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## **Employment in the Columbia Gorge: June 2019**

### **Food Services and Drinking Places Leads June Job Growth**

Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.5 percent in June, ranking third in Oregon (out of 36 counties), behind Washington County's 3.3 percent and Benton County's 3.2 percent. Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment fell by 20 jobs in June to total 12,020. Private industry cut 70 jobs, falling to 10,540 and government increased its total by 50 to 1,480. Arts, entertainment, and recreation cut its remaining winter recreational employment, falling by 180 jobs to total 290. Food services and drinking places led private industry with a gain of 100 jobs, rising to 1,430. Manufacturing rose by 30 jobs in June to total 1,810. Retail trade (+20), and accommodation (+20) also rose in June. Federal government led the public sector, rising by 20 jobs in June to total 150. Employment in state government (+10), local government education (+10) and other local (+10) and rose in June.

Hood River County's private industry employment rose by 90 jobs over the year ending in June, an increase of 0.9 percent. Education and health services led private industry with an over-the-year gain of 50 jobs or 3.0 percent. Wholesale trade increased its total by 40 jobs or ten percent, rising to 440. Food services and drinking places (+20); and other services (+20) also grew over the year. Government increased its total by 10 jobs, with federal and state each rising by 10 and other local government education idling 10.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed in June, falling by 0.1 percentage point to 4.5 percent and ranking 16<sup>th</sup> among Oregon counties. Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in June 2018, at 4.0 percent.

Wasco County gained 230 nonfarm jobs in June, climbing to 10,600. Private industry rose by 170 jobs to reach 8,630, while government chipped in 60, rising to 1,970. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 90 jobs to total 1,520. Information performed well, adding 30 jobs in June to reach 210. Education and health services chipped in 20 jobs, rising to 2,410.

Over the year ending in June, Wasco County's private industry employment rose by 240 jobs or 2.9 percent. Leisure and hospitality led private industry, rising by 100 jobs or 7.0 percent to reach 1,520. Education and health services (+60); information (+40); and manufacturing (+30), also rose over the

year. In the public sector, Indian tribal government cut 150 jobs, reflecting the closure of the Warm Springs Tribe's Kah-Nee-Ta resort.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment was essentially unchanged in June, falling by 0.1 percentage point in June to 4.3 percent, ranking 12 out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Lane and Polk. Last June, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked fifth, at just 3.5 percent. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment rose by 25 jobs in June to reach 850. Over the year, Gilliam County's private industry total rose by 20 jobs or 3.6 percent to reach 570. Professional and business services (+10); education and health services (+10); and leisure and hospitality (+10), and all produced over-the-year job gains. Government fell to 280 jobs, an over-the-year loss of ten.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady in June at 3.7 percent, ranking seventh just ahead Clatsop County. In June 2018, Sherman County's 4.3 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 15<sup>th</sup>. Sherman County's nonfarm employment rose by 45 jobs in June to reach 920. Private industry rose by 10 jobs, climbing to 545, while government reached 375, an increase of 35. Over the year ending in June, private industry held steady. Local government led the public sector, rising by 15 jobs over the year to reach 190.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point in June to 4.9 percent, ranking as Oregon's 22<sup>nd</sup> lowest, just ahead of Baker County. Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked as Oregon's third lowest in June 2018, at just 3.4 percent. Nonfarm employment totaled 280 jobs in June, with private industry rising by five jobs and government cutting 10. Over the year ending in June, private industry cut 35 jobs and government cut five, falling to 125.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July 2019 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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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### Gilliam County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	886	858	875	28	11
Unemployed	36	31	30	5	6
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.6%	3.4%	0.5	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.4%	3.5%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	850	827	845	23	5
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	850	825	840	25	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	820	815	810	5	10
Total private	570	560	550	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	135	130	140	5	-5
Professional and business services	240	230	230	10	10
Education and health services	60	60	50	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	50	50	40	0	10
Government	280	265	290	15	-10
Federal government	15	15	10	0	5
State government	10	10	10	0	0
Local government	255	240	270	15	-15

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.

