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Employment in Columbia County: June 2026

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 60 in June

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in June, unchanged from May, and above the rate of 5.9% in June 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in June, and the national rate was 4.2%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased in June by 60 to 12,380 jobs (+0.5%). 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 10. Private-sector employment was unchanged, and government employment decreased by 10. Leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs (+2.1%). Local education lost 30 jobs (-2.5%).

June's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 90 jobs, an increase of 0.7%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in private education and health services, which added 160 jobs (+8.9%). Professional and business services was down 50 jobs over the year (-4.0%). Local education was up 30 jobs over the year (+2.6%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Aug. 19, and July county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025	May 2026	June 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	26,375	26,267	26,501	108	-126
Unemployed	1,589	1,427	1,518	162	71
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.4%	5.7%	0.6	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>6.0%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Employed	24,786	24,840	24,983	-54	-197
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,490	12,500	12,400	-10	90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,380</i>	<i>12,320</i>	<i>12,280</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>100</i>
Total private	10,320	10,320	10,260	0	60
Mining, logging, and construction	910	920	930	-10	-20
Mining and logging	170	170	190	0	-20
Construction	740	750	740	-10	0
Manufacturing	1,460	1,470	1,480	-10	-20
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,110	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	230	0	0
Nondurable goods	380	390	370	-10	10
Paper manufacturing	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,300	2,300	2,320	0	-20
Retail trade	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Information	60	60	50	0	10
Financial activities	470	470	500	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,210	1,210	1,260	0	-50
Private education and health services	1,950	1,950	1,790	0	160
Leisure and hospitality	1,490	1,460	1,460	30	30
Other services	470	480	470	-10	0
Government	2,170	2,180	2,140	-10	30
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	230	220	220	10	10
Local government	1,860	1,880	1,840	-20	20
Local education	1,180	1,210	1,150	-30	30
Local government excluding educational services	680	670	690	10	-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)

	June 2026	May 2026	June 2025
United States	4.2	4.3	4.1
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.4	5.6
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	4.9	5.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.3	4.2	4.2
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.2	5.1	5.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.8	6.7	7.2
Medford (Jackson County)	5.7	5.6	5.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.0	4.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.9	5.0
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.3	5.7
Benton	4.3	4.2	4.2
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	4.9
Clatsop	4.9	4.9	5.2
Columbia	6.0	6.0	5.9
Coos	5.7	5.7	5.8
Crook	6.0	5.9	5.7
Curry	6.3	6.3	6.7
Deschutes	4.9	4.8	4.9
Douglas	6.2	6.2	6.2
Gilliam	5.3	5.4	5.1
Grant	6.6	6.5	7.6
Harney	4.9	4.7	4.9
Hood River	4.0	4.0	4.2
Jackson	5.7	5.6	5.7
Jefferson	5.6	5.6	5.7
Josephine	6.8	6.7	7.2
Klamath	7.2	7.2	7.2
Lake	5.9	5.8	6.3
Lane	5.2	5.1	5.1
Lincoln	5.9	5.8	6.0
Linn	5.4	5.4	5.6
Malheur	4.6	4.4	4.8
Marion	5.0	5.0	5.1
Morrow	4.6	4.5	5.2
Multnomah	5.2	5.1	5.2
Polk	4.9	4.8	4.9
Sherman	4.9	4.9	5.1
Tillamook	5.3	5.2	5.3
Umatilla	5.3	5.1	5.6
Union	5.0	5.0	5.8
Wallowa	5.9	5.9	5.8
Wasco	5.1	5.0	5.2
Washington	5.0	5.0	4.9
Wheeler	4.6	4.6	4.1
Yamhill	4.8	4.8	4.8

(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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