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Employment in Columbia County: November 2020

Employment slid by 40 more than expected in November

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment fell by 40 in November to 10,930 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. No change in employment is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by 40. Manufacturing cut 40 jobs, mostly in nondurable goods manufacturing. Other industries had smaller changes.

November's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 890 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 7.5%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in leisure and hospitality, which was down 330 jobs over the year. Retail trade managed to add 70 jobs compared with last year. Professional and business services added 60 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from last month. It was 6.3% in November, down from 7.0% in October. It was 4.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.0% in November, and the national rate was 6.7%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,317	24,538	24,464	-221	-147
Unemployed	1,435	1,640	897	-205	538
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.7%	3.7%	-0.8	2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	7.0%	4.0%	-0.7	2.3
Employed	22,882	22,898	23,567	-16	-685
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,020	11,060	11,910	-40	-890
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,930</i>	<i>10,970</i>	<i>11,810</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>-880</i>
Total private	9,140	9,180	9,680	-40	-540
Mining, logging, and construction	910	940	910	-30	0
Mining and logging	220	220	220	0	0
Construction	690	720	690	-30	0
Manufacturing	1,600	1,640	1,690	-40	-90
Durable goods	1,070	1,080	1,120	-10	-50
Wood product manufacturing	250	260	270	-10	-20
Nondurable goods	530	560	570	-30	-40
Paper manufacturing	160	160	160	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,240	2,220	2,320	20	-80
Retail trade	1,610	1,590	1,540	20	70
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	550	550	570	0	-20
Professional and business services	990	970	930	20	60
Education and health services	1,320	1,310	1,440	10	-120
Leisure and hospitality	1,030	1,050	1,360	-20	-330
Other services	450	450	410	0	40
Government	1,880	1,880	2,230	0	-350
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	180	190	160	-10	20
Local government	1,620	1,610	2,000	10	-380
Local education	950	940	1,320	10	-370
Local government excluding educational services	670	670	680	0	-10

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>November 2020</u>	<u>October 2020</u>	<u>November 2019</u>
United States	6.7	6.9	3.5
State of Oregon	6.0	6.8	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	6.0	6.9	3.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	6.6	7.3	3.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.2	4.9	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	6.2	7.2	3.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.1	7.2	4.3
Medford (Jackson County)	6.6	7.5	3.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.2	6.8	3.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.8	6.7	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.9	6.5	4.0
Benton	4.2	4.9	2.6
Clackamas	5.8	6.5	3.0
Clatsop	6.4	7.2	3.2
Columbia	6.3	7.0	4.0
Coos	6.5	7.2	4.0
Crook	7.2	7.9	4.7
Curry	6.3	7.3	4.4
Deschutes	6.6	7.3	3.3
Douglas	5.9	6.5	4.2
Gilliam	5.0	5.3	3.5
Grant	7.0	7.3	5.8
Harney	5.6	6.1	4.0
Hood River	4.8	5.3	2.6
Jackson	6.6	7.5	3.6
Jefferson	6.6	7.3	4.1
Josephine	6.1	7.2	4.3
Klamath	6.7	7.5	5.5
Lake	4.8	5.6	4.1
Lane	6.2	7.2	3.4
Lincoln	7.4	8.5	3.7
Linn	6.0	6.9	3.7
Malheur	4.6	5.1	3.4
Marion	5.7	6.4	3.4
Morrow	4.3	4.9	3.5
Multnomah	7.2	8.2	2.8
Polk	5.3	6.0	3.5
Sherman	4.3	5.4	3.4
Tillamook	5.7	6.6	3.3
Umatilla	5.0	5.8	3.8
Union	5.3	6.1	4.0
Wallowa	5.5	6.4	4.9
Wasco	5.2	5.9	3.6
Washington	5.1	5.8	2.6
Wheeler	3.9	4.3	3.9
Yamhill	5.1	5.8	2.9

(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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