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## **Employment in the Columbia Gorge: June 2025**

### **Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in four of the five Columbia Gorge counties over the month.**

Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in June and is now 3.9%, up from May's rate of 3.8%. Hood River County's unemployment rate ranked as Oregon's lowest, just above Benton County's 4.0%. Over the year, the county's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up by 0.5 percentage point.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment decreased by 80 (-0.7%) in June and was estimated at 11,930 jobs. Private-sector employment decreased over the month (-130 jobs) with the largest losses occurring within leisure and hospitality (-160 jobs). Public-sector employment rose by 50 jobs over the month.

Hood River County's total nonfarm employment increased by 30 jobs over the year ending in June, representing a gain of 0.3%. Gains were not as widespread as losses, but they were stronger and took place within leisure and hospitality (+80 jobs); trade, transportation, and utilities (+60 jobs); government (+20 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+10 jobs). Job losses were concentrated within manufacturing (-50 jobs); information (-30 jobs); and private education and health services (-30 jobs). Smaller losses of 10 jobs each were seen in financial activities; professional and business services; and other services.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 4.7% as of June, up from 4.6% in May. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 0.5 percentage point higher.

Wasco County's nonfarm employment increased by 1.1%, or 120, totaling 10,690 as of June. Private industry employment gained 90 jobs, bringing employment up to 8,210. Government employment rose by 30 jobs and is now 2,480. Private job gains were seen in leisure and hospitality (+80 jobs); other services (+10 jobs); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+10 jobs). Losses were minimal and took place within the information industry (-10 jobs).

Wasco County's private industry employment declined by 30 (-0.4 %) jobs over the year ending in June. Losses were strongest in trade, transportation, and utilities, which lost 70 jobs, other services (-30 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (-30 jobs). Smaller losses also occurred in financial activities (-20

jobs), while all other major industries saw little to no change over the year. Gains were mainly concentrated in the public sector (+110 jobs), with most of those employment gains taking place within local government (+110 jobs). Federal government was the only subsector of government employment to lose jobs over the year (-20 jobs). Within the private sector, private education and health services (+60 jobs); professional and business services (+40 jobs); manufacturing (+10 jobs); and mining, logging, and construction (+10 jobs) gained jobs over the year.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased over the month, going from a revised rate of 4.5% in May to 4.6% in June. Over the year, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 0.1 percentage point lower. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment increased by 20 jobs (+2.0%) from May to June and is now at 1,020 jobs. Most of these over the month gains were public-sector gains that took place in local government (+15 jobs). Over the year, the private sector gained 110 jobs, while government employment increased by five jobs, with local government gaining 10 jobs and federal government losing five jobs.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate went from 4.0% in May to 4.1% in June and increased by 0.2 percentage point over the year. Sherman County's nonfarm employment increased by 25 jobs (+2.6%) in June and stands at 1,000. Private-sector employment rose by five jobs. Public-sector employment gains were stronger and rose by 20 jobs. Over the year ending in June, private industry added 25 jobs, bringing the total to 665, a 3.9% increase. These gains were offset by losses in government employment, particularly at the federal level (-30 jobs).

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly from a rate of 4.1% in May to 4.0% in June. Over the year, Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was up by 0.3 percentage point. Total nonfarm employment saw little to no change from May to June and stands at 340 jobs. Over the year ending in June, private industry employment declined by 35 and was estimated to be 160. Government employment increased by five jobs during the same period. Over the year, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is down 30 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, August 13.

