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Employment in Columbia County: June 2019

Employment Dipped by 20 jobs more than Expected in June

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment slipped by 20 jobs in June to 11,670 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 20 jobs is normal for the month, but the county lost 40. Local government education shed 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in June was 40 more than one year before, a gain of 0.3 percent. The private sector's employment was unchanged, and government gained 40 jobs over the year. Durable goods manufacturing cut 90 jobs over the year and retail trade trimmed 60. Professional and business services added 80 jobs over the year. Other private-sector industries had smaller changes. Local government education was up 40 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent in June, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.9%) and the year before (5.1%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.1%) and the national rate (3.7%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Tuesday, August 13.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,383	24,354	24,308	29	75
Unemployed	1,162	983	1,301	179	-139
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.0%	5.4%	0.8	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed	23,221	23,371	23,007	-150	214
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,870	11,910	11,830	-40	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,670	11,690	11,630	-20	40
Total private	9,650	9,680	9,650	-30	0
Mining, logging, and construction	960	960	940	0	20
Mining and logging	230	230	230	0	0
Construction	730	730	710	0	20
Manufacturing	1,580	1,580	1,670	0	-90
Durable goods	1,070	1,070	1,160	0	-90
Wood product manufacturing	270	260	260	10	10
Nondurable goods	510	510	510	0	0
Paper manufacturing	170	160	150	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,260	2,240	2,270	20	-10
Retail trade	1,510	1,490	1,570	20	-60
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	540	550	550	-10	-10
Professional and business services	950	950	870	0	80
Education and health services	1,450	1,470	1,450	-20	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,410	1,420	1,420	-10	-10
Other services	450	460	430	-10	20
Government	2,220	2,230	2,180	-10	40
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	170	160	170	10	0
Local government	1,980	2,000	1,940	-20	40
Local education	1,300	1,330	1,260	-30	40
Local government excluding educational services	680	670	680	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>June 2019</u>	<u>May 2019</u>	<u>June 2018</u>
United States	3.7	3.6	4.0
State of Oregon	4.1	4.2	4.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.7	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.2	4.3	4.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.2	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	4.3	4.4	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.3	5.4	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	4.7	4.8	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	3.8	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.2	4.3	4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.0	5.1	5.3
Benton	3.2	3.2	3.0
Clackamas	3.6	3.7	3.6
Clatsop	4.1	4.1	3.9
Columbia	4.8	4.9	5.1
Coos	5.3	5.4	5.2
Crook	5.7	5.8	5.9
Curry	5.7	5.8	6.0
Deschutes	4.2	4.3	4.1
Douglas	5.3	5.4	5.3
Gilliam	4.3	4.4	3.5
Grant	7.5	7.7	6.7
Harney	6.0	6.3	5.9
Hood River	3.5	3.5	3.3
Jackson	4.7	4.8	4.6
Jefferson	5.5	5.6	5.2
Josephine	5.3	5.4	5.4
Klamath	6.5	6.7	6.1
Lake	6.1	6.3	5.4
Lane	4.3	4.4	4.4
Lincoln	4.6	4.7	4.8
Linn	4.6	4.7	4.6
Malheur	4.5	4.6	4.3
Marion	4.2	4.3	4.2
Morrow	4.3	4.4	4.1
Multnomah	3.5	3.6	3.6
Polk	4.3	4.4	4.2
Sherman	3.7	3.7	4.3
Tillamook	4.2	4.2	4.3
Umatilla	5.0	5.1	4.8
Union	5.2	5.4	5.1
Wallowa	6.3	6.3	6.0
Wasco	4.5	4.6	4.0
Washington	3.3	3.4	3.4
Wheeler	4.9	4.7	3.4
Yamhill	3.6	3.7	3.7

(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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