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Employment in Columbia County: December 2018

Employment Up by 20 Jobs more than Expected in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 20 jobs in December to 11,610 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 lost 60 jobs, and government employment rose by 20. Professional and business services cut 30 jobs over the month. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in December was 200 more than one year before, a gain of 1.8 percent. The private sector added 340 jobs, and government shed 140 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 90 jobs over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 70 jobs and leisure and hospitality gained 60 jobs over the year. Local government education was up 50 jobs over the year. About 200 state government jobs were reclassified to private-sector education and health services.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in December, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.9%) and the same as the year before (5.0%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.1%) and the national rate (3.9%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 5.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,408	24,506	24,383	-98	25
Unemployed	1,183	1,181	1,145	2	38
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%	0.1	0.0
Employed	23,225	23,325	23,238	-100	-13
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,590	11,630	11,390	-40	200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,610	11,590	11,410	20	200
Total private	9,400	9,460	9,060	-60	340
Mining, logging, and construction	900	910	880	-10	20
Mining and logging	230	230	220	0	10
Construction	670	680	660	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,590	1,600	1,660	-10	-70
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,170	0	-90
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	510	520	490	-10	20
Paper manufacturing	140	140	150	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,240	2,240	2,170	0	70
Retail trade	1,540	1,540	1,500	0	40
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	530	530	550	0	-20
Professional and business services	830	860	850	-30	-20
Education and health services	1,450	1,450	1,180	0	270
Leisure and hospitality	1,380	1,390	1,320	-10	60
Other services	430	430	410	0	20
Government	2,190	2,170	2,330	20	-140
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	170	360	0	-190
Local government	1,950	1,930	1,900	20	50
Local education	1,300	1,280	1,250	20	50
Local government excluding educational services	650	650	650	0	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>December 2018</u>	<u>November 2018</u>	<u>December 2017</u>
United States	3.9	3.7	4.1
State of Oregon	4.1	3.9	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	4.8	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.4	4.1	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.3	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.6	4.5	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.9	5.8	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	5.1	4.9	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.0	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.5	4.5	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.3	5.2	5.6
Benton	3.3	3.3	3.2
Clackamas	3.9	3.8	3.8
Clatsop	4.3	4.2	4.2
Columbia	5.0	4.9	5.0
Coos	5.5	5.3	5.5
Crook	5.9	5.8	6.3
Curry	6.5	6.2	6.2
Deschutes	4.4	4.1	4.3
Douglas	5.4	5.2	5.3
Gilliam	4.6	4.6	4.2
Grant	7.4	7.1	6.6
Harney	6.2	5.9	6.8
Hood River	3.5	3.4	3.3
Jackson	5.1	4.9	4.7
Jefferson	5.5	5.4	5.6
Josephine	5.9	5.8	5.4
Klamath	6.6	6.3	6.1
Lake	6.0	5.8	5.6
Lane	4.6	4.5	4.3
Lincoln	5.0	4.8	4.8
Linn	4.9	4.8	4.6
Malheur	4.9	4.7	4.3
Marion	4.5	4.3	4.2
Morrow	4.6	4.5	3.9
Multnomah	3.7	3.6	3.6
Polk	4.7	4.6	4.2
Sherman	4.0	4.0	4.0
Tillamook	4.6	4.4	4.2
Umatilla	4.9	4.7	4.8
Union	5.6	5.4	5.2
Wallowa	6.2	6.1	5.5
Wasco	4.3	4.2	4.0
Washington	3.5	3.4	3.5
Wheeler	4.2	3.9	3.4
Yamhill	3.8	3.9	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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