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Employment in Columbia County: August 2020

Employment rises by 30 more than expected in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 30 in August to 10,990 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 150 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 180. The private sector grew by 70 jobs, and government added 110 jobs. No private sector industries had significant changes in employment. The federal government added 40 jobs, mostly due to the 2020 Census. Local government education added 60 jobs as the summer break came to an end.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 760 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 6.5 percent. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 340 jobs over the year. Manufacturing managed to add 60 jobs compared with last year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 7.8 percent in August, down from 10.3 percent in July. It was 4.4 percent the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 7.7 percent in August, and the national rate was 8.4 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, October 13.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	23,623	23,695	24,551	-72	-928
Unemployed	1,890	2,500	1,155	-610	735
Unemployment rate	8.0%	10.6%	4.7%	-2.6	3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.8%	10.3%	4.4%	-2.5	3.4
Employed	21,733	21,195	23,396	538	-1,663
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,860	10,680	11,620	180	-760
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,990	10,960	11,760	30	-770
Total private	9,000	8,930	9,680	70	-680
Mining, logging, and construction	870	850	930	20	-60
Mining and logging	210	210	220	0	-10
Construction	660	640	710	20	-50
Manufacturing	1,690	1,690	1,630	0	60
Durable goods	1,130	1,130	1,080	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	560	560	550	0	10
Paper manufacturing	160	160	170	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,160	2,150	2,290	10	-130
Retail trade	1,530	1,530	1,510	0	20
Information	50	40	50	10	0
Financial activities	560	550	590	10	-30
Professional and business services	870	860	900	10	-30
Education and health services	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100
Leisure and hospitality	1,140	1,140	1,480	0	-340
Other services	360	350	410	10	-50
Government	1,860	1,750	1,940	110	-80
Federal government	110	70	80	40	30
State government	200	190	180	10	20
Local government	1,550	1,490	1,680	60	-130
Local education	890	830	960	60	-70
Local government excluding educational services	660	660	720	0	-60

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>August 2020</u>	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>August 2019</u>
United States	8.4	10.2	3.7
State of Oregon	7.7	10.4	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	7.5	10.0	4.2
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.7	10.9	3.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	5.7	7.7	2.9
Eugene (Lane County)	7.5	10.3	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	8.2	10.6	4.8
Medford (Jackson County)	7.7	10.4	4.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	8.3	11.0	3.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	7.3	9.7	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	7.8	9.8	4.5
Benton	5.7	7.7	2.9
Clackamas	7.5	10.0	3.4
Clatsop	8.7	12.3	3.6
Columbia	7.8	10.3	4.4
Coos	8.4	11.4	4.7
Crook	8.9	11.4	5.0
Curry	9.0	12.0	5.0
Deschutes	7.7	10.9	3.7
Douglas	7.3	9.8	4.8
Gilliam	6.2	8.1	3.4
Grant	8.9	10.7	6.1
Harney	6.8	7.9	4.9
Hood River	6.2	8.4	2.8
Jackson	7.7	10.4	4.2
Jefferson	9.1	11.1	4.8
Josephine	8.2	10.6	4.8
Klamath	8.6	10.9	5.9
Lake	6.3	7.9	5.0
Lane	7.5	10.3	4.1
Lincoln	10.6	15.5	4.2
Linn	7.5	10.0	4.2
Malheur	5.9	6.9	4.0
Marion	6.8	9.2	3.9
Morrow	5.2	6.0	3.9
Multnomah	9.7	12.3	3.2
Polk	6.7	8.8	4.1
Sherman	6.6	7.8	3.5
Tillamook	7.7	11.0	3.8
Umatilla	6.8	7.9	4.2
Union	7.2	10.4	4.6
Wallowa	7.4	9.3	5.5
Wasco	6.8	9.0	4.0
Washington	6.7	9.2	3.0
Wheeler	4.4	4.9	4.2
Yamhill	6.6	9.1	3.4

(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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