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Employment in Columbia County: October 2018

Expected Employment Up by 50 in October

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 50 jobs in October to 11,600 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 80 jobs is normal for the month, but the county added 130. The private sector shed 60 jobs, and government employment rose by 190. Professional and business services cut 50 jobs over the month. Local government education added 180 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in October was 130 more than one year before, a gain of 1.1 percent. The private sector added 240 jobs, and government shed 110 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 100 jobs over the year. Local government was up 90 jobs. About 200 state government jobs were reclassified to private-sector education and health services.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in October, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.7%) and the year before (5.2%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (3.8%) and the national rate (3.7%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, December 18.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,475	24,335	24,465	140	10
Unemployed	1,183	1,123	1,244	60	-61
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.6%	5.1%	0.2	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.7%	5.2%	0.1	-0.4
Employed	23,292	23,212	23,221	80	71
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,700	11,570	11,570	130	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,600	11,550	11,470	50	130
Total private	9,530	9,590	9,290	-60	240
Mining, logging, and construction	990	970	990	20	0
Mining and logging	230	230	210	0	20
Construction	760	740	780	20	-20
Manufacturing	1,590	1,560	1,660	30	-70
Durable goods	1,070	1,060	1,170	10	-100
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	520	500	490	20	30
Paper manufacturing	140	140	140	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,240	2,260	2,200	-20	40
Retail trade	1,540	1,550	1,510	-10	30
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	540	540	570	0	-30
Professional and business services	850	900	840	-50	10
Education and health services	1,440	1,440	1,200	0	240
Leisure and hospitality	1,400	1,430	1,380	-30	20
Other services	430	440	410	-10	20
Government	2,170	1,980	2,280	190	-110
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	180	180	380	0	-200
Local government	1,920	1,730	1,830	190	90
Local education	1,240	1,060	1,190	180	50
Local government excluding educational services	680	670	640	10	40

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>October 2018</u>	<u>September 2018</u>	<u>October 2017</u>
United States	3.7	3.7	4.1
State of Oregon	3.8	3.8	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.4	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	3.8	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.0	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	4.5	4.3	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.8	5.6	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	4.5	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	3.8	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.5	4.3	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.1	4.9	5.5
Benton	3.3	3.0	3.3
Clackamas	3.7	3.5	3.9
Clatsop	4.0	3.8	4.2
Columbia	4.8	4.7	5.2
Coos	5.1	4.9	5.5
Crook	5.7	5.5	6.2
Curry	5.8	5.6	6.2
Deschutes	4.0	3.8	4.2
Douglas	5.1	5.0	5.3
Gilliam	4.5	4.0	4.2
Grant	6.6	6.3	6.4
Harney	5.7	5.6	6.4
Hood River	3.3	3.1	3.4
Jackson	4.8	4.5	4.7
Jefferson	5.2	4.9	5.4
Josephine	5.8	5.6	5.4
Klamath	6.0	5.8	5.9
Lake	5.4	5.2	5.4
Lane	4.5	4.3	4.4
Lincoln	4.6	4.4	4.7
Linn	4.6	4.4	4.7
Malheur	4.4	4.2	4.3
Marion	4.3	4.0	4.2
Morrow	4.3	4.1	3.9
Multnomah	3.5	3.3	3.6
Polk	4.5	4.3	4.4
Sherman	4.1	4.2	4.8
Tillamook	4.4	4.2	4.3
Umatilla	4.6	4.4	4.9
Union	5.1	4.8	5.2
Wallowa	5.7	5.6	5.5
Wasco	4.0	3.7	4.1
Washington	3.3	3.2	3.5
Wheeler	3.7	3.4	3.7
Yamhill	3.8	3.6	3.8

(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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