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Employment in Columbia County: March 2019

Employment Fell by 20 jobs more than Expected in March

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment fell by 20 jobs in March to 11,550 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs is normal for the month, but the county added 50. The private sector gained 40 jobs, and government employment grew by 10. No single industry had a significant change in employment in March, but professional and business services and leisure and hospitality probably added a few jobs.

Total nonfarm employment in March was the same as one year before. The private sector lost 70 jobs, and government gained 70 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 140 jobs over the year and leisure and hospitality shed 50. Private education and health services added 50 jobs over the year. Other private-sector industries had smaller changes. Local government education was up 60 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2 percent in March, essentially unchanged from the previous month (5.3%) and the year before (5.1%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.4%) and the national rate (3.8%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14.



Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,563	24,689	24,361	-126	202
Unemployed	1,253	1,339	1,342	-86	-89
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%	-0.3	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.3%	5.1%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	23,310	23,350	23,019	-40	291
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,530	11,480	11,530	50	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,550	11,570	11,550	-20	0
Total private	9,320	9,280	9,390	40	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	900	890	860	10	40
Mining and logging	230	220	220	10	10
Construction	670	670	640	0	30
Manufacturing	1,570	1,580	1,690	-10	-120
Durable goods	1,060	1,070	1,200	-10	-140
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	2,170	2,160	2,140	10	30
Retail trade	1,490	1,480	1,460	10	30
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	550	560	560	-10	-10
Professional and business services	870	850	880	20	-10
Education and health services	1,490	1,490	1,440	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,300	1,280	1,350	20	-50
Other services	430	430	430	0	0
Government	2,210	2,200	2,140	10	70
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	160	160	10	10
Local government	1,970	1,970	1,910	0	60
Local education	1,310	1,320	1,250	-10	60
Local government excluding educational services	660	650	660	10	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>March 2019</u>	<u>February 2019</u>	<u>March 2018</u>
United States	3.8	3.8	4.0
State of Oregon	4.4	4.4	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	5.1	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.7	4.6	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.4	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	4.6	4.7	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.6	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	4.9	5.0	4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	3.8	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.3	4.5	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.5	5.6	5.6
Benton	3.4	3.4	3.1
Clackamas	3.9	4.0	3.6
Clatsop	4.5	4.6	4.1
Columbia	5.2	5.3	5.1
Coos	5.9	5.9	5.5
Crook	6.5	6.3	6.0
Curry	6.4	6.7	6.1
Deschutes	4.7	4.6	4.2
Douglas	5.9	5.9	5.4
Gilliam	5.0	5.0	3.4
Grant	8.4	8.7	7.3
Harney	6.9	7.1	6.3
Hood River	3.9	3.8	3.2
Jackson	4.9	5.0	4.8
Jefferson	6.2	6.0	5.6
Josephine	5.4	5.6	5.2
Klamath	7.3	7.4	6.3
Lake	6.8	6.7	5.6
Lane	4.6	4.7	4.3
Lincoln	5.1	5.2	4.8
Linn	4.9	5.1	4.7
Malheur	5.0	5.0	4.5
Marion	4.5	4.6	4.3
Morrow	4.9	4.8	4.2
Multnomah	3.9	3.9	3.7
Polk	4.5	4.7	4.2
Sherman	4.0	3.9	3.7
Tillamook	4.6	4.7	4.3
Umatilla	5.7	5.7	5.0
Union	6.0	6.1	5.4
Wallowa	6.5	6.5	5.9
Wasco	5.0	5.0	4.1
Washington	3.6	3.7	3.4
Wheeler	5.1	4.7	2.9
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

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in

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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