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Employment in Columbia County: January 2019

Employment Up by 50 Jobs more than Expected in January

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 50 jobs in January to 11,560 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 150 jobs is normal for the month, but the county shed only 100. The private sector lost 60 jobs, and government employment fell by 40. Retail trade and manufacturing each cut 30 jobs over the month. Local government education shed 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in January was 40 more than one year before, a gain of 0.4 percent. The private sector lost 30 jobs, and government gained 70 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 130 jobs over the year. Private education and health services added 40 jobs over the year. Other private-sector industries had smaller gains. Local government education was up 40 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in January, essentially unchanged from the previous month (5.0%) and the year before (4.9%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.3%) and the national rate (4.0%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 19.

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

	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	Change From December 2018	Change From January 2018
Civilian labor force	24,571	24,520	24,298	51	273
Unemployed	1,391	1,226	1,354	165	37
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.0%	5.6%	0.7	0.1
Unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	0.2	0.3
Total Employment	23,180	23,294	22,944	-114	236

COLUMBIA COUNTY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
(by place of work)

	January 2019	December 2018	January 2018	Change from December 2018	Change from January 2018
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT					
Total nonfarm	11,400	11,500	11,360	-100	40
Total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted	11,560	11,510	11,520	50	40
TOTAL PRIVATE	9,230	9,290	9,260	-60	-30
Mining and logging	230	230	220	0	10
Construction	650	650	650	0	0
Manufacturing	1,580	1,610	1,690	-30	-110
Durable goods	1,070	1,090	1,200	-20	-130
Wood product manufacturing	270	260	260	10	10
Nondurable goods	510	520	490	-10	20
Paper manufacturing	160	160	140	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,160	2,190	2,140	-30	20
Retail trade	1,480	1,510	1,480	-30	0
Information	50	50	40	0	10
Financial activities	560	540	560	20	0
Professional and business services	810	820	810	-10	0
Education and health services	1,470	1,460	1,430	10	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,290	1,320	1,310	-30	-20
Other services	430	420	410	10	20
GOVERNMENT	2,170	2,210	2,100	-40	70
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	170	160	0	10
Local government	1,930	1,970	1,870	-40	60
Local education	1,270	1,310	1,230	-40	40
Local government excluding education	660	660	640	0	20
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)

	<u>January 2019</u>	<u>December 2018</u>	<u>January 2018</u>
United States	4.0	3.9	4.1
State of Oregon	4.3	4.3	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.2	4.9	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.7	4.4	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.3	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	4.8	4.6	4.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.0	5.9	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.4	5.1	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.1	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.6	4.5	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.6	5.3	5.6
Benton	3.4	3.3	3.0
Clackamas	4.0	3.9	3.7
Clatsop	4.5	4.3	4.1
Columbia	5.2	5.0	4.9
Coos	5.9	5.5	5.5
Crook	6.3	5.9	6.4
Curry	6.8	6.5	6.3
Deschutes	4.7	4.4	4.2
Douglas	5.8	5.4	5.3
Gilliam	4.7	4.6	3.8
Grant	8.5	7.4	6.8
Harney	7.2	6.2	6.6
Hood River	3.5	3.5	3.1
Jackson	5.4	5.1	4.7
Jefferson	5.9	5.5	5.7
Josephine	6.0	5.9	5.0
Klamath	7.2	6.6	6.2
Lake	6.7	6.0	5.6
Lane	4.8	4.6	4.2
Lincoln	5.2	5.0	4.8
Linn	5.2	4.9	4.6
Malheur	5.1	4.9	4.5
Marion	4.8	4.5	4.1
Morrow	4.8	4.6	4.0
Multnomah	3.9	3.7	3.6
Polk	4.9	4.7	4.0
Sherman	4.0	4.0	3.9
Tillamook	4.7	4.6	4.2
Umatilla	5.5	4.9	4.9
Union	6.0	5.6	5.3
Wallowa	6.5	6.2	5.5
Wasco	4.7	4.3	4.1
Washington	3.7	3.5	3.4
Wheeler	4.5	4.2	3.1
Yamhill	3.9	3.8	3.5

(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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