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Employment in Columbia County: December 2019

Seasonally adjusted employment unchanged in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in December at 11,560 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 80 jobs is normal for the month, and the county's employment dropped by 80. Professional and business services shed 40 jobs and construction cut 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

Total nonfarm employment in December was 100 less than one year before, a loss of 0.9 percent. Private-sector employment decreased by 120 jobs, and government employment was up by 20. Professional and business services shed 90 jobs over the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities and construction were each down 30 jobs. Leisure and hospitality grew by 50 jobs and local government excluding education added 30 jobs over the year. Other industries had smaller changes.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in December, essentially unchanged from the previous month (4.8%) and just slightly lower than the year before (5.2%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (3.7%) and the national rate (3.5%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 10, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 3.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,487	24,513	24,520	-26	-33
Unemployed	909	958	1,226	-49	-317
Unemployment rate	3.7%	3.9%	5.0%	-0.2	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.8%	5.2%	-0.2	-0.6
Employed	23,578	23,555	23,294	23	284
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,550	11,630	11,650	-80	-100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,560	11,560	11,660	0	-100
Total private	9,320	9,420	9,440	-100	-120
Mining, logging, and construction	870	890	900	-20	-30
Mining and logging	230	220	230	10	0
Construction	640	670	670	-30	-30
Manufacturing	1,600	1,620	1,590	-20	10
Durable goods	1,070	1,080	1,080	-10	-10
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	270	0	-20
Nondurable goods	530	540	510	-10	20
Paper manufacturing	160	160	150	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,210	2,220	2,240	-10	-30
Retail trade	1,470	1,470	1,480	0	-10
Information	60	60	50	0	10
Financial activities	530	530	550	0	-20
Professional and business services	800	840	890	-40	-90
Education and health services	1,420	1,410	1,420	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,410	1,430	1,360	-20	50
Other services	420	420	440	0	-20
Government	2,230	2,210	2,210	20	20
Federal government	80	70	70	10	10
State government	170	170	170	0	0
Local government	1,980	1,970	1,970	10	10
Local education	1,280	1,280	1,300	0	-20
Local government excluding educational services	700	690	670	10	30

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>December 2019</u>	<u>November 2019</u>	<u>December 2018</u>
United States	3.5	3.5	3.9
State of Oregon	3.7	3.9	4.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.2	4.5	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.7	3.9	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.0	3.1	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	4.0	4.2	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.9	5.2	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	4.1	4.4	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.6	3.8	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.2	4.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.7	5.0	5.5
Benton	3.0	3.1	3.3
Clackamas	3.4	3.6	4.1
Clatsop	3.7	3.9	4.4
Columbia	4.6	4.8	5.2
Coos	4.7	5.0	5.8
Crook	5.2	5.4	6.1
Curry	5.1	5.4	6.8
Deschutes	3.7	3.9	4.3
Douglas	4.9	5.1	5.7
Gilliam	3.5	3.8	4.5
Grant	6.6	6.9	7.8
Harney	4.9	5.1	6.5
Hood River	3.1	3.3	3.4
Jackson	4.1	4.4	5.0
Jefferson	4.8	5.0	5.7
Josephine	4.9	5.2	5.7
Klamath	6.3	6.5	7.1
Lake	5.2	5.5	6.4
Lane	4.0	4.2	4.6
Lincoln	4.3	4.5	5.3
Linn	4.2	4.5	4.9
Malheur	4.0	4.3	5.0
Marion	3.9	4.1	4.6
Morrow	4.0	4.3	4.6
Multnomah	3.2	3.4	3.9
Polk	4.1	4.3	4.8
Sherman	4.0	4.0	4.1
Tillamook	3.8	4.0	4.7
Umatilla	4.7	5.0	5.1
Union	4.6	4.8	5.8
Wallowa	5.9	6.2	6.4
Wasco	4.1	4.3	4.5
Washington	3.0	3.2	3.7
Wheeler	4.5	4.6	4.5
Yamhill	3.4	3.6	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.

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NEWS MEDIA ADVISORY**2020 Employment Survey and Unemployment Rate News Release Dates**

The May press release for Oregon counties was moved one day later than originally scheduled. The targeted dates for national, state, and local-area releases of the employment survey and unemployment rate data have been set for 2020. The release of these data for the U.S. will be available at 5:30 a.m. Pacific Time, while data for Oregon and the local areas will be available at 10:00 a.m. on the following dates.

Reference Month	United States (5:30 am Pacific Time)	Oregon (10:00 am)	Oregon Counties (10:00 am)
December 2019	Jan. 10, 2020 Friday	Jan. 22, 2020 Wednesday	Jan. 28, 2020 Tuesday
January 2020	Feb. 7, 2020 Friday	Mar. 3, 2020 Tuesday	Mar. 10, 2020 Tuesday
February 2020	Mar. 6, 2020 Friday	Mar. 17, 2020 Tuesday	Mar. 31, 2020 Tuesday
March 2020	Apr. 3, 2020 Friday	Apr. 14, 2020 Tuesday	Apr. 21, 2020 Tuesday
April 2020	May 8, 2020 Friday	May 19, 2020 Tuesday	May 27, 2020 Wednesday
May 2020	June 5, 2020 Friday	June 16, 2020 Tuesday	June 23, 2020 Tuesday
June 2020	July 2, 2020 Thursday	July 14, 2020 Tuesday	July 21, 2020 Tuesday
July 2020	Aug. 7, 2020 Friday	Aug. 18, 2020 Tuesday	Aug. 25, 2020 Tuesday
August 2020	Sept. 4, 2020 Friday	Sept. 15, 2020 Tuesday	Sept. 22, 2020 Tuesday
September 2020	Oct. 2, 2020 Friday	Oct. 13, 2020 Tuesday	Oct. 20, 2020 Tuesday
October 2020	Nov. 6, 2020 Friday	Nov. 17, 2020 Tuesday	Nov. 24, 2020 Tuesday
November 2020	Dec. 4, 2020 Friday	Dec. 15, 2020 Tuesday	Dec. 22, 2020 Tuesday
December 2020	Jan. 8, 2021 Friday	Jan. 20, 2021 Wednesday	Jan. 26, 2021 Tuesday

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.

The pdf version of the news release, including tables and graphs, can be found at www.qualityinfo.org/press-release/. To obtain the data in other formats such as in Excel, visit www.QualityInfo.org, select *Economic Data*, and choose *LAUS* or *CES*. To request the press release as a Word document, contact the person shown at the top of this press release.

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