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Employment in Columbia County: July 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment dipped by 20 in July

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 in July to 11,520 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 450 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by 470. Private-sector employment edged up by 10 jobs, and total government employment decreased by 480. Construction and leisure and hospitality each added 30 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities shed 30 jobs. Local government education cut 460 jobs as schools took a summer break. Other industries had smaller changes.

July's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 160 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.4%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 470 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of July 2019. Most major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality and retail trade each added back 70 jobs. Construction recovered 60 jobs. Private education and health services and professional and business services were each up by 50 jobs. Local government education dropped 110 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in July, essentially unchanged from 6.4% in June. It was 9.4% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, and the national rate was 5.4%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Tuesday, Sep. 14.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,945	24,690	23,161	255	1,784
Unemployed	1,340	1,414	2,302	-74	-962
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.7%	9.9%	-0.3	-4.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.4%	9.4%	-0.4	-3.4
Employed	23,605	23,276	20,859	329	2,746
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,240	11,710	11,090	-470	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,520	11,540	11,360	-20	160
Total private	9,570	9,560	9,330	10	240
Mining, logging, and construction	940	910	890	30	50
Mining and logging	210	210	220	0	-10
Construction	730	700	670	30	60
Manufacturing	1,620	1,630	1,660	-10	-40
Durable goods	1,060	1,070	1,100	-10	-40
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	250	0	0
Nondurable goods	560	560	560	0	0
Paper manufacturing	170	170	160	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,300	2,330	2,260	-30	40
Retail trade	1,620	1,620	1,550	0	70
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	570	560	540	10	30
Professional and business services	920	930	870	-10	50
Education and health services	1,570	1,570	1,520	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,200	1,170	1,130	30	70
Other services	400	410	410	-10	-10
Government	1,670	2,150	1,760	-480	-90
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	220	220	180	0	40
Local government	1,380	1,860	1,510	-480	-130
Local education	720	1,180	830	-460	-110
Local government excluding educational services	660	680	680	-20	-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>July 2021</u>	<u>June 2021</u>	<u>July 2020</u>
United States	5.4	5.9	10.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.6	9.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.9	6.3	8.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	5.6	5.9	9.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.1	4.4	6.8
Eugene (Lane County)	5.8	6.1	9.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.3	6.5	9.3
Medford (Jackson County)	5.5	6.0	9.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.3	5.7	10.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.2	5.5	8.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.7	8.7
Benton	4.1	4.4	6.8
Clackamas	5.1	5.5	9.1
Clatsop	6.3	6.7	11.6
Columbia	6.0	6.4	9.4
Coos	6.6	6.9	10.2
Crook	7.0	7.4	10.6
Curry	7.0	7.3	10.5
Deschutes	5.6	5.9	9.6
Douglas	6.1	6.3	8.8
Gilliam	5.1	5.3	7.5
Grant	6.9	7.2	9.8
Harney	5.1	5.2	7.0
Hood River	4.9	5.1	7.8
Jackson	5.5	6.0	9.2
Jefferson	6.5	6.8	9.8
Josephine	6.3	6.5	9.3
Klamath	7.0	7.2	9.9
Lake	5.5	5.5	7.2
Lane	5.8	6.1	9.6
Lincoln	7.2	7.6	14.1
Linn	5.9	6.3	8.9
Malheur	4.3	4.6	5.9
Marion	5.3	5.6	8.4
Morrow	4.7	5.0	5.6
Multnomah	5.7	6.2	11.8
Polk	5.1	5.4	7.8
Sherman	4.4	4.6	6.7
Tillamook	5.8	6.1	10.3
Umatilla	5.5	5.8	7.3
Union	5.8	6.1	9.4
Wallowa	5.4	5.5	8.3
Wasco	5.6	5.8	8.3
Washington	4.5	4.8	8.5
Wheeler	3.2	3.5	4.4
Yamhill	5.0	5.4	8.5

(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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