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## **Employment in Columbia County: July 2020**

### **Employment rises by 210 more than expected in July**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 210 in July to 10,830 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 450 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by only 240. The private sector shed 80 jobs, and government cut 160 jobs. Private education and health services was down 50 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities dropped 40 jobs. Local government education shed 170 jobs over the summer break. Other industries had smaller changes.

July's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 910 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 7.9 percent. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 360 jobs over the year. Manufacturing managed to add 70 jobs compared with last year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 10.2 percent in July, down from 11.4 percent in June. It was 4.5 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 10.4 percent in July, and the national rate was 10.2 percent.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, September 15.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	23,717	24,780	24,569	-1,063	-852
Unemployed	2,493	2,878	1,189	-385	1,304
Unemployment rate	10.5%	11.6%	4.8%	-1.1	5.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10.2%	11.4%	4.5%	-1.2	5.7
Employed	21,224	21,902	23,380	-678	-2,156
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,550	10,790	11,460	-240	-910
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,830	10,620	11,760	210	-930
Total private	8,790	8,870	9,620	-80	-830
Mining, logging, and construction	810	790	910	20	-100
Mining and logging	200	200	220	0	-20
Construction	610	590	690	20	-80
Manufacturing	1,690	1,710	1,620	-20	70
Durable goods	1,130	1,150	1,080	-20	50
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	560	560	540	0	20
Paper manufacturing	160	160	170	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,150	2,190	2,240	-40	-90
Retail trade	1,460	1,470	1,520	-10	-60
Information	40	40	60	0	-20
Financial activities	550	540	570	10	-20
Professional and business services	830	830	890	0	-60
Education and health services	1,300	1,350	1,420	-50	-120
Leisure and hospitality	1,140	1,120	1,500	20	-360
Other services	280	300	410	-20	-130
Government	1,760	1,920	1,840	-160	-80
Federal government	70	80	70	-10	0
State government	200	190	180	10	20
Local government	1,490	1,650	1,590	-160	-100
Local education	830	1,000	880	-170	-50
Local government excluding educational services	660	650	710	10	-50

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>July 2020</u>	<u>June 2020</u>	<u>July 2019</u>
United States	10.2	11.1	3.7
State of Oregon	10.4	11.6	3.7
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	10.0	10.8	4.3
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	10.8	12.4	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	7.7	8.6	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	10.2	11.6	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	10.6	11.5	4.9
Medford (Jackson County)	10.4	11.6	4.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	11.0	11.6	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	9.6	10.7	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	10.3	10.9	4.7
Benton	7.7	8.6	3.0
Clackamas	9.9	11.0	3.4
Clatsop	12.9	15.5	3.8
Columbia	10.2	11.4	4.5
Coos	11.4	12.7	5.0
Crook	11.7	13.3	5.2
Curry	11.9	13.7	5.2
Deschutes	10.8	12.4	3.8
Douglas	9.8	10.8	5.0
Gilliam	8.3	8.7	3.4
Grant	11.5	11.9	6.3
Harney	8.2	8.4	5.1
Hood River	8.6	10.1	2.8
Jackson	10.4	11.6	4.3
Jefferson	11.3	13.3	5.0
Josephine	10.6	11.5	4.9
Klamath	11.0	12.2	6.0
Lake	8.1	8.1	5.2
Lane	10.2	11.6	4.1
Lincoln	15.2	17.3	4.4
Linn	10.0	10.8	4.3
Malheur	7.1	7.3	4.1
Marion	9.3	10.4	4.0
Morrow	6.0	6.6	4.0
Multnomah	12.7	13.6	3.3
Polk	8.8	9.7	4.2
Sherman	7.8	8.9	3.4
Tillamook	11.3	12.8	3.9
Umatilla	7.7	8.6	4.3
Union	10.2	10.4	4.8
Wallowa	9.8	10.6	5.7
Wasco	9.2	11.1	4.1
Washington	9.2	9.9	3.1
Wheeler	5.3	5.7	4.5
Yamhill	9.0	10.0	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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