	4.8
Klamath	8.6	10.9	5.9
Lake	6.3	7.9	5.0
Lane	7.5	10.3	4.1
Lincoln	10.6	15.5	4.2
Linn	7.5	10.0	4.2
Malheur	5.9	6.9	4.0
Marion	6.8	9.2	3.9
Morrow	5.2	6.0	3.9
Multnomah	9.7	12.3	3.2
Polk	6.7	8.8	4.1
Sherman	6.6	7.8	3.5
Tillamook	7.7	11.0	3.8
Umatilla	6.8	7.9	4.2
Union	7.2	10.4	4.6
Wallowa	7.4	9.3	5.5
Wasco	6.8	9.0	4.0
Washington	6.7	9.2	3.0
Wheeler	4.4	4.9	4.2
Yamhill	6.6	9.1	3.4

(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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