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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## Hood River County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	13,852	13,289	13,796	563	56
Unemployed	572	534	463	38	109
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.0%	3.4%	0.1	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%	0.1	0.5
Employed	13,280	12,755	13,333	525	-53
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,930	12,010	11,900	-80	30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,990	12,060	11,970	-70	20
Total private	10,310	10,440	10,300	-130	10
Mining, logging, and construction	580	580	570	0	10
Manufacturing	1,720	1,680	1,770	40	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,020	2,030	1,960	-10	60
Wholesale trade	320	360	370	-40	-50
Retail trade	1,530	1,510	1,430	20	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	170	160	160	10	10
Information	80	80	110	0	-30
Financial activities	350	350	360	0	-10
Professional and business services	970	970	980	0	-10
Private education and health services	1,990	2,000	2,020	-10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	2,270	2,430	2,190	-160	80
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	390	700	310	-310	80
Accommodation and food services	1,880	1,730	1,880	150	0
Accommodation	550	530	510	20	40
Food services and drinking places	1,330	1,200	1,370	130	-40
Other services	330	320	340	10	-10
Government	1,620	1,570	1,600	50	20
Federal government	130	130	150	0	-20
State government	150	150	130	0	20
Local government	1,340	1,290	1,320	50	20
Local education	790	750	790	40	0
Local government excluding educational services	550	540	530	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.



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## Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	15,391	12,689	14,893	2,702	498
Unemployed	678	597	518	81	160
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.7%	3.5%	-0.3	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Employed	14,713	12,092	14,375	2,621	338
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,690	10,570	10,610	120	80
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,390</i>	<i>10,500</i>	<i>10,320</i>	<i>-110</i>	<i>70</i>
Total private	8,210	8,120	8,240	90	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	520	520	510	0	10
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	470	470	450	0	20
Manufacturing	470	470	460	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,960	1,950	2,030	10	-70
Wholesale trade	180	180	200	0	-20
Retail trade	1,520	1,520	1,560	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	260	250	270	10	-10
Information	270	280	270	-10	0
Financial activities	270	270	290	0	-20
Professional and business services	630	630	590	0	40
Private education and health services	2,270	2,270	2,210	0	60
Ambulatory health care services	500	500	450	0	50
Nursing and residential care facilities	510	510	500	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	1,440	1,360	1,470	80	-30
Accommodation and food services	1,290	1,240	1,330	50	-40
Other services	380	370	410	10	-30
Government	2,480	2,450	2,370	30	110
Federal government	280	280	300	0	-20
State government	330	320	310	10	20
Local government	1,870	1,850	1,760	20	110
Indian tribal	60	60	10	0	50
Local education	1,010	1,010	950	0	60
Local government excluding education and tribal	800	780	800	20	0

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### Gilliam County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	1,034	1,012	941	22	93
Unemployed	50	42	42	8	8
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.2%	4.5%	0.6	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	984	970	899	14	85
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,020	1,000	905	20	115
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	1,010	1,035	895	-25	115
Total private	720	715	610	5	110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	115	110	120	5	-5
Professional and business services	225	225	220	0	5
Private education and health services	70	70	75	0	-5
Leisure and hospitality	40	35	35	5	5
Government	300	285	295	15	5
Federal government	10	10	15	0	-5
State government	25	25	25	0	0
Local government	265	250	255	15	10

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### Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	982	963	974	19	8
Unemployed	43	42	38	1	5
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%	0.0	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	939	921	936	18	3
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	1,000	975	1,000	25	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>960</i>	<i>970</i>	<i>960</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>0</i>
Total private	665	660	640	5	25
Trade, transportation, and utilities	350	345	375	5	-25
Retail trade	145	140	130	5	15
Leisure and hospitality	110	105	100	5	10
Government	335	315	360	20	-25
Federal government	120	125	150	-5	-30
State government	25	25	30	0	-5
Local government	190	165	180	25	10

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### Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	669	667	712	2	-43
Unemployed	24	24	26	0	-2
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	0.0	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>3.7%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Employed	645	643	686	2	-41
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	340	340	370	0	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-30</i>
Total private	160	155	195	5	-35
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30	30	40	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	40	35	45	5	-5
Government	180	185	175	-5	5
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	40	35	30	5	10
Local government	135	145	140	-10	-5

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