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Employment in the Columbia Gorge: July 2020

Over-the-Year Job Losses Detail COVID-19 Impacts

In July, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.6 percent, a drop of 1.5 percentage points. Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 5.8 percentage points.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment fell by 170 jobs in July to total 10,210. Private industry cut 30 jobs, falling to 9,030, while government idled 140, cutting its total to 1,180.

Hood River County's private industry employment fell by 1,720 jobs over the year ending in July, a loss of 16.0 percent. COVID-19 impacts in accommodation and food services idled 630 jobs, dropping the industry's total to 1,340 (-32.0%). Manufacturing cut 340 jobs (-17.7%) over the year, falling to 1,580. Education and health services suffered an over-the-year loss of 120 jobs (-7.0%), falling to 1,590. Retail trade idled 180 (-11.5%), other services sliced 30 (-7.1%), and professional and business services shed 80 (-6.8%). Arts, entertainment, and recreation cut its payrolls by 90 jobs, an over-the-year loss of 28.1 percent.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.9 percentage points in July to 9.2 percent. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 5.1 percentage points.

Wasco County lost 190 nonfarm jobs in July, dropping to 9,420. Private industry held steady in July at 7,720 and government cut 190, falling to 1,700.

Over the year ending in July, Wasco County's private industry employment fell by 810 jobs (-9.5%). Accommodation and food services idled 250 jobs as a result of COVID-19 closures, cutting its total to 1,040, a loss of 19.4 percent. Construction trimmed its payrolls by 120 jobs (-30%), falling to 280 and other services cut 100 jobs, dropping to 320 (-23.8%). Education and health services lost 50 jobs, falling to 2,260, manufacturing idled 40, and retail trade trimmed its payrolls by 20.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point in July to 8.3 percent. Over the year, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 4.9 percentage points. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment fell to 970 jobs in July, a loss of 20. Over the year, Gilliam County's private industry total rose by 20 jobs. Government cut 20 jobs over the year, falling to 245.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points in July to 7.8 percent. Over the year, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 4.4 percentage points. Sherman County's nonfarm employment fell by 20 jobs in July to 875. Private industry rose by five jobs, climbing to 575, while government cut 25, falling to 300. Over the year ending in July, private industry cut 40 jobs (-6.5%) and government idled 45 (-13.0%).

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point in July to 5.3 percent. Over the year, Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage point. Nonfarm employment totaled 260 jobs in July, with private industry holding steady and government cutting 20. Over the year ending in July, private industry lost 30 jobs, falling to 155 (-16.2%) and government cut five, dropping its total to 105 (-4.5%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on September 22nd, 2020 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on September 15th, 2020.

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--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	1,029	1,082	996	-53	33
Unemployed	82	93	32	-11	50
Unemployment rate	8.0%	8.6%	3.2%	-0.6	4.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.3%	8.7%	3.4%	-0.4	4.9
Employed	947	989	964	-42	-17
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	970	990	970	-20	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	950	945	950	5	0
Total private	725	730	705	-5	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	130	130	150	0	-20
Professional and business services	225	230	235	-5	-10
Education and health services	55	60	55	-5	0
Leisure and hospitality	45	40	50	5	-5
Government	245	260	265	-15	-20
Federal government	10	15	15	-5	-5
State government	10	10	10	0	0
Local government	225	235	240	-10	-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--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	15,397	14,430	16,399	967	-1,002
Unemployed	1,233	1,433	509	-200	724
Unemployment rate	8.0%	9.9%	3.1%	-1.9	4.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>10.1%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>-1.5</i>	<i>5.8</i>
Employed	14,164	12,997	15,890	1,167	-1,726
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,210	10,380	12,030	-170	-1,820
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,310</i>	<i>10,400</i>	<i>12,150</i>	<i>-90</i>	<i>-1,840</i>
Total private	9,030	9,060	10,750	-30	-1,720
Mining, logging, and construction	500	490	550	10	-50
Manufacturing	1,580	1,580	1,920	0	-340
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,880	1,990	2,190	-110	-310
Wholesale trade	330	430	380	-100	-50
Retail trade	1,390	1,390	1,570	0	-180
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	160	170	240	-10	-80
Information	120	120	160	0	-40
Financial activities	310	310	340	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,090	1,080	1,170	10	-80
Education and health services	1,590	1,620	1,710	-30	-120
Leisure and hospitality	1,570	1,480	2,290	90	-720
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	230	220	320	10	-90
Accommodation and food services	1,340	1,260	1,970	80	-630
Accommodation	340	330	480	10	-140
Food services and drinking places	1,000	930	1,490	70	-490
Other services	390	390	420	0	-30
Government	1,180	1,320	1,280	-140	-100
Federal government	150	160	150	-10	0
State government	110	110	120	0	-10
Local government	920	1,050	1,010	-130	-90
Local education	440	580	470	-140	-30
Local government excluding educational services	480	470	540	10	-60

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Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	951	980	994	-29	-43
Unemployed	72	84	33	-12	39
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.6%	3.3%	-1.0	4.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.8%	8.9%	3.4%	-1.1	4.4
Employed	879	896	961	-17	-82
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	875	895	960	-20	-85
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	840	840	925	0	-85
Total private	575	570	615	5	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	290	290	245	0	45
Retail trade	125	125	95	0	30
Leisure and hospitality	90	85	130	5	-40
Government	300	325	345	-25	-45
Federal government	120	120	125	0	-5
State government	40	40	60	0	-20
Local government	140	165	160	-25	-20

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Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	17,856	16,099	18,388	1,757	-532
Unemployed	1,234	1,500	535	-266	699
Unemployment rate	6.9%	9.3%	2.9%	-2.4	4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9.2%	11.1%	4.1%	-1.9	5.1
Employed	16,622	14,599	17,853	2,023	-1,231
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	9,420	9,610	10,360	-190	-940
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9,250	9,200	10,170	50	-920
Total private	7,720	7,720	8,530	0	-810
Mining, logging, and construction	340	330	480	10	-140
Mining and logging	60	50	80	10	-20
Construction	280	280	400	0	-120
Manufacturing	570	580	610	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,100	2,100	2,120	0	-20
Wholesale trade	150	150	160	0	-10
Retail trade	1,700	1,700	1,720	0	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	240	0	10
Information	210	210	170	0	40
Financial activities	310	320	350	-10	-40
Professional and business services	520	520	570	0	-50
Education and health services	2,260	2,280	2,310	-20	-50
Ambulatory health care services	430	430	440	0	-10
Nursing and residential care facilities	570	560	560	10	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,090	1,060	1,500	30	-410
Accommodation and food services	1,040	1,000	1,290	40	-250
Other services	320	320	420	0	-100
Government	1,700	1,890	1,830	-190	-130
Federal government	290	290	300	0	-10
State government	260	260	270	0	-10
Local government	1,150	1,340	1,260	-190	-110
Indian tribal	10	10	10	0	0
Local education	490	680	550	-190	-60
Local government excluding education and tribal	650	650	700	0	-50

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Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	June 2020	July 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	647	716	719	-69	-72
Unemployed	34	42	31	-8	3
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.9%	4.3%	-0.6	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.7%	4.5%	-0.4	0.8
Employed	613	674	688	-61	-75
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	260	280	295	-20	-35
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	260	270	300	-10	-40
Total private	155	155	185	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30	35	35	-5	-5
Leisure and hospitality	20	20	45	0	-25
Government	105	125	110	-20	-5
Federal government	5	5	10	0	-5
State government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	100	120	100	-20	0

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