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Employment in Columbia County: June 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment jumped by 240 in June

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 240 in June to 11,600 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 30 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 210. Private-sector employment edged up by 10 jobs, and total government employment increased by 200. Retail trade added 30 jobs. Local government education added 170 jobs as schools continued to reopen. Other industries had smaller changes.

June's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 680 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 6.1%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 180 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of June 2019. Most major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality and construction each added back 90 jobs. Private education and health services and retail trade each regained 80 jobs. Professional and business services was up by 60 jobs. Local government education grew by 170 jobs over its level of one year ago.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.4% in June, essentially unchanged from 6.7% in May. It was 10.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6% in June, and the national rate was 5.9%.

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

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2021	May 2021	June 2020	May 2021	June 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,723	24,668	24,129	55	594
Unemployed	1,450	1,411	2,511	39	-1,061
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.7%	10.4%	0.2	-4.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.4%	6.7%	10.0%	-0.3	-3.6
Employed	23,273	23,257	21,618	16	1,655
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,770	11,560	11,090	210	680
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,600	11,360	10,930	240	670
Total private	9,630	9,620	9,180	10	450
Mining, logging, and construction	950	930	860	20	90
Mining and logging	210	210	210	0	0
Construction	740	720	650	20	90
Manufacturing	1,670	1,670	1,660	0	10
Durable goods	1,080	1,090	1,090	-10	-10
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	260	0	-20
Nondurable goods	590	580	570	10	20
Paper manufacturing	180	180	170	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,340	2,340	2,250	0	90
Retail trade	1,610	1,580	1,530	30	80
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	570	580	540	-10	30
Professional and business services	940	920	880	20	60
Education and health services	1,580	1,600	1,500	-20	80
Leisure and hospitality	1,140	1,140	1,050	0	90
Other services	400	400	390	0	10
Government	2,140	1,940	1,910	200	230
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	220	200	180	20	40
Local government	1,850	1,670	1,660	180	190
Local education	1,170	1,000	1,000	170	170
Local government excluding educational services	680	670	660	10	20

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>June 2021</u>	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>June 2020</u>
United States	5.9	5.8	11.1
State of Oregon	5.6	5.8	10.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	6.3	6.6	9.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	5.9	6.1	11.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.4	4.6	7.6
Eugene (Lane County)	6.2	6.4	10.7
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.5	6.7	9.8
Medford (Jackson County)	6.0	6.3	10.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.7	6.0	10.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.5	5.8	8.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.8	6.0	8.9
Benton	4.4	4.6	7.6
Clackamas	5.6	5.9	9.8
Clatsop	6.8	7.2	13.4
Columbia	6.4	6.7	10.0
Coos	7.0	7.1	11.1
Crook	7.4	7.6	11.5
Curry	7.3	7.4	11.3
Deschutes	5.9	6.1	11.0
Douglas	6.4	6.5	9.2
Gilliam	5.3	5.4	7.6
Grant	7.2	7.3	9.9
Harney	5.2	5.3	6.9
Hood River	5.1	5.2	8.8
Jackson	6.0	6.3	10.2
Jefferson	6.8	7.0	10.9
Josephine	6.5	6.7	9.8
Klamath	7.2	7.3	10.2
Lake	5.6	5.5	6.7
Lane	6.2	6.4	10.7
Lincoln	7.7	7.9	15.4
Linn	6.3	6.6	9.7
Malheur	4.6	4.7	5.9
Marion	5.7	5.9	9.0
Morrow	5.0	5.1	5.9
Multnomah	6.2	6.6	12.3
Polk	5.5	5.7	8.3
Sherman	4.6	4.6	7.2
Tillamook	6.2	6.4	11.0
Umatilla	5.8	5.9	7.3
Union	6.2	6.4	9.0
Wallowa	5.5	5.6	8.9
Wasco	5.8	5.9	9.6
Washington	4.9	5.1	8.9
Wheeler	3.5	3.9	4.8
Yamhill	5.4	5.6	9.0

(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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