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Employment in the Columbia Gorge: October 2021

Leisure and Hospitality Cuts Jobs in October

In October, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point to 4.2%. Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked eighth lowest out of 36 Oregon counties, trailing Clackamas and Yamhill (4.1%). Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.1 percentage points.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment fell by 80 jobs in October, dropping to 11,590. Private industry cut 40 jobs, falling to 10,240, and government lost 40, dropping to 1,350. Retail trade led private industry in October, rising by 80 jobs to total 1,490. Wholesale trade rose by 30 jobs in October to reach 580 and education and health services hired 20, climbing to 1,870. Professional and business services chipped in 10 jobs and arts, entertainment, and recreation also rose by 10. Food services and drinking places cut 110 jobs, falling to 1,170 and accommodation shed 40, dropping to 450. Manufacturing (-20); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-10); and other services (-10) also cut jobs in October. Other local government cut 30 jobs in October, falling to 480 and federal government shed 10, sliding to 140.

Hood River County's private industry employment rose by 3.3% over the year, adding 330 jobs. Accommodation and food services regained 160 jobs over the year to lead private industry, an increase of 18.4%. Manufacturing welcomed back 110 jobs; education and health services increased its total by 70; and transportation, warehousing, and utilities rose by 30. Local government education rose to 630, an increase of 40 jobs to lift the public sector.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point in October to 5.0% while ranking 22nd in Oregon, tied with Union and Columbia. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points.

Wasco County's nonfarm employment fell by 10 jobs in October, dropping to 10,090. Private industry cut 80 jobs, falling to 8,120, and government increased its total by 70 to reach 1,970. Private industry job gains in October were limited to mining and logging (+10) and professional and business services (+10). Leisure and hospitality cut 80 jobs in October, falling to 1,220. Construction (-10) and other services (-10) also cut jobs in October. Local government education led the public sector, rising by 70 jobs to reach 750.

Wasco County's private industry employment rose by 150 jobs or 1.5% over the year ending in October. Leisure and hospitality led private industry jobs growth, rising by 70 jobs or 6.1%. Information increased its payrolls by 60 jobs over the year, climbing to 310 (+24%). Other services (+60 jobs); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+40); professional and business services (+30); and wholesale trade (+20) also rose over the year. Job losses hit financial activities (-50 jobs); retail trade (-40); education and health services (-40); manufacturing (-30); and construction (-20). In the public sector, local education rose by 50 jobs over the year and other local government chipped in 10.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.4 percentage point in October to 4.5%, ranking 12th out of 36 Oregon counties. Over the year, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.9 percentage point. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment held steady in October with 825 jobs. Over the year, Gilliam County's private industry total fell by 115 jobs to total 585, a loss of 16.4%. Government rose by 10 jobs over the year, climbing to 240.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in October to 4.0%, good enough to rank fifth in Oregon, trailing Malheur (3.9%). Over the year, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percentage points. Sherman County's nonfarm employment fell by 25 jobs in October, dropping to 895. Private industry cut 10 jobs, falling to 580, while government idled 15, dropping to 315. Over the year ending in October, private industry cut five jobs and government held steady.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in October to 2.8%, retaining Oregon's lowest county unemployment rate. Over the year Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percentage points. Nonfarm employment totaled 295 jobs in October, with private industry and government each cutting five jobs. Over the year ending in October, private industry rose by five jobs to reach 165 and government held steady at 130.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Dec. 21st, 2021 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Dec. 14th, 2021.

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--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	917	916	1,003	1	-86
Unemployed	31	38	50	-7	-19
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.1%	5.0%	-0.7	-1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.9%	5.4%	-0.4	-0.9
Employed	886	878	953	8	-67
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	825	825	930	0	-105
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	850	835	960	15	-110
Total private	585	590	700	-5	-115
Trade, transportation, and utilities	140	140	135	0	5
Professional and business services	245	245	245	0	0
Education and health services	70	70	75	0	-5
Leisure and hospitality	45	45	35	0	10
Government	240	235	230	5	10
Federal government	15	15	15	0	0
State government	10	10	10	0	0
Local government	215	210	205	5	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.

