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## **Employment in Columbia County: February 2019**

### **Employment Up by 40 jobs more than Expected in February**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 40 jobs in February to 11,570 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs is normal for the month, but the county added 110. The private sector gained 70 jobs, and government employment grew by 40. Professional and business services was up 40 jobs over the month, and private education and health services chipped in 30 more jobs. Local government education added 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in February was 80 more than one year before, a gain of 0.7 percent. The private sector lost 10 jobs, and government gained 90 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 130 jobs over the year. Private education and health services added 50 jobs over the year. Other private-sector industries had smaller changes. Local government education was up 70 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in February, essentially unchanged from the previous month (5.2%) and the year before (5.0%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.4%) and the national rate (3.8%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16.

### Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	24,652	24,580	24,420	72	232
Unemployed	1,335	1,392	1,374	-57	-39
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.7%	5.6%	-0.3	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	0.1	0.3
Employed	23,317	23,188	23,046	129	271
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,480	11,370	11,400	110	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,570	11,530	11,490	40	80
Total private	9,280	9,210	9,290	70	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	890	880	870	10	20
Mining and logging	220	230	220	-10	0
Construction	670	650	650	20	20
Manufacturing	1,580	1,580	1,690	0	-110
Durable goods	1,070	1,070	1,200	0	-130
Wood product manufacturing	270	270	260	0	10
Nondurable goods	510	510	490	0	20
Paper manufacturing	160	160	140	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,160	2,160	2,130	0	30
Retail trade	1,480	1,480	1,460	0	20
Information	40	50	40	-10	0
Financial activities	560	550	560	10	0
Professional and business services	850	810	840	40	10
Education and health services	1,490	1,460	1,440	30	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,280	1,290	1,300	-10	-20
Other services	430	430	420	0	10
Government	2,200	2,160	2,110	40	90
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	160	160	150	0	10
Local government	1,970	1,930	1,890	40	80
Local education	1,320	1,270	1,250	50	70
Local government excluding educational services	650	660	640	-10	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>February 2019</u>	<u>January 2019</u>	<u>February 2018</u>
United States	3.8	4.0	4.1
State of Oregon	4.4	4.3	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.1	5.2	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.5	4.8	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.4	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	4.6	4.8	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.6	6.0	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.0	5.4	4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	4.0	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.5	4.6	4.0
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.7	5.6	5.6
Benton	3.4	3.4	3.1
Clackamas	4.0	4.0	3.6
Clatsop	4.6	4.5	4.1
Columbia	5.3	5.2	5.0
Coos	5.9	5.9	5.5
Crook	6.3	6.3	6.2
Curry	6.7	6.9	6.2
Deschutes	4.5	4.8	4.2
Douglas	5.9	5.8	5.3
Gilliam	5.0	4.7	3.4
Grant	8.7	8.5	7.0
Harney	7.1	7.1	6.4
Hood River	3.8	3.4	3.1
Jackson	5.0	5.4	4.8
Jefferson	6.0	5.9	5.7
Josephine	5.6	6.0	5.0
Klamath	7.4	7.2	6.2
Lake	6.7	6.7	5.6
Lane	4.6	4.8	4.3
Lincoln	5.2	5.2	4.8
Linn	5.1	5.2	4.8
Malheur	5.0	5.1	4.6
Marion	4.6	4.8	4.3
Morrow	4.8	4.8	4.2
Multnomah	3.9	3.9	3.6
Polk	4.7	4.9	4.2
Sherman	3.9	4.0	3.7
Tillamook	4.7	4.7	4.2
Umatilla	5.6	5.5	5.1
Union	6.1	6.0	5.4
Wallowa	6.5	6.5	5.7
Wasco	4.9	4.7	4.1
Washington	3.7	3.7	3.4
Wheeler	4.8	4.5	3.0
Yamhill	3.9	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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