## Hood River County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	14,473	13,735	14,496	738	-23
Unemployed	479	397	498	82	-19
Unemployment rate	3.3%	2.9%	3.4%	0.4	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.5%	3.3%	0.0	0.2
Employed	13,994	13,338	13,998	656	-4
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,020	12,040	11,920	-20	100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,060	12,080	11,950	-20	110
Total private	10,540	10,610	10,450	-70	90
Mining, logging, and construction	520	510	540	10	-20
Manufacturing	1,810	1,780	1,810	30	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,170	2,180	2,150	-10	20
Wholesale trade	440	480	400	-40	40
Retail trade	1,480	1,460	1,490	20	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	240	260	10	-10
Information	150	150	150	0	0
Financial activities	370	360	370	10	0
Professional and business services	1,180	1,180	1,200	0	-20
Education and health services	1,720	1,770	1,670	-50	50
Leisure and hospitality	2,190	2,250	2,150	-60	40
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	290	470	280	-180	10
Accommodation and food services	1,900	1,780	1,870	120	30
Accommodation	470	450	460	20	10
Food services and drinking places	1,430	1,330	1,410	100	20
Other services	430	430	410	0	20
Government	1,480	1,430	1,470	50	10
Federal government	150	130	140	20	10
State government	130	120	120	10	10
Local government	1,200	1,180	1,210	20	-10
Local education	680	670	690	10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	520	510	520	10	0

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## Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	926	896	944	30	-18
Unemployed	32	26	42	6	-10
Unemployment rate	3.5%	2.9%	4.4%	0.6	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.7%	3.7%	4.3%	0.0	-0.6
Employed	894	870	902	24	-8
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	920	875	915	45	5
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	860	860	855	0	5
Total private	545	535	545	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	230	235	230	-5	0
Retail trade	90	85	90	5	0
Leisure and hospitality	130	120	140	10	-10
Government	375	340	370	35	5
Federal government	130	125	130	5	0
State government	55	40	65	15	-10
Local government	190	175	175	15	15

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## Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	16,751	12,781	16,824	3,970	-73
Unemployed	572	467	547	105	25
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.7%	3.3%	-0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.6%	4.0%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	16,179	12,314	16,277	3,865	-98
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,600	10,370	10,520	230	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,130	10,220	10,060	-90	70
Total private	8,630	8,460	8,390	170	240
Mining, logging, and construction	440	430	430	10	10
Mining and logging	60	60	60	0	0
Construction	380	370	370	10	10
Manufacturing	660	660	630	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,040	2,030	2,020	10	20
Wholesale trade	140	130	140	10	0
Retail trade	1,670	1,670	1,660	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	230	230	220	0	10
Information	210	180	170	30	40
Financial activities	320	320	340	0	-20
Professional and business services	600	600	610	0	-10
Education and health services	2,410	2,390	2,350	20	60
Ambulatory health care services	440	440	420	0	20
Nursing and residential care facilities	570	560	560	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,520	1,430	1,420	90	100
Accommodation and food services	1,340	1,300	1,270	40	70
Other services	430	420	420	10	10
Government	1,970	1,910	2,130	60	-160
Federal government	300	290	300	10	0
State government	280	260	270	20	10
Local government	1,390	1,360	1,560	30	-170
Indian tribal	10	10	160	0	-150
Local education	690	690	710	0	-20
Local government excluding education and tribal	690	660	690	30	0

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## Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	696	696	753	0	-57
Unemployed	36	30	26	6	10
Unemployment rate	5.2%	4.3%	3.5%	0.9	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.7%	3.4%	0.2	1.5
Employed	660	666	727	-6	-67
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	280	285	320	-5	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	270	280	310	-10	-40
Total private	155	150	190	5	-35
Trade, transportation, and utilities	40	40	40	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	25	25	40	0	-15
Government	125	135	130	-10	-5
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	120	130	125	-10	-5

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