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Employment in Columbia County: May 2020

Employment rises by 20 more than expected in May

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 20 in May to 10,150 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 90. The private sector gained 310 jobs, and government shed 220 jobs. Leisure and hospitality added 300 jobs. Local government education shed 220 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

May's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 1,420 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 12.1 percent. Almost every major industry lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 550 jobs over the year – a drop of 37.4 percent.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell a little from last month's record high. It was 14.2 percent in May, down from 15.0 percent in April. It was 4.6 percent the year before. The county's unemployment rate reached a peak of 14.6 percent during the Great Recession. The statewide unemployment rate was 14.2 percent in May, and the national rate was 13.3 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Tuesday, July 14.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,281	24,434	24,246	-153	35
Unemployed	3,312	3,666	1,014	-354	2,298
Unemployment rate	13.6%	15.0%	4.2%	-1.4	9.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	20,969	20,768	23,232	201	-2,263
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,330	10,240	11,750	90	-1,420
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,150</i>	<i>10,130</i>	<i>11,540</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>-1,390</i>
Total private	8,420	8,110	9,570	310	-1,150
Mining, logging, and construction	760	750	890	10	-130
Mining and logging	210	200	230	10	-20
Construction	550	550	660	0	-110
Manufacturing	1,660	1,650	1,630	10	30
Durable goods	1,100	1,090	1,090	10	10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	250	0	10
Nondurable goods	560	560	540	0	20
Paper manufacturing	180	180	160	0	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,100	2,110	2,290	-10	-190
Retail trade	1,430	1,410	1,480	20	-50
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	550	550	540	0	10
Professional and business services	740	740	850	0	-110
Education and health services	1,360	1,360	1,440	0	-80
Leisure and hospitality	920	620	1,470	300	-550
Other services	290	290	410	0	-120
Government	1,910	2,130	2,180	-220	-270
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	200	190	160	10	40
Local government	1,640	1,870	1,950	-230	-310
Local education	970	1,190	1,260	-220	-290
Local government excluding educational services	670	680	690	-10	-20

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>May 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>	<u>May 2019</u>
United States	13.3	14.7	3.6
State of Oregon	14.2	14.9	3.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	13.5	15.2	4.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	16.3	18.3	3.9
Corvallis (Benton County)	10.1	10.6	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	14.7	16.0	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	13.9	15.1	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	14.4	15.6	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	14.1	14.3	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	12.7	13.1	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	13.5	13.0	4.8
Benton	10.1	10.6	3.1
Clackamas	13.3	13.8	3.5
Clatsop	23.5	24.2	3.9
Columbia	14.2	15.0	4.6
Coos	17.8	18.5	5.1
Crook	17.5	18.3	5.3
Curry	17.3	17.7	5.3
Deschutes	16.3	18.3	3.9
Douglas	15.4	16.2	5.0
Gilliam	11.6	11.3	3.6
Grant	14.0	13.1	6.8
Harney	9.7	9.2	5.3
Hood River	13.3	13.8	2.9
Jackson	14.4	15.6	4.6
Jefferson	17.0	14.5	5.1
Josephine	13.9	15.1	5.2
Klamath	15.1	15.6	6.1
Lake	8.5	9.0	5.5
Lane	14.7	16.0	4.3
Lincoln	23.9	25.9	4.4
Linn	13.5	15.2	4.5
Malheur	8.8	8.5	4.3
Marion	12.9	13.2	4.1
Morrow	8.1	8.0	4.0
Multnomah	15.5	15.9	3.4
Polk	11.9	12.8	4.2
Sherman	11.6	12.1	3.5
Tillamook	17.3	18.0	3.9
Umatilla	13.3	13.9	4.3
Union	17.0	18.6	4.8
Wallowa	13.1	12.5	5.9
Wasco	14.6	14.4	4.2
Washington	12.0	12.2	3.2
Wheeler	6.5	6.1	4.5
Yamhill	13.2	13.2	3.5

(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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