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

### **Employment Fell by 40 Jobs more than Expected in April**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment fell by 40 jobs in April to 11,700 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 120 jobs is normal for the month, but the county added only 80. Leisure and hospitality gained 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in April was 150 more than one year before, a gain of 1.3 percent. The private sector gained 60 jobs, and government gained 90 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 150 jobs over the year. Professional and business services added 100 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 5.0 percent in April, essentially unchanged from the previous month (5.1%) and the year before (4.9%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.3%) and the national rate (3.6%).

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18.

### Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	24,455	24,566	24,210	-111	245
Unemployed	1,152	1,259	1,170	-107	-18
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.1%	4.8%	-0.4	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	4.9%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	23,303	23,307	23,040	-4	263
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,800	11,720	11,650	80	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,700	11,740	11,550	-40	150
Total private	9,570	9,470	9,510	100	60
Mining, logging, and construction	950	920	920	30	30
Mining and logging	230	230	220	0	10
Construction	720	690	700	30	20
Manufacturing	1,550	1,560	1,700	-10	-150
Durable goods	1,050	1,060	1,200	-10	-150
Wood product manufacturing	260	270	260	-10	0
Nondurable goods	500	500	500	0	0
Paper manufacturing	170	160	130	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,200	2,180	2,190	20	10
Retail trade	1,480	1,460	1,500	20	-20
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	560	560	560	0	0
Professional and business services	970	970	870	0	100
Education and health services	1,470	1,450	1,430	20	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,370	1,330	1,370	40	0
Other services	460	460	430	0	30
Government	2,230	2,250	2,140	-20	90
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	170	160	0	10
Local government	1,990	2,010	1,910	-20	80
Local education	1,320	1,330	1,250	-10	70
Local government excluding educational services	670	680	660	-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>April 2019</u>	<u>March 2019</u>	<u>April 2018</u>
United States	3.6	3.8	3.9
State of Oregon	4.3	4.4	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	4.9	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.4	4.5	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.3	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	4.6	4.6	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.6	5.7	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	4.9	5.0	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.9	3.9	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.4	4.4	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.3	5.4	5.5
Benton	3.3	3.3	3.0
Clackamas	3.8	3.9	3.6
Clatsop	4.3	4.3	4.0
Columbia	5.0	5.1	4.9
Coos	5.6	5.7	5.3
Crook	6.0	6.1	5.7
Curry	6.2	6.4	5.9
Deschutes	4.4	4.5	4.2
Douglas	5.6	5.6	5.3
Gilliam	4.5	4.7	3.4
Grant	8.0	8.0	6.9
Harney	6.6	6.6	6.3
Hood River	3.6	3.7	3.3
Jackson	4.9	5.0	4.7
Jefferson	5.8	5.8	5.2
Josephine	5.6	5.7	5.4
Klamath	6.9	7.0	6.2
Lake	6.5	6.5	5.4
Lane	4.6	4.6	4.4
Lincoln	4.9	5.0	4.7
Linn	4.9	4.9	4.6
Malheur	4.8	4.8	4.4
Marion	4.5	4.5	4.2
Morrow	4.6	4.7	4.0
Multnomah	3.7	3.8	3.6
Polk	4.6	4.6	4.2
Sherman	3.9	3.9	4.0
Tillamook	4.4	4.6	4.3
Umatilla	5.3	5.3	4.9
Union	5.6	5.8	5.2
Wallowa	6.4	6.4	5.9
Wasco	4.7	4.7	4.1
Washington	3.5	3.6	3.4
Wheeler	4.6	4.6	3.1
Yamhill	3.8	3.8	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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