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Employment in Columbia County: November 2018

Employment Up by 20 Jobs more than Expected in November

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 20 jobs in November to 11,590 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 60 jobs is normal for the month, but the county shed only 40. The private sector shed 70 jobs, and government employment rose by 30. Construction cut 80 jobs over the month. Local government education added 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in November was 50 more than one year before, a gain of 0.4 percent. The private sector added 200 jobs, and government shed 150 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 90 jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality gained 50 jobs over the year and retail trade added 30. Local government was up 50 jobs. About 200 state government jobs were reclassified to private-sector education and health services.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in November, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.8%) and the year before (5.1%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (3.9%) and the national rate (3.7%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Tuesday, January 15.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,516	24,483	24,494	33	22
Unemployed	1,181	1,199	1,230	-18	-49
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	-0.1	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	5.1%	0.1	-0.2
Employed	23,335	23,284	23,264	51	71
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,630	11,670	11,580	-40	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,590	11,570	11,540	20	50
Total private	9,460	9,530	9,260	-70	200
Mining, logging, and construction	910	990	960	-80	-50
Mining and logging	230	230	210	0	20
Construction	680	760	750	-80	-70
Manufacturing	1,600	1,590	1,660	10	-60
Durable goods	1,080	1,070	1,170	10	-90
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	250	0	10
Nondurable goods	520	520	490	0	30
Paper manufacturing	140	140	140	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,240	2,240	2,200	0	40
Retail trade	1,540	1,540	1,510	0	30
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	530	540	580	-10	-50
Professional and business services	860	850	870	10	-10
Education and health services	1,450	1,440	1,210	10	240
Leisure and hospitality	1,390	1,400	1,340	-10	50
Other services	430	430	400	0	30
Government	2,170	2,140	2,320	30	-150
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	180	370	-10	-200
Local government	1,930	1,890	1,880	40	50
Local education	1,280	1,240	1,240	40	40
Local government excluding educational services	650	650	640	0	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>November 2018</u>	<u>October 2018</u>	<u>November 2017</u>
United States	3.7	3.7	4.1
State of Oregon	3.9	3.8	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.8	4.7	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.0	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.3	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.5	4.6	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.8	5.9	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	4.8	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.0	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.4	4.6	4.3
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.2	5.1	5.6
Benton	3.3	3.3	3.2
Clackamas	3.8	3.7	3.8
Clatsop	4.2	4.0	4.2
Columbia	4.9	4.8	5.1
Coos	5.3	5.1	5.5
Crook	5.8	5.7	6.2
Curry	6.2	5.8	6.2
Deschutes	4.1	4.0	4.2
Douglas	5.2	5.1	5.3
Gilliam	4.6	4.5	4.2
Grant	7.1	6.6	6.5
Harney	5.9	5.6	6.6
Hood River	3.4	3.3	3.3
Jackson	4.8	4.8	4.7
Jefferson	5.4	5.2	5.4
Josephine	5.8	5.9	5.3
Klamath	6.3	6.1	6.0
Lake	5.7	5.5	5.5
Lane	4.5	4.6	4.4
Lincoln	4.8	4.6	4.7
Linn	4.8	4.7	4.6
Malheur	4.6	4.5	4.3
Marion	4.3	4.3	4.2
Morrow	4.5	4.4	3.9
Multnomah	3.6	3.5	3.6
Polk	4.6	4.5	4.3
Sherman	4.0	4.1	4.3
Tillamook	4.5	4.4	4.3
Umatilla	4.7	4.6	4.8
Union	5.4	5.1	5.2
Wallowa	6.0	5.8	5.5
Wasco	4.2	4.0	4.0
Washington	3.4	3.3	3.5
Wheeler	3.9	3.7	3.6
Yamhill	3.8	3.8	3.7

(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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