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## **Employment in Columbia County: March 2025**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment unchanged in March**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in March at 11,900 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment increased by 70. The private sector added 80 jobs, and government employment decreased by 10. Mining, logging, and construction added 30 jobs. Professional and business services employment increased by 20. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

March's total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 170 jobs, a decrease of 1.4%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, which added 30 jobs (+6.5%). Professional and business services was down 130 jobs over the year (-10.6%). Local government, including education, was down 80 jobs over the year (-4.5%).

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in March, up from 5.1% in February. It was 4.6% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.6% in March, and the national rate was 4.2%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 14.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,972	26,923	26,820	49	152
Unemployed	1,593	1,606	1,303	-13	290
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.0%	4.9%	-0.1	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	25,379	25,317	25,517	62	-138
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,920	11,850	12,090	70	-170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,900</i>	<i>11,900</i>	<i>12,070</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-170</i>
Total private	9,910	9,830	10,010	80	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	890	860	880	30	10
Mining and logging	200	190	190	10	10
Construction	690	670	690	20	0
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,490	0	-20
Durable goods	1,100	1,100	1,110	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	210	220	240	-10	-30
Nondurable goods	370	370	380	0	-10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,350	2,340	2,330	10	20
Retail trade	1,580	1,580	1,560	0	20
Information	60	60	60	0	0
Financial activities	510	510	520	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,100	1,080	1,230	20	-130
Private education and health services	1,660	1,650	1,640	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,380	1,370	1,400	10	-20
Other services	490	490	460	0	30
Government	2,010	2,020	2,080	-10	-70
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,710	1,720	1,790	-10	-80
Local education	1,060	1,070	1,090	-10	-30
Local government excluding educational services	650	650	700	0	-50

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 2025	February 2025	March 2024
United States	4.2	4.1	3.9
State of Oregon	4.6	4.5	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)			4.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)			4.0
Corvallis (Benton County)			3.4
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)			4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)			5.5
Medford (Jackson County)			4.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)			4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)			4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.8	4.7	4.8
Benton			3.4
Clackamas	4.3	4.2	3.7
Clatsop	4.5	4.4	4.0
Columbia	5.2	5.1	4.6
Coos	5.2	5.1	4.8
Crook	5.2	5.1	5.5
Curry	5.6	5.6	5.8
Deschutes	4.3	4.2	4.1
Douglas	5.7	5.6	5.2
Gilliam	4.6	4.6	5.1
Grant	6.5	6.5	5.5
Harney	4.5	4.5	4.5
Hood River	3.7	3.6	3.3
Jackson			4.9
Jefferson	4.6	4.6	4.5
Josephine			5.5
Klamath	6.3	6.1	5.8
Lake	5.4	5.2	5.0
Lane			4.4
Lincoln	5.3	5.2	4.8
Linn			4.7
Malheur	4.3	4.2	4.0
Marion	4.4	4.3	4.0
Morrow	4.7	4.5	3.9
Multnomah	4.5	4.4	3.9
Polk	4.3	4.3	3.9
Sherman	3.9	3.9	4.1
Tillamook	4.7	4.6	4.3
Umatilla	4.9	4.9	4.3
Union	5.2	5.0	4.5
Wallowa	4.9	4.8	4.5
Wasco	4.5	4.4	4.2
Washington	4.2	4.1	3.5
Wheeler	4.3	4.4	3.6
Yamhill	4.3	4.3	3.7

(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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