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Employment in Columbia County: April 2018

Expected Employment Unchanged in April

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in April at 11,370 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 120 jobs is normal for the month, and the county added 120. The private sector added 110 jobs, and government employment rose by 10. Leisure and hospitality grew by 40 jobs and retail trade and construction each added 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in April was 100 more than one year before, a gain of 0.9 percent. The private sector added 340 jobs, and government shed 240 jobs over the year. Professional and business services and construction each gained 80 jobs over the year. Financial activities added 50 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April, essentially unchanged from the previous month (5.1%) and the year before (5.1%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.1%) and the national rate (3.9%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 12.

COLUMBIA COUNTY CURRENT LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT
(by place of residence)

	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	Change From March 2018	Change From April 2017
Civilian labor force	24,207	24,484	24,077	-277	130
Unemployed	1,136	1,298	1,157	-162	-21
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.3%	4.8%	-0.6	-0.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.0%	5.1%	5.1%	-0.1	-0.1
Total Employment	23,071	23,186	22,920	-115	151

COLUMBIA COUNTY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
(by place of work)

	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017	Change from March 2018	Change from April 2017
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT					
Total nonfarm	11,480	11,360	11,380	120	100
Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted	11,370	11,370	11,270	0	100
TOTAL PRIVATE	9,410	9,300	9,070	110	340
Mining and logging	220	220	210	0	10
Construction	690	660	610	30	80
Manufacturing	1,620	1,620	1,660	0	-40
Durable goods	1,140	1,140	1,160	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	250	270	280	-20	-30
Nondurable goods	480	480	500	0	-20
Paper manufacturing	160	150	150	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,140	2,130	2,150	10	-10
Retail trade	1,480	1,450	1,480	30	0
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	600	590	550	10	50
Professional and business services	910	900	830	10	80
Education and health services	1,430	1,420	1,210	10	220
Leisure and hospitality	1,340	1,300	1,400	40	-60
Other services	420	420	400	0	20
GOVERNMENT	2,070	2,060	2,310	10	-240
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	150	150	350	0	-200
Local government	1,850	1,840	1,890	10	-40
Local education	1,230	1,230	1,260	0	-30
Local government excluding education	620	610	630	10	-10
Labor-management disputes	0	0	0	0	0

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared by the Oregon Employment Department in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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.

Columbia County is a part of the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Although the labor force estimates are official, based on a procedure approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, they are not considered to be as accurate as those produced for the entire Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA. The Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA consists of Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon, plus Clark and Skamania counties in Washington state.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	April 2018	March 2018	April 2017
United States	3.9	4.1	4.4
State of Oregon	4.1	4.1	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.7	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.2	4.2	4.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.1	3.1	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.2	4.3	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.2	5.2	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.8	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	3.7	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.1	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.6	5.6	5.4
Benton	3.1	3.1	3.2
Clackamas	3.6	3.6	3.6
Clatsop	4.1	4.1	4.0
Columbia	5.0	5.1	5.1
Coos	5.4	5.5	5.4
Crook	5.8	6.0	6.1
Curry	5.9	6.1	6.0
Deschutes	4.2	4.2	4.0
Douglas	5.4	5.4	5.2
Gilliam	3.2	3.4	4.2
Grant	7.2	7.3	7.0
Harney	6.3	6.3	6.1
Hood River	3.2	3.2	3.7
Jackson	4.6	4.8	4.7
Jefferson	5.5	5.6	5.5
Josephine	5.2	5.2	5.3
Klamath	6.3	6.3	5.8
Lake	5.6	5.6	5.7
Lane	4.2	4.3	4.3
Lincoln	4.7	4.8	4.6
Linn	4.6	4.7	4.7
Malheur	4.6	4.5	4.4
Marion	4.2	4.3	4.2
Morrow	4.1	4.2	4.1
Multnomah	3.7	3.7	3.5
Polk	4.3	4.2	4.2
Sherman	3.9	3.7	4.8
Tillamook	4.3	4.3	4.1
Umatilla	5.0	5.0	4.7
Union	5.3	5.4	5.3
Wallowa	5.9	5.9	5.6
Wasco	4.1	4.1	3.9
Washington	3.4	3.4	3.4
Wheeler	3.0	2.9	4.4
Yamhill	3.6	3.6	3.6

(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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