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Employment in Columbia County: November 2025

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 70 in November

Today, the Oregon Employment Department released monthly employment and unemployment data for November 2025 in Columbia County, after a significant delay due to the federal government shutdown.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in November, up from 5.9% in September, and above the rate of 4.7% in November 2024. The October unemployment rate is not available since the underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in November, and the national rate was 4.6%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 70 in November to 12,340 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 90 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 20. Private sector employment decreased by 50, and government employment increased by 30. Leisure and hospitality lost 30 jobs. Local government added 30 jobs.

November's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 210 jobs, an increase of 1.7%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in private education and health services, which added 150 jobs. Retail trade was down 60 jobs over the year. Local education was up 100 jobs over the year.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

| | --Change From-- | | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | November 2025 | October 2025 | November 2024 | October 2025 | November 2024 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 27,271 | not available | 26,910 | not available | 361 |
| Unemployed | 1,565 | not available | 1,244 | not available | 321 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.7 | not available | 4.6 | not available | 1.1 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6.1 | not available | 4.7 | not available | 1.4 |
| Employed | 25,706 | not available | 25,666 | not available | 40 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 12,380 | 12,400 | 12,170 | -20 | 210 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 12,340 | 12,270 | 12,140 | 70 | 200 |
| Total private | 10,200 | 10,250 | 10,050 | -50 | 150 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 880 | 900 | 910 | -20 | -30 |
| Mining and logging | 190 | 190 | 200 | 0 | -10 |
| Construction | 690 | 710 | 710 | -20 | -20 |
| Manufacturing | 1,490 | 1,480 | 1,480 | 10 | 10 |
| Durable goods | 1,120 | 1,110 | 1,110 | 10 | 10 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 240 | 240 | 230 | 0 | 10 |
| Nondurable goods | 370 | 370 | 370 | 0 | 0 |
| Paper manufacturing | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 2,330 | 2,330 | 2,360 | 0 | -30 |
| Retail trade | 1,550 | 1,550 | 1,610 | 0 | -60 |
| Information | 50 | 50 | 60 | 0 | -10 |
| Financial activities | 500 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Professional and business services | 1,190 | 1,190 | 1,220 | 0 | -30 |
| Private education and health services | 1,830 | 1,840 | 1,680 | -10 | 150 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 1,450 | 1,480 | 1,360 | -30 | 90 |
| Other services | 480 | 480 | 480 | 0 | 0 |
| Government | 2,180 | 2,150 | 2,120 | 30 | 60 |
| Federal government | 80 | 80 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| State government | 210 | 210 | 230 | 0 | -20 |
| Local government | 1,890 | 1,860 | 1,810 | 30 | 80 |
| Local education | 1,230 | 1,210 | 1,130 | 20 | 100 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 660 | 650 | 680 | 10 | -20 |

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)

| | <u>November 2025</u> | <u>October 2025</u> | <u>November 2024</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| United States | 4.6 | not available | 4.2 |
| State of Oregon | 5.2 | not available | 4.3 |
| <u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u> | | | |
| Albany (Linn County) | not available | not available | 4.7 |
| Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties) | not available | not available | 4.3 |
| Corvallis (Benton County) | not available | not available | 3.8 |
| Eugene-Springfield (Lane County) | not available | not available | 4.4 |
| Grants Pass (Josephine County) | not available | not available | 6.0 |
| Medford (Jackson County) | not available | not available | 5.0 |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2) | not available | not available | 4.2 |
| Salem (Marion and Polk counties) | not available | not available | 4.2 |
| <u>Counties (1):</u> | | | |
| Baker | 5.9 | not available | 4.6 |
| Benton | not available | not available | 3.8 |
| Clackamas | 5.0 | not available | 4.0 |
| Clatsop | 5.4 | not available | 4.3 |
| Columbia | 6.1 | not available | 4.7 |
| Coos | 6.0 | not available | 5.0 |
| Crook | 5.9 | not available | 5.1 |
| Curry | 6.9 | not available | 5.7 |
| Deschutes | 4.9 | not available | 4.1 |
| Douglas | 6.5 | not available | 5.5 |
| Gilliam | 5.5 | not available | 4.6 |
| Grant | 7.9 | not available | 6.4 |
| Harney | 5.1 | not available | 4.4 |
| Hood River | 4.2 | not available | 3.5 |
| Jackson | not available | not available | 5.0 |
| Jefferson | 5.9 | not available | 4.6 |
| Josephine | not available | not available | 6.0 |
| Klamath | 7.5 | not available | 5.9 |
| Lake | 6.4 | not available | 4.9 |
| Lane | not available | not available | 4.4 |
| Lincoln | 6.2 | not available | 5.1 |
| Linn | not available | not available | 4.7 |
| Malheur | 4.9 | not available | 4.1 |
| Marion | 5.1 | not available | 4.2 |
| Morrow | 4.9 | not available | 4.0 |
| Multnomah | 5.3 | not available | 4.2 |
| Polk | 5.0 | not available | 4.1 |
| Sherman | 5.3 | not available | 4.0 |
| Tillamook | 5.5 | not available | 4.4 |
| Umatilla | 5.6 | not available | 4.7 |
| Union | 5.8 | not available | 4.8 |
| Wallowa | 6.2 | not available | 4.6 |
| Wasco | 5.4 | not available | 4.4 |
| Washington | 5.1 | not available | 3.9 |
| Wheeler | 4.7 | not available | 4.0 |
| Yamhill | 5.0 | not available | 4.0 |

(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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