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Employment in Columbia County: August 2025

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 20 in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 in August to 12,180 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 110 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment increased by 90. Private-sector employment was unchanged, and government employment increased by 90. Private education and health services added 20 jobs. Local education added 100 jobs.

August's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 340 jobs, an increase of 2.9%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 160 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities was down 80 jobs over the year. Local education was up 200 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7% in August, up from 5.5% in July. It was 4.6% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.0% in August, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	27,321	27,032	26,828	289	493
Unemployed	1,755	1,623	1,271	132	484
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.0%	4.7%	0.4	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.1</i>
Employed	25,566	25,409	25,557	157	9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,080	11,990	11,740	90	340
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,180</i>	<i>12,200</i>	<i>11,830</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>350</i>
Total private	10,180	10,180	10,020	0	160
Mining, logging, and construction	950	940	960	10	-10
Mining and logging	200	200	210	0	-10
Construction	750	740	750	10	0
Manufacturing	1,480	1,480	1,480	0	0
Durable goods	1,100	1,100	1,110	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	230	240	230	-10	0
Nondurable goods	380	380	370	0	10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,260	2,270	2,340	-10	-80
Retail trade	1,570	1,580	1,620	-10	-50
Information	50	50	60	0	-10
Financial activities	500	500	510	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,240	1,250	1,080	-10	160
Private education and health services	1,740	1,720	1,650	20	90
Leisure and hospitality	1,490	1,500	1,470	-10	20
Other services	470	470	470	0	0
Government	1,900	1,810	1,720	90	180
Federal government	70	80	80	-10	-10
State government	230	230	230	0	0
Local government	1,600	1,500	1,410	100	190
Local education	900	800	700	100	200
Local government excluding educational services	700	700	710	0	-10

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)

	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024
United States	4.3	4.2	4.2
State of Oregon	5.0	4.9	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.3	4.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.8	4.7	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.1	4.0	3.6
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	4.9	4.8	4.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.1	6.8	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.6	5.4	4.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.7	4.6	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.7	4.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.5	5.3	4.7
Benton	4.1	4.0	3.6
Clackamas	4.7	4.6	3.9
Clatsop	5.0	4.9	4.3
Columbia	5.7	5.5	4.6
Coos	5.7	5.5	4.9
Crook	5.4	5.3	5.2
Curry	6.5	6.3	5.9
Deschutes	4.6	4.6	4.1
Douglas	6.1	5.9	5.4
Gilliam	4.8	4.6	4.7
Grant	7.3	7.0	6.4
Harney	4.8	4.7	4.5
Hood River	4.0	4.0	3.4
Jackson	5.6	5.4	4.9
Jefferson	5.4	5.2	4.7
Josephine	7.1	6.8	6.0
Klamath	7.0	6.8	5.9
Lake	6.2	6.1	5.0
Lane	4.9	4.8	4.2
Lincoln	5.8	5.6	5.1
Linn	5.4	5.3	4.7
Malheur	4.7	4.6	4.0
Marion	4.9	4.8	4.1
Morrow	4.9	4.9	3.9
Multnomah	4.9	4.8	4.1
Polk	4.7	4.6	4.0
Sherman	4.7	4.4	3.8
Tillamook	5.2	5.1	4.3
Umatilla	5.4	5.3	4.6
Union	5.6	5.6	4.7
Wallowa	5.7	5.5	4.6
Wasco	5.0	4.9	4.3
Washington	4.7	4.5	3.7
Wheeler	3.9	3.9	3.8
Yamhill	4.6	4.5	3.9

(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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