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Employment in Columbia County: August 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment climbed by 50 in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 50 in August to 11,580 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 160 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment rose by 210. Private-sector employment was up by 50 jobs, and total government employment increased by 160. Local government education added 160 jobs as schools prepared to reopen. Other industries had smaller changes.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 220 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.0%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 400 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of August 2019. Most major industries gained jobs over the past year. Retail trade and construction each added back 70 jobs. Leisure and hospitality and professional and business services were each up by 40 jobs. Local government education added 70 jobs over the year. Manufacturing dropped 90 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in August, essentially unchanged from 6.0% in July. It was 8.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.9% in August, and the national rate was 5.2%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 26, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,870	24,946	23,859	-76	1,011
Unemployed	1,274	1,347	2,012	-73	-738
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.4%	8.4%	-0.3	-3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	6.0%	8.1%	-0.4	-2.5
Employed	23,596	23,599	21,847	-3	1,749
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,460	11,250	11,240	210	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,580	11,530	11,360	50	220
Total private	9,620	9,570	9,450	50	170
Mining, logging, and construction	970	940	900	30	70
Mining and logging	220	210	220	10	0
Construction	750	730	680	20	70
Manufacturing	1,600	1,620	1,690	-20	-90
Durable goods	1,050	1,060	1,100	-10	-50
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	250	0	0
Nondurable goods	550	560	590	-10	-40
Paper manufacturing	170	170	170	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,300	2,300	2,220	0	80
Retail trade	1,600	1,620	1,530	-20	70
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	580	570	560	10	20
Professional and business services	940	920	900	20	40
Education and health services	1,560	1,570	1,550	-10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,210	1,200	1,170	10	40
Other services	410	400	410	10	0
Government	1,840	1,680	1,790	160	50
Federal government	70	70	110	0	-40
State government	220	220	190	0	30
Local government	1,550	1,390	1,490	160	60
Local education	880	720	810	160	70
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>August 2021</u>	<u>July 2021</u>	<u>August 2020</u>
United States	5.2	5.4	8.4
State of Oregon	4.9	5.2	8.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.8	7.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	5.4	5.6	8.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.8	4.1	6.1
Eugene (Lane County)	5.5	5.8	8.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.0	6.3	8.3
Medford (Jackson County)	5.2	5.5	8.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.9	5.3	8.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	5.2	7.0
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.1	5.4	7.4
Benton	3.8	4.1	6.1
Clackamas	4.7	5.1	7.9
Clatsop	5.8	6.3	9.1
Columbia	5.6	6.0	8.1
Coos	6.3	6.6	8.5
Crook	6.8	7.1	9.0
Curry	6.7	7.0	8.9
Deschutes	5.4	5.6	8.2
Douglas	5.9	6.1	7.2
Gilliam	5.0	5.1	6.3
Grant	6.7	6.9	8.5
Harney	5.1	5.1	6.3
Hood River	4.7	4.9	6.5
Jackson	5.2	5.5	8.1
Jefferson	6.3	6.6	8.9
Josephine	6.0	6.3	8.3
Klamath	6.8	7.0	8.6
Lake	5.4	5.5	6.1
Lane	5.5	5.8	8.2
Lincoln	6.9	7.2	11.0
Linn	5.4	5.8	7.9
Malheur	4.2	4.3	5.2
Marion	5.0	5.3	7.1
Morrow	4.5	4.7	5.4
Multnomah	5.4	5.8	10.2
Polk	4.8	5.1	6.6
Sherman	4.1	4.3	6.2
Tillamook	5.4	5.8	8.2
Umatilla	5.2	5.5	7.0
Union	5.5	5.8	7.3
Wallowa	5.4	5.4	7.0
Wasco	5.4	5.6	7.2
Washington	4.2	4.5	7.3
Wheeler	3.0	3.2	4.1
Yamhill	4.7	5.0	7.0

(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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