Hood River County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	14,746	15,882	14,447	-1,136	299
Unemployed	384	462	689	-78	-305
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.9%	4.8%	-0.3	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.5%	5.3%	-0.3	-1.1
Employed	14,362	15,420	13,758	-1,058	604
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,590	11,670	11,220	-80	370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,820	11,680	11,440	140	380
Total private	10,240	10,280	9,910	-40	330
Mining, logging, and construction	530	530	560	0	-30
Manufacturing	1,870	1,890	1,760	-20	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,270	2,170	2,260	100	10
Wholesale trade	580	550	600	30	-20
Retail trade	1,490	1,410	1,490	80	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	210	170	-10	30
Information	110	110	100	0	10
Financial activities	330	330	330	0	0
Professional and business services	1,010	1,000	1,000	10	10
Education and health services	1,870	1,850	1,800	20	70
Leisure and hospitality	1,910	2,050	1,750	-140	160
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	290	280	290	10	0
Accommodation and food services	1,620	1,770	1,460	-150	160
Accommodation	450	490	380	-40	70
Food services and drinking places	1,170	1,280	1,080	-110	90
Other services	340	350	350	-10	-10
Government	1,350	1,390	1,310	-40	40
Federal government	140	150	140	-10	0
State government	100	100	100	0	0
Local government	1,110	1,140	1,070	-30	40
Local education	630	630	590	0	40
Local government excluding educational services	480	510	480	-30	0

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Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	961	983	984	-22	-23
Unemployed	31	33	51	-2	-20
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.4%	5.2%	-0.2	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	5.6%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	930	950	933	-20	-3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	895	920	900	-25	-5
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	910	895	915	15	-5
Total private	580	590	585	-10	-5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	280	280	290	0	-10
Retail trade	110	110	135	0	-25
Leisure and hospitality	95	100	85	-5	10
Government	315	330	315	-15	0
Federal government	120	120	135	0	-15
State government	45	40	45	5	0
Local government	150	170	135	-20	15

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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.

Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,879	13,019	12,834	-140	45
Unemployed	466	562	742	-96	-276
Unemployment rate	3.6%	4.3%	5.8%	-0.7	-2.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-1.2</i>
Employed	12,413	12,457	12,092	-44	321
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,090	10,100	9,940	-10	150
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,110</i>	<i>9,950</i>	<i>9,960</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>150</i>
Total private	8,120	8,200	8,030	-80	90
Mining, logging, and construction	410	410	430	0	-20
Mining and logging	60	50	60	10	0
Construction	350	360	370	-10	-20
Manufacturing	540	540	570	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,120	2,120	2,100	0	20
Wholesale trade	180	180	160	0	20
Retail trade	1,640	1,640	1,680	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	300	260	0	40
Information	310	310	250	0	60
Financial activities	300	300	350	0	-50
Professional and business services	510	500	480	10	30
Education and health services	2,330	2,330	2,370	0	-40
Ambulatory health care services	460	460	450	0	10
Nursing and residential care facilities	490	490	550	0	-60
Leisure and hospitality	1,220	1,300	1,150	-80	70
Accommodation and food services	1,120	1,180	1,080	-60	40
Other services	380	390	330	-10	50
Government	1,970	1,900	1,910	70	60
Federal government	280	270	280	10	0
State government	260	260	260	0	0
Local government	1,430	1,370	1,370	60	60
Indian tribal	10	10	10	0	0
Local education	750	680	700	70	50
Local government excluding education and tribal	670	680	660	-10	10

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Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	719	732	705	-13	14
Unemployed	17	20	30	-3	-13
Unemployment rate	2.4%	2.7%	4.3%	-0.3	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2.8%	2.9%	4.4%	-0.1	-1.6
Employed	702	712	675	-10	27
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	295	305	290	-10	5
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	295	300	290	-5	5
Total private	165	170	160	-5	5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	35	35	40	0	-5
Leisure and hospitality	20	20	15	0	5
Government	130	135	130	-5	0
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	125	130	125	-5	0

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