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Employment in Tillamook County: March 2020

Employment changes significantly in March

Although Tillamook County employment fell just slightly in mid-March on a seasonally adjusted basis, it appeared to fall dramatically in late March, after the survey reference period, due to business closures and layoffs from the COVID-19 restrictions. Data that reflect the economic impact from COVID-19 restrictions will be released May 27th.

COVID-19 closures have caused a spike in unemployment insurance claims. During the four-week period ending April 15, 2020 the Oregon Employment Department processed nearly 1,100 new claims for unemployment insurance from Tillamook County residents. That was 18 times the average of the preceding four weeks. Additionally, not all claims filed by Tillamook County residents have been processed yet.

The Employment Department has rapidly redeployed its staff, opened additional phone lines, and hired new staff in an attempt to address this unprecedented surge in claims. The department is still offering job seeker and employer services with additional, socially distanced options. We are present to help Oregonians who have experienced tremendous disruptions, while also doing our part to follow health and safety guidelines for our communities.

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

March Employment

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 10 in March to 9,530 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 60 was expected for the month, but the county gained only 50 jobs. These gains almost certainly happened before COVID-19 restrictions began. The private-sector added 70 jobs, and government employment was down 20 jobs. Leisure and hospitality added 70 jobs and food manufacturing was up 30 jobs. Local government, including education, shed 30 jobs.

March's total nonfarm employment was the same as one year before. The private sector shed 10 jobs over the year, and government gained 10 jobs. Private education and health services was up 40 jobs over the year, and leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs. Construction, financial activities, and other services each cut 30 jobs over the year. Local government was also down 30 jobs.

Tillamook County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in March. It was unchanged from the previous month (3.6%) but lower than the year before (4.6%). It was about the same as the statewide rate (3.3%) but lower than the national rate (4.4%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19.

Tillamook County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	11,733	11,650	11,805	83	-72
Unemployed	472	477	561	-5	-89
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%	-0.1	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.6%	4.6%	0.0	-1.0
Employed	11,261	11,173	11,244	88	17
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	9,300	9,250	9,300	50	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	9,530	9,540	9,530	-10	0
Total private	7,280	7,210	7,290	70	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	570	580	590	-10	-20
Mining and logging	210	210	200	0	10
Construction	360	370	390	-10	-30
Manufacturing	1,560	1,530	1,580	30	-20
Durable goods	410	410	430	0	-20
Wood product manufacturing	340	340	350	0	-10
Nondurable goods	1,150	1,120	1,150	30	0
Food manufacturing	1,080	1,050	1,070	30	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,390	1,390	1,390	0	0
Retail trade	1,030	1,030	1,030	0	0
Information	60	60	50	0	10
Financial activities	300	310	330	-10	-30
Professional and business services	380	370	370	10	10
Education and health services	1,230	1,240	1,190	-10	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,450	1,380	1,420	70	30
Accommodation and food services	1,400	1,330	1,360	70	40
Accommodation	520	490	490	30	30
Food services and drinking places	880	840	870	40	10
Other services	340	350	370	-10	-30
Government	2,020	2,040	2,010	-20	10
Federal government	120	110	110	10	10
State government	340	340	310	0	30
Local government	1,560	1,590	1,590	-30	-30
Local education	770	790	770	-20	0
Local government excluding educational services	790	800	820	-10	-30

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)

	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019
United States	4.4	3.5	3.8
State of Oregon	3.3	3.3	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.9	3.9	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.4	3.4	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.6	2.7	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	3.6	3.7	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.3	4.4	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	3.9	3.9	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.2	3.3	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.6	3.7	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.4	5.4
Benton	2.6	2.7	3.3
Clackamas	3.1	3.2	3.9
Clatsop	3.5	3.5	4.3
Columbia	4.3	4.4	5.1
Coos	4.3	4.4	5.7
Crook	4.9	5.0	6.1
Curry	4.7	4.8	6.4
Deschutes	3.4	3.4	4.5
Douglas	4.5	4.6	5.6
Gilliam	4.1	4.0	4.7
Grant	6.0	6.1	8.0
Harney	4.5	4.5	6.6
Hood River	2.8	2.9	3.7
Jackson	3.9	3.9	5.0
Jefferson	4.4	4.5	5.8
Josephine	4.3	4.4	5.7
Klamath	6.0	6.1	7.0
Lake	4.2	4.4	6.5
Lane	3.6	3.7	4.6
Lincoln	4.0	4.0	5.0
Linn	3.9	3.9	4.9
Malheur	3.6	3.7	4.8
Marion	3.6	3.7	4.5
Morrow	3.7	3.8	4.7
Multnomah	3.0	3.0	3.8
Polk	3.7	3.8	4.6
Sherman	4.1	4.0	3.9
Tillamook	3.6	3.6	4.6
Umatilla	4.1	4.2	5.3
Union	4.3	4.3	5.8
Wallowa	5.1	5.3	6.4
Wasco	3.8	3.9	4.7
Washington	2.8	2.9	3.6
Wheeler	3.7	4.0	4.6
Yamhill	3.1	3.1	3.8

(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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