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## **Employment in Clatsop County: December 2020**

### **Employment fell by 350 more than expected in December**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 350 in December to 17,470 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 220 jobs was expected for the month, but the county shed 570 jobs. The private sector lost 530 jobs, and total government employment dropped by 40. Leisure and hospitality shed 410 jobs, and food manufacturing cut 80 jobs. Local government shed 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers were down from the previous year by 1,690 jobs, a decrease of 9.1%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though leisure and hospitality has borne the brunt of the recession with a loss of 1,000 jobs over the year – a drop of 21.1%.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from last month. It was 6.8% in December, up from 6.1% in November. It was 3.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.4% in December, and the national rate was 6.7%.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2.

## Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	18,664	19,161	18,634	-497	30
Unemployed	1,320	1,163	604	157	716
Unemployment rate	7.1%	6.1%	3.2%	1.0	3.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.8%	6.1%	3.1%	0.7	3.7
Employed	17,344	17,998	18,030	-654	-686
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	16,930	17,500	18,620	-570	-1,690
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>17,470</i>	<i>17,820</i>	<i>19,210</i>	<i>-350</i>	<i>-1,740</i>
Total private	14,300	14,830	15,900	-530	-1,600
Mining, logging, and construction	1,230	1,260	1,180	-30	50
Mining and logging	170	170	160	0	10
Construction	1,060	1,090	1,020	-30	40
Manufacturing	1,670	1,750	1,690	-80	-20
Durable goods	410	410	440	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	260	0	-20
Nondurable goods	1,260	1,340	1,250	-80	10
Food manufacturing	450	530	440	-80	10
Paper manufacturing	730	730	730	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,440	3,470	3,550	-30	-110
Wholesale trade	230	220	200	10	30
Retail trade	2,870	2,900	3,050	-30	-180
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	340	350	300	-10	40
Information	110	110	150	0	-40
Financial activities	680	680	750	0	-70
Professional and business services	590	590	690	0	-100
Education and health services	2,280	2,260	2,540	20	-260
Leisure and hospitality	3,750	4,160	4,750	-410	-1,000
Accommodation and food services	3,540	3,990	4,490	-450	-950
Accommodation	1,320	1,330	1,480	-10	-160
Food services and drinking places	2,220	2,660	3,010	-440	-790
Other services	550	550	600	0	-50
Government	2,630	2,670	2,720	-40	-90
Federal government	200	200	180	0	20
State government	330	330	320	0	10
Local government	2,100	2,140	2,220	-40	-120
Local education	1,010	1,020	1,120	-10	-110
Local government excluding educational services	1,090	1,120	1,100	-30	-10

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>December 2020</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>December 2019</u>
United States	6.7	6.7	3.6
State of Oregon	6.4	6.0	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.9	5.8	3.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.6	6.7	3.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.3	4.2	2.5
Eugene (Lane County)	5.9	5.9	3.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	6.2	4.2
Medford (Jackson County)	6.4	6.4	3.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.1	5.9	3.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	6.3	5.9	3.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	6.1	6.0	3.8
Benton	4.3	4.2	2.5
Clackamas	6.1	5.8	2.9
Clatsop	6.8	6.1	3.1
Columbia	6.7	6.5	4.0
Coos	6.4	6.6	4.0
Crook	7.6	7.4	4.7
Curry	6.4	6.3	4.3
Deschutes	7.6	6.7	3.2
Douglas	6.4	6.1	4.1
Gilliam	4.8	5.0	3.5
Grant	7.5	7.1	5.7
Harney	5.0	5.5	4.1
Hood River	5.2	4.9	2.6
Jackson	6.4	6.4	3.5
Jefferson	7.1	6.8	4.0
Josephine	7.0	6.2	4.2
Klamath	7.1	6.9	5.4
Lake	4.5	4.9	4.0
Lane	5.9	5.9	3.3
Lincoln	7.7	7.4	3.6
Linn	5.9	5.8	3.6
Malheur	4.6	4.6	3.3
Marion	6.1	5.8	3.3
Morrow	4.5	4.3	3.4
Multnomah	7.0	6.8	2.8
Polk	5.7	5.4	3.4
Sherman	4.4	4.3	3.4
Tillamook	5.7	5.8	3.3
Umatilla	5.6	5.2	3.7
Union	6.1	5.6	3.9
Wallowa	5.3	5.6	4.7
Wasco	6.0	5.5	3.5
Washington	5.4	5.1	2.6
Wheeler	4.2	4.0	3.9
Yamhill	5.6	5.2	2.8

(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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