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Employment in Columbia County: July 2019

Employment Slipped by 60 Jobs more than Expected in July

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment slipped by 60 jobs in July to 11,650 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 480 jobs is normal for the month, but the county lost 540. Local government education cut 460 jobs over the summer break. Private education and health services dropped by 90 jobs, and trade, transportation, and utilities cut 50 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in July was 20 more than one year before, a gain of 0.2 percent. Private-sector employment increased by 60 jobs, and government shed 40 jobs over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 80 jobs over the year, and construction hammered out an additional 40 jobs. Private education and health services lost 60 jobs over the year. Other private-sector industries had smaller changes. Local government education was down 50 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in July, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.8%) and the year before (5.1%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.0%) and the national rate (3.7%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 17.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

| | --Change From-- | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | July 2019 | June 2019 | July 2018 | June 2019 | July 2018 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 24,698 | 24,355 | 24,565 | 343 | 133 |
| Unemployed | 1,250 | 1,153 | 1,314 | 97 | -64 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.1% | 4.7% | 5.3% | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 4.7% | 4.8% | 5.1% | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Employed | 23,448 | 23,202 | 23,251 | 246 | 197 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 11,370 | 11,910 | 11,350 | -540 | 20 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 11,650 | 11,710 | 11,630 | -60 | 20 |
| Total private | 9,610 | 9,710 | 9,550 | -100 | 60 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 970 | 940 | 930 | 30 | 40 |
| Mining and logging | 230 | 230 | 230 | 0 | 0 |
| Construction | 740 | 710 | 700 | 30 | 40 |
| Manufacturing | 1,600 | 1,610 | 1,610 | -10 | -10 |
| Durable goods | 1,090 | 1,100 | 1,100 | -10 | -10 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 250 | 250 | 270 | 0 | -20 |
| Nondurable goods | 510 | 510 | 510 | 0 | 0 |
| Paper manufacturing | 140 | 140 | 150 | 0 | -10 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 2,320 | 2,370 | 2,240 | -50 | 80 |
| Retail trade | 1,540 | 1,550 | 1,550 | -10 | -10 |
| Information | 60 | 60 | 50 | 0 | 10 |
| Financial activities | 550 | 540 | 560 | 10 | -10 |
| Professional and business services | 870 | 870 | 870 | 0 | 0 |
| Education and health services | 1,380 | 1,470 | 1,440 | -90 | -60 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 1,460 | 1,430 | 1,440 | 30 | 20 |
| Other services | 400 | 420 | 410 | -20 | -10 |
| Government | 1,760 | 2,200 | 1,800 | -440 | -40 |
| Federal government | 70 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| State government | 180 | 170 | 170 | 10 | 10 |
| Local government | 1,510 | 1,960 | 1,560 | -450 | -50 |
| Local education | 820 | 1,280 | 870 | -460 | -50 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 690 | 680 | 690 | 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)

| | July 2019 | June 2019 | July 2018 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| United States | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| State of Oregon | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| <u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u> | | | |
| Albany (Linn County) | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Corvallis (Benton County) | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| Eugene (Lane County) | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Grants Pass (Josephine County) | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Medford (Jackson County) | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2) | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Salem (Marion and Polk counties) | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| <u>Counties (1):</u> | | | |
| Baker | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.3 |
| Benton | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| Clackamas | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Clatsop | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Columbia | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Coos | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Crook | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| Curry | 5.5 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| Deschutes | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Douglas | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 |
| Gilliam | 4.1 | 4.3 | 3.9 |
| Grant | 7.3 | 7.5 | 6.7 |
| Harney | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Hood River | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Jackson | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 |
| Jefferson | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Josephine | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.4 |
| Klamath | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| Lake | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| Lane | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Lincoln | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| Linn | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Malheur | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| Marion | 4.2 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| Morrow | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Multnomah | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| Polk | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| Sherman | 3.7 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Tillamook | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| Umatilla | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Union | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| Wallowa | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.1 |
| Wasco | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.0 |
| Washington | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| Wheeler | 4.8 | 4.9 | 3.4 |
| Yamhill | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.8 |

(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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