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

### **Employment rose by 10 jobs more than expected in October**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment inched up by 10 jobs in October to 11,480 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 110 jobs is normal for the month, but the county added 120. Local government education added 180 jobs. Local government excluding education cut 40 jobs and professional and business services trimmed 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in October was 80 less than one year before, a loss of 0.7 percent. Private-sector employment decreased by 70 jobs, and government employment was down by 10. Retail trade and professional and business services each shed 70 jobs over the year and education and health services cut 60 jobs. Leisure and hospitality grew by 100 jobs and the county added 50 manufacturing jobs over the year. Other industries had smaller changes.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in October, unchanged from the previous month (4.9%) and essentially unchanged from the year before (5.0%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (4.1%) and the national rate (3.6%).

#### **Next Press Releases**

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

### Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	24,532	24,606	24,450	-74	82
Unemployed	1,104	1,210	1,159	-106	-55
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.9%	4.7%	-0.4	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	23,428	23,396	23,291	32	137
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,590	11,470	11,670	120	-80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,480	11,470	11,560	10	-80
Total private	9,430	9,440	9,500	-10	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	960	940	950	20	10
Mining and logging	230	220	230	10	0
Construction	730	720	720	10	10
Manufacturing	1,620	1,600	1,570	20	50
Durable goods	1,080	1,070	1,060	10	20
Wood product manufacturing	250	260	270	-10	-20
Nondurable goods	540	530	510	10	30
Paper manufacturing	150	160	150	-10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,180	2,190	2,250	-10	-70
Retail trade	1,440	1,440	1,510	0	-70
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	540	540	560	0	-20
Professional and business services	820	850	890	-30	-70
Education and health services	1,390	1,400	1,450	-10	-60
Leisure and hospitality	1,450	1,440	1,350	10	100
Other services	420	430	430	-10	-10
Government	2,160	2,030	2,170	130	-10
Federal government	70	80	70	-10	0
State government	180	180	180	0	0
Local government	1,910	1,770	1,920	140	-10
Local education	1,230	1,050	1,250	180	-20
Local government excluding educational services	680	720	670	-40	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>October 2019</u>	<u>September 2019</u>	<u>October 2018</u>
United States	3.6	3.5	3.8
State of Oregon	4.1	4.1	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.7	4.7	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.2	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.3	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	4.4	4.5	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.4	5.6
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.7	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.9	3.9	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.4	4.4	4.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.1	5.1	5.4
Benton	3.3	3.3	3.3
Clackamas	3.7	3.7	3.9
Clatsop	4.0	4.1	4.2
Columbia	4.9	4.9	5.0
Coos	5.2	5.3	5.5
Crook	5.5	5.6	6.0
Curry	5.6	5.7	6.2
Deschutes	4.1	4.2	4.2
Douglas	5.3	5.4	5.4
Gilliam	3.9	4.0	4.5
Grant	7.0	7.0	7.4
Harney	5.5	5.7	5.9
Hood River	3.4	3.4	3.4
Jackson	4.6	4.7	5.0
Jefferson	5.3	5.4	5.5
Josephine	5.4	5.4	5.6
Klamath	6.7	6.7	6.5
Lake	5.8	6.0	6.0
Lane	4.4	4.5	4.6
Lincoln	4.7	4.7	4.9
Linn	4.7	4.7	4.8
Malheur	4.5	4.5	4.8
Marion	4.3	4.3	4.4
Morrow	4.5	4.5	4.5
Multnomah	3.5	3.6	3.7
Polk	4.5	4.5	4.6
Sherman	4.1	4.1	4.0
Tillamook	4.2	4.2	4.5
Umatilla	5.2	5.3	4.9
Union	5.0	5.1	5.5
Wallowa	6.5	6.6	6.2
Wasco	4.5	4.5	4.4
Washington	3.4	3.4	3.5
Wheeler	4.8	4.9	4.1
Yamhill	3.8	3.8	3.9

(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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