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

### **Employment dips by 10 more than expected in September**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment slid by 10 in September to 10,920 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 120 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by only 110. The private sector decreased by 30 jobs, and government added 140 jobs. Leisure and hospitality cut 30 jobs. Local government education added 150 jobs as school began.

September'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 320 jobs over the year. Manufacturing managed to add 40 jobs compared with last year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 8.0 percent in September, down from 8.5 percent in August. It was 4.2 percent the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 8.0 percent in September, and the national rate was 7.9 percent.

#### **Next Press Releases**

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

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	23,481	23,768	24,384	-287	-903
Unemployed	1,770	2,033	948	-263	822
Unemployment rate	7.5%	8.6%	3.9%	-1.1	3.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.0%	8.5%	4.2%	-0.5	3.8
Employed	21,711	21,735	23,436	-24	-1,725
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,910	10,800	11,670	110	-760
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,920</i>	<i>10,930</i>	<i>11,680</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-760</i>
Total private	8,990	9,020	9,620	-30	-630
Mining, logging, and construction	870	870	930	0	-60
Mining and logging	210	210	220	0	-10
Construction	660	660	710	0	-50
Manufacturing	1,680	1,690	1,640	-10	40
Durable goods	1,130	1,130	1,090	0	40
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	550	560	550	-10	0
Paper manufacturing	160	160	170	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,180	2,170	2,290	10	-110
Retail trade	1,520	1,530	1,510	-10	10
Information	40	50	50	-10	-10
Financial activities	550	560	570	-10	-20
Professional and business services	890	890	880	0	10
Education and health services	1,320	1,300	1,430	20	-110
Leisure and hospitality	1,100	1,130	1,420	-30	-320
Other services	360	360	410	0	-50
Government	1,920	1,780	2,050	140	-130
Federal government	100	110	80	-10	20
State government	200	200	180	0	20
Local government	1,620	1,470	1,790	150	-170
Local education	960	810	1,080	150	-120
Local government excluding educational services	660	660	710	0	-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>September 2020</u>	<u>August 2020</u>	<u>September 2019</u>
United States	7.9	8.4	3.5
State of Oregon	8.0	8.5	3.5
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	8.1	8.1	4.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.5	8.4	3.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	5.6	6.1	2.8
Eugene (Lane County)	8.4	8.6	3.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	8.2	8.9	4.6
Medford (Jackson County)	8.7	8.7	4.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	8.0	8.9	3.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	7.8	7.9	3.8
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	7.6	8.1	4.2
Benton	5.6	6.1	2.8
Clackamas	7.6	8.1	3.2
Clatsop	8.3	9.3	3.4
Columbia	8.0	8.5	4.2
Coos	8.8	9.0	4.4
Crook	9.1	9.7	4.8
Curry	9.0	9.6	4.7
Deschutes	7.5	8.4	3.5
Douglas	7.9	7.7	4.5
Gilliam	6.3	6.5	3.6
Grant	8.7	9.1	5.9
Harney	6.9	7.0	4.5
Hood River	6.2	6.9	2.7
Jackson	8.7	8.7	4.0
Jefferson	8.5	9.6	4.5
Josephine	8.2	8.9	4.6
Klamath	8.6	9.2	5.8
Lake	6.6	6.6	4.7
Lane	8.4	8.6	3.6
Lincoln	10.6	11.4	4.0
Linn	8.1	8.1	4.0
Malheur	6.0	6.1	3.8
Marion	7.4	7.5	3.7
Morrow	5.3	5.5	3.7
Multnomah	9.5	10.6	3.0
Polk	7.1	7.2	3.9
Sherman	6.8	7.2	3.3
Tillamook	8.1	8.2	3.6
Umatilla	6.2	7.1	4.1
Union	6.9	7.6	4.3
Wallowa	7.7	7.9	5.3
Wasco	6.7	7.5	3.8
Washington	6.6	7.3	2.9
Wheeler	4.4	4.4	4.0
Yamhill	6.7	7.2	3.2

(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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