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Employment in Columbia County: December 2025

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 10 in December

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in December, unchanged from November, and above the rate of 4.7% in December 2024. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in December, and the national rate was 4.4%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 in December to 12,290 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 70 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 60. Private-sector employment decreased by 50, and government employment decreased by 10. Retail trade added 30 jobs. Construction lost 20 jobs. Other industries experience little or no change in employment.

December's total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 30 jobs, a decrease of 0.2%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in private education and health services, which added 110 jobs. Professional and business services was down 110 jobs over the year. Local education was up 70 jobs over the year.

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The Oregon Employment Department is awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,026	27,245	26,760	-219	266
Unemployed	1,592	1,545	1,269	47	323
Unemployment rate	5.9%	5.7%	4.7%	0.2	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>6.1%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.4</i>
Employed	25,434	25,700	25,491	-266	-57
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,260	12,320	12,290	-60	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,290</i>	<i>12,280</i>	<i>12,310</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-20</i>
Total private	10,090	10,140	10,140	-50	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	860	880	900	-20	-40
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	670	690	700	-20	-30
Manufacturing	1,490	1,490	1,500	0	-10
Durable goods	1,120	1,120	1,120	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	240	0	0
Nondurable goods	370	370	380	0	-10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,350	2,330	2,340	20	10
Retail trade	1,580	1,550	1,600	30	-20
Information	50	50	60	0	-10
Financial activities	500	500	510	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,170	1,190	1,280	-20	-110
Private education and health services	1,820	1,830	1,710	-10	110
Leisure and hospitality	1,380	1,390	1,360	-10	20
Other services	470	480	480	-10	-10
Government	2,170	2,180	2,150	-10	20
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	210	210	230	0	-20
Local government	1,880	1,890	1,840	-10	40
Local education	1,230	1,230	1,160	0	70
Local government excluding educational services	650	660	680	-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)

	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>November 2025</u>	<u>December 2024</u>
United States	4.4	4.5	4.1
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	4.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.6	5.6	4.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.5	4.5	3.8
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.2	5.2	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.2	7.3	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.9	5.9	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.0	4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.1	5.1	4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.9	5.9	4.6
Benton	4.5	4.5	3.8
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.0
Clatsop	5.3	5.4	4.3
Columbia	6.1	6.1	4.7
Coos	6.0	6.0	5.0
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.9	6.9	5.7
Deschutes	4.9	4.9	4.1
Douglas	6.4	6.4	5.4
Gilliam	5.6	5.5	4.6
Grant	7.9	7.9	6.4
Harney	5.0	5.1	4.4
Hood River	4.2	4.2	3.5
Jackson	5.9	5.9	5.0
Jefferson	5.8	5.9	4.6
Josephine	7.2	7.3	6.0
Klamath	7.5	7.5	5.9
Lake	6.4	6.4	4.9
Lane	5.2	5.2	4.4
Lincoln	6.2	6.2	5.1
Linn	5.6	5.6	4.7
Malheur	4.9	4.9	4.1
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.2
Morrow	4.9	4.9	4.0
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.2
Polk	5.0	5.0	4.1
Sherman	5.2	5.3	4.0
Tillamook	5.5	5.5	4.4
Umatilla	5.6	5.6	4.7
Union	5.7	5.8	4.8
Wallowa	6.3	6.2	4.6
Wasco	5.3	5.4	4.3
Washington	5.1	5.1	3.9
Wheeler	4.8	4.7	4.0
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	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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