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## **Employment in Clatsop County: December 2021**

### **Employment rose by 120 more than expected in December**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 120 in December to 18,710 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 270 jobs was expected for the month, but the county shed only 150 jobs. The private sector lost 130 jobs, and total government employment slipped by 20. Leisure and hospitality dropped 80 jobs. Local government excluding education lost 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

December's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 700 jobs, an increase of 4.0%. The county lost 4,160 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 600 jobs below the pre-pandemic level of December 2019. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year but others have plateaued or shed a few. Leisure and hospitality added back 500 jobs over the previous year. Retail trade regained 70 jobs, and other services added 50. On the other hand, financial activities cut 40 jobs. Local government education added back 130 jobs over the year.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in December. It was essentially unchanged from 4.9% in November. The rate was 7.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in December, and the national rate was 3.9%.

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January also on Tuesday, Mar. 8.

## Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	19,421	19,463	19,019	-42	402
Unemployed	782	758	1,393	24	-611
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.9%	7.3%	0.1	-3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.9%	7.2%	-0.3	-2.6
Employed	18,639	18,705	17,626	-66	1,013
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	18,110	18,260	17,410	-150	700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,710	18,590	17,990	120	720
Total private	15,450	15,580	14,850	-130	600
Mining, logging, and construction	1,210	1,220	1,200	-10	10
Mining and logging	150	140	160	10	-10
Construction	1,060	1,080	1,040	-20	20
Manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,640	-10	10
Durable goods	430	430	420	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	270	0	-10
Nondurable goods	1,220	1,230	1,220	-10	0
Food manufacturing	470	480	450	-10	20
Paper manufacturing	670	670	700	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,690	3,710	3,600	-20	90
Wholesale trade	190	190	190	0	0
Retail trade	3,170	3,180	3,100	-10	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	330	340	310	-10	20
Information	140	140	120	0	20
Financial activities	680	680	720	0	-40
Professional and business services	820	840	840	-20	-20
Education and health services	2,490	2,480	2,510	10	-20
Leisure and hospitality	4,220	4,300	3,720	-80	500
Accommodation and food services	3,960	4,030	3,480	-70	480
Accommodation	1,380	1,360	1,220	20	160
Food services and drinking places	2,580	2,670	2,260	-90	320
Other services	550	550	500	0	50
Government	2,660	2,680	2,560	-20	100
Federal government	180	180	210	0	-30
State government	310	320	330	-10	-20
Local government	2,170	2,180	2,020	-10	150
Local education	1,130	1,110	1,000	20	130
Local government excluding educational services	1,040	1,070	1,020	-30	20

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 2021</u>	<u>November 2021</u>	<u>December 2020</u>
United States	3.9	4.2	6.7
State of Oregon	4.1	4.2	6.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.7	6.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.3	4.6	6.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.1	3.2	4.8
Eugene (Lane County)	4.4	4.6	6.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.1	5.3	6.6
Medford (Jackson County)	4.5	4.6	6.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.9	4.1	7.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.2	5.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.4	6.4
Benton	3.1	3.2	4.8
Clackamas	3.7	3.9	6.4
Clatsop	4.6	4.9	7.2
Columbia	4.7	4.8	7.0
Coos	5.2	5.3	6.7
Crook	5.6	5.9	8.0
Curry	5.6	5.8	6.8
Deschutes	4.3	4.6	6.7
Douglas	4.9	5.1	6.6
Gilliam	4.0	4.2	5.1
Grant	5.9	6.2	7.8
Harney	4.7	4.9	5.1
Hood River	3.6	3.9	5.2
Jackson	4.5	4.6	6.2
Jefferson	5.3	5.6	7.6
Josephine	5.1	5.3	6.6
Klamath	5.7	6.0	7.6
Lake	4.9	5.1	4.9
Lane	4.4	4.6	6.4
Lincoln	5.5	5.7	7.8
Linn	4.6	4.7	6.5
Malheur	3.7	3.8	4.8
Marion	4.1	4.2	6.1
Morrow	3.9	4.0	4.9
Multnomah	4.3	4.5	7.3
Polk	3.9	4.1	5.8
Sherman	3.7	3.8	4.7
Tillamook	4.3	4.5	6.0
Umatilla	4.3	4.5	6.0
Union	4.5	4.7	6.5
Wallowa	5.0	5.1	5.7
Wasco	4.5	4.8	6.1
Washington	3.4	3.5	5.6
Wheeler	2.8	2.9	4.4
Yamhill	3.7	3.9	5.8

(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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