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## **Employment in Columbia County: August 2022**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment rose by 20 in August**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 20 in August to 11,810 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 150 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 170. The private sector added 60 jobs, and government employment climbed by 110. No single private-sector industry had a significant change in employment. Local government education added 100 jobs. Most industries had small changes.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 270 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.3%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 60 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of August 2019. Some of the major industries gained jobs over the past year. Professional and business services added 100 jobs over the year. Other services added 90 jobs, and leisure and hospitality regained 80 jobs over the year. On the other hand, private education and health services lost 110 jobs during the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2% in August, essentially unchanged from 4.1% in July. It was 5.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.7% in August, and the national rate was 3.7% as well.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	July 2022	August 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,684	25,573	24,695	111	989
Unemployed	1,254	1,137	1,408	117	-154
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.4%	5.7%	0.5	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.1%	5.3%	0.1	-1.1
Employed	24,430	24,436	23,287	-6	1,143
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,800	11,630	11,530	170	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,810	11,790	11,550	20	260
Total private	10,070	10,010	9,920	60	150
Mining, logging, and construction	960	950	1,010	10	-50
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	770	760	810	10	-40
Manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,620	-10	30
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,070	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	570	580	550	-10	20
Paper manufacturing	190	190	160	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,310	2,330	10	-10
Retail trade	1,590	1,590	1,610	0	-20
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	590	590	580	0	10
Professional and business services	1,090	1,070	990	20	100
Education and health services	1,470	1,470	1,580	0	-110
Leisure and hospitality	1,430	1,410	1,350	20	80
Other services	510	500	420	10	90
Government	1,730	1,620	1,610	110	120
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	190	190	200	0	-10
Local government	1,470	1,360	1,340	110	130
Local education	760	660	630	100	130
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	710	10	0

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 2022</u>	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>August 2021</u>
United States	3.7	3.5	5.2
State of Oregon	3.7	3.5	4.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.0	4.0	5.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.6	3.4	4.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.0	2.9	3.5
Eugene (Lane County)	4.0	3.8	4.9
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.0	4.8	5.8
Medford (Jackson County)	3.9	3.7	5.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.5	3.4	4.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.6	3.5	4.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.0	3.8	4.8
Benton	3.0	2.9	3.5
Clackamas	3.2	3.2	4.3
Clatsop	4.0	3.9	5.3
Columbia	4.2	4.1	5.3
Coos	4.8	4.7	5.9
Crook	4.9	4.7	6.3
Curry	5.0	4.8	6.3
Deschutes	3.6	3.4	4.8
Douglas	4.5	4.4	5.5
Gilliam	3.6	3.3	4.5
Grant	5.5	5.3	6.5
Harney	4.2	4.0	5.1
Hood River	2.9	2.8	4.1
Jackson	3.9	3.7	5.2
Jefferson	4.8	4.6	6.2
Josephine	5.0	4.8	5.8
Klamath	5.3	5.2	6.5
Lake	4.7	4.4	5.6
Lane	4.0	3.8	4.9
Lincoln	4.9	4.7	6.3
Linn	4.0	4.0	5.1
Malheur	3.6	3.4	4.2
Marion	3.6	3.5	4.6
Morrow	3.5	3.4	4.3
Multnomah	3.5	3.5	4.9
Polk	3.6	3.5	4.4
Sherman	2.9	2.8	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.8	5.0
Umatilla	3.9	3.8	4.9
Union	4.1	4.0	5.1
Wallowa	4.6	4.4	5.3
Wasco	3.6	3.6	4.8
Washington	2.9	2.9	3.9
Wheeler	2.7	2.7	3.0
Yamhill	3.3	3.2	4.2

(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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