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

### **Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 20 in May**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 in May to 12,230 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 50. The private sector added 60 jobs, and government employment decreased by 10. Leisure and hospitality added 40 jobs. Construction employment increased by 20. Other industries had little to no change.

May's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 130 jobs, an increase of 1.1%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 110 jobs (+9.5%). Mining, logging, and construction was down 40 jobs over the year (-4.3%). Local government was up 40 jobs over the year (2.3%).

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in May, up from 5.3% in April. It was 4.5% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.8% in May, and the national rate was 4.2%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,684	26,771	26,522	-87	162
Unemployed	1,363	1,300	1,070	63	293
Unemployment rate	5.1%	4.9%	4.0%	0.2	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Employed	25,321	25,471	25,452	-150	-131
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,300	12,250	12,170	50	130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,230</i>	<i>12,250</i>	<i>12,100</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>130</i>
Total private	10,180	10,120	10,100	60	80
Mining, logging, and construction	900	880	940	20	-40
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	710	690	740	20	-30
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,480	0	20
Durable goods	1,110	1,110	1,110	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	220	0	20
Nondurable goods	390	390	370	0	20
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,350	2,360	2,360	-10	-10
Retail trade	1,590	1,600	1,600	-10	-10
Information	60	60	90	0	-30
Financial activities	510	510	520	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,270	1,270	1,160	0	110
Private education and health services	1,700	1,700	1,640	0	60
Leisure and hospitality	1,400	1,360	1,430	40	-30
Other services	490	480	480	10	10
Government	2,120	2,130	2,070	-10	50
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	230	230	220	0	10
Local government	1,810	1,820	1,770	-10	40
Local education	1,130	1,140	1,090	-10	40
Local government excluding educational services	680	680	680	0	0

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)**

	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024
United States	4.2	4.2	4.0
State of Oregon	4.8	4.7	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.1	5.0	4.5
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.5	4.4	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.9	3.9	3.4
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	4.6	4.5	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.4	6.2	5.6
Medford (Jackson County)	5.2	5.1	4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.5	4.4	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.5	4.4	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.9	4.8	4.8
Benton	3.9	3.9	3.4
Clackamas	4.4	4.3	3.7
Clatsop	4.6	4.5	4.1
Columbia	5.4	5.3	4.5
Coos	5.2	5.1	4.7
Crook	5.2	5.1	5.4
Curry	5.8	5.6	5.9
Deschutes	4.4	4.3	4.1
Douglas	5.7	5.6	5.2
Gilliam	4.5	4.6	4.7
Grant	6.5	6.4	5.8
Harney	4.5	4.5	4.5
Hood River	3.8	3.7	3.3
Jackson	5.2	5.1	4.8
Jefferson	4.7	4.6	4.5
Josephine	6.4	6.2	5.6
Klamath	6.5	6.4	5.8
Lake	5.8	5.4	4.9
Lane	4.6	4.5	4.1
Lincoln	5.3	5.2	5.0
Linn	5.1	5.0	4.5
Malheur	4.3	4.2	4.0
Marion	4.6	4.4	4.0
Morrow	4.9	4.8	3.9
Multnomah	4.6	4.5	3.9
Polk	4.4	4.3	3.8
Sherman	4.0	3.8	3.9
Tillamook	4.9	4.7	4.2
Umatilla	5.1	5.0	4.4
Union	5.4	5.2	4.5
Wallowa	5.1	5.0	4.5
Wasco	4.6	4.5	4.2
Washington	4.3	4.2	3.6
Wheeler	4.1	4.2	3.7
Yamhill	4.4	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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