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Employment in Columbia County: October 2020

Employment slid by 50 more than expected in October

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment fell by 50 in October to 11,070 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 100 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by only 50. The private sector's employment was unchanged, and government added 50 jobs. Local government education added 80 jobs, but the federal government trimmed 20 jobs as the Census 2020 work wound down.

October's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 740 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 6.2 percent. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 350 jobs over the year. Retail trade managed to add 70 jobs compared with last year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 7.2 percent in October, down from 8.1 percent in September. It was 4.1 percent the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in October, and the national rate was 6.9 percent.

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

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2020	September 2020	October 2019	September 2020	October 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,553	23,196	24,417	1,357	136
Unemployed	1,669	1,764	937	-95	732
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.6%	3.8%	-0.8	3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.2%	8.1%	4.1%	-0.9	3.1
Employed	22,884	21,432	23,480	1,452	-596
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,160	11,110	11,900	50	-740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,070	11,120	11,800	-50	-730
Total private	9,170	9,170	9,690	0	-520
Mining, logging, and construction	940	940	910	0	30
Mining and logging	220	220	220	0	0
Construction	720	720	690	0	30
Manufacturing	1,640	1,630	1,660	10	-20
Durable goods	1,080	1,070	1,090	10	-10
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	560	560	570	0	-10
Paper manufacturing	160	170	170	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,210	2,230	2,320	-20	-110
Retail trade	1,590	1,600	1,520	-10	70
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	550	550	570	0	-20
Professional and business services	970	950	910	20	60
Education and health services	1,310	1,320	1,450	-10	-140
Leisure and hospitality	1,050	1,040	1,400	10	-350
Other services	450	460	420	-10	30
Government	1,990	1,940	2,210	50	-220
Federal government	80	100	70	-20	10
State government	200	200	170	0	30
Local government	1,710	1,640	1,970	70	-260
Local education	1,040	960	1,270	80	-230
Local government excluding educational services	670	680	700	-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>October 2020</u>	<u>September 2020</u>	<u>October 2019</u>
United States	6.9	7.9	3.6
State of Oregon	6.9	7.9	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	7.0	8.3	3.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.3	8.0	3.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	5.3	5.6	2.7
Eugene (Lane County)	7.3	8.5	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.2	8.3	4.5
Medford (Jackson County)	7.6	8.7	3.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.9	8.2	3.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	6.8	7.8	3.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	6.6	7.5	4.1
Benton	5.3	5.6	2.7
Clackamas	6.7	7.6	3.1
Clatsop	7.3	8.5	3.3
Columbia	7.2	8.1	4.1
Coos	7.3	8.7	4.2
Crook	8.0	9.0	4.7
Curry	7.4	8.7	4.5
Deschutes	7.3	8.0	3.4
Douglas	6.5	7.8	4.3
Gilliam	5.6	6.5	3.6
Grant	7.4	8.5	5.9
Harney	6.3	6.9	4.1
Hood River	5.3	6.0	2.7
Jackson	7.6	8.7	3.8
Jefferson	7.5	8.4	4.3
Josephine	7.2	8.3	4.5
Klamath	7.7	8.6	5.6
Lake	5.8	6.5	4.3
Lane	7.3	8.5	3.5
Lincoln	8.7	10.6	3.8
Linn	7.0	8.3	3.9
Malheur	5.2	5.8	3.6
Marion	6.5	7.5	3.5
Morrow	5.1	5.4	3.6
Multnomah	8.3	9.6	2.9
Polk	6.1	7.1	3.7
Sherman	5.5	6.5	3.2
Tillamook	6.7	8.1	3.4
Umatilla	6.0	6.4	4.0
Union	6.2	6.9	4.1
Wallowa	6.6	7.6	5.1
Wasco	6.0	6.7	3.6
Washington	5.9	6.6	2.7
Wheeler	4.1	4.2	3.9
Yamhill	6.0	6.8	3.0

(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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