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Employment in Columbia County: December 2020

Employment slid by 40 more than expected in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment fell by 40 in December to 10,910 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 100 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by 140. Private education and health services cut 50 jobs as did construction. Other industries had smaller changes.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 930 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 7.9%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in local government education (-360 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-320 jobs). Retail trade managed to add 100 jobs compared with last year. Other services added 50 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7% in December, essentially unchanged from 6.5% in November. It was 4.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.4% in December, and the national rate was 6.7%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 2.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,338	24,398	24,418	-60	-80
Unemployed	1,575	1,451	913	124	662
Unemployment rate	6.5%	5.9%	3.7%	0.6	2.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.5%	4.0%	0.2	2.7
Employed	22,763	22,947	23,505	-184	-742
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,900	11,040	11,830	-140	-930
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,910	10,950	11,840	-40	-930
Total private	9,020	9,150	9,610	-130	-590
Mining, logging, and construction	860	910	890	-50	-30
Mining and logging	220	220	220	0	0
Construction	640	690	670	-50	-30
Manufacturing	1,610	1,610	1,700	0	-90
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,130	0	-50
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	530	530	570	0	-40
Paper manufacturing	160	160	160	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,230	2,240	2,320	-10	-90
Retail trade	1,610	1,610	1,510	0	100
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	540	550	570	-10	-30
Professional and business services	940	990	910	-50	30
Education and health services	1,320	1,320	1,430	0	-110
Leisure and hospitality	1,020	1,030	1,340	-10	-320
Other services	450	450	400	0	50
Government	1,880	1,890	2,220	-10	-340
Federal government	70	80	70	-10	0
State government	190	190	160	0	30
Local government	1,620	1,620	1,990	0	-370
Local education	950	950	1,310	0	-360
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>December 2020</u>	<u>November 2020</u>	<u>December 2019</u>
United States	6.7	6.7	3.6
State of Oregon	6.4	6.0	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.9	5.8	3.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	7.6	6.7	3.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.3	4.2	2.5
Eugene (Lane County)	5.9	5.9	3.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	6.2	4.2
Medford (Jackson County)	6.4	6.4	3.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.1	5.9	3.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	6.3	5.9	3.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	6.1	6.0	3.8
Benton	4.3	4.2	2.5
Clackamas	6.1	5.8	2.9
Clatsop	6.8	6.1	3.1
Columbia	6.7	6.5	4.0
Coos	6.4	6.6	4.0
Crook	7.6	7.4	4.7
Curry	6.4	6.3	4.3
Deschutes	7.6	6.7	3.2
Douglas	6.4	6.1	4.1
Gilliam	4.8	5.0	3.5
Grant	7.5	7.1	5.7
Harney	5.0	5.5	4.1
Hood River	5.2	4.9	2.6
Jackson	6.4	6.4	3.5
Jefferson	7.1	6.8	4.0
Josephine	7.0	6.2	4.2
Klamath	7.1	6.9	5.4
Lake	4.5	4.9	4.0
Lane	5.9	5.9	3.3
Lincoln	7.7	7.4	3.6
Linn	5.9	5.8	3.6
Malheur	4.6	4.6	3.3
Marion	6.1	5.8	3.3
Morrow	4.5	4.3	3.4
Multnomah	7.0	6.8	2.8
Polk	5.7	5.4	3.4
Sherman	4.4	4.3	3.4
Tillamook	5.7	5.8	3.3
Umatilla	5.6	5.2	3.7
Union	6.1	5.6	3.9
Wallowa	5.3	5.6	4.7
Wasco	6.0	5.5	3.5
Washington	5.4	5.1	2.6
Wheeler	4.2	4.0	3.9
Yamhill	5.6	5.2	2.8

(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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