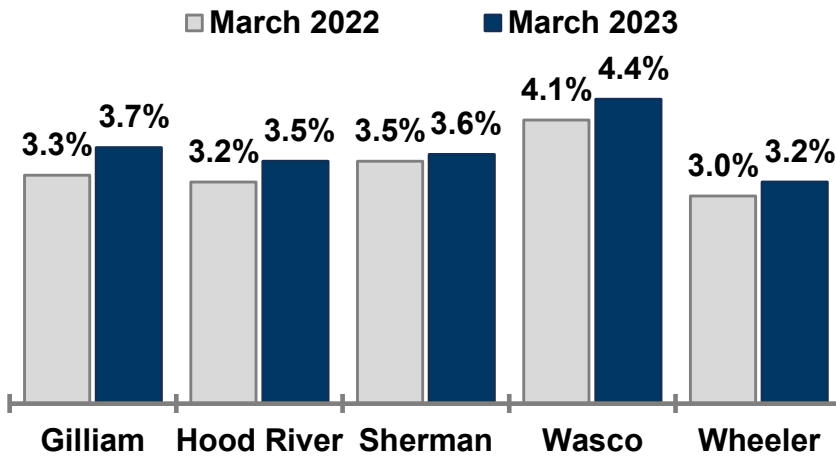




Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

March 2023 Data

Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



Graph of the Month (Columbia Gorge)

The 5 Highest & Lowest Paid Occupation Groups

Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2022 Oregon Wage Information

The 5 Highest Paid Occupation Groups in the Columbia Gorge by Median Wage (2022)

Occupation Title	Median Hourly Wage
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$48.11
Management Occupations	\$38.14
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$36.02
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$34.57
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$30.07

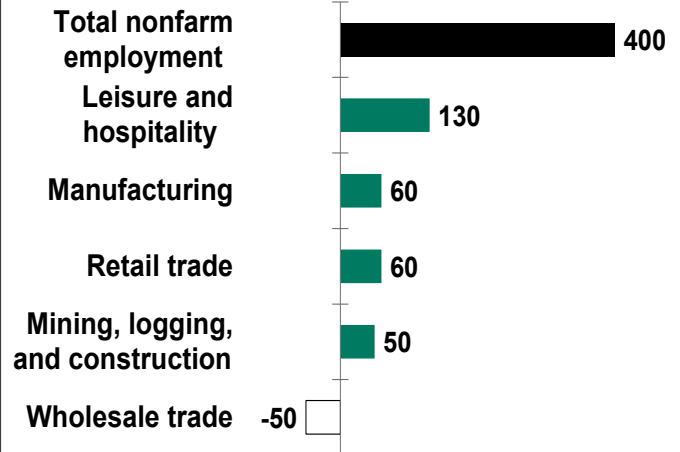
The 5 Lowest Paid Occupation Groups in the Columbia Gorge by Median Wage (2022)

Occupation Title	Median Hourly Wage
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$15.23
Sales and Related Occupations	\$14.85
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$14.54
Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$14.53
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$14.52

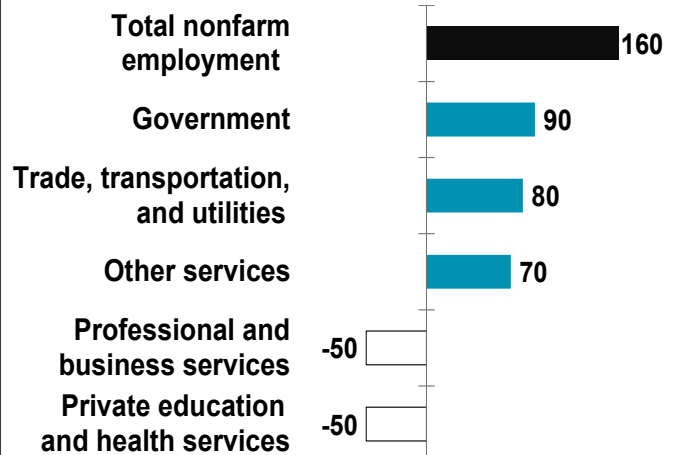
In 2022, the Columbia Gorge median wage for all occupations was \$18.86 an hour. Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations paid the highest median hourly wage (\$48.11), followed by management occupations (\$38.14), and architecture and engineering occupations (\$36.02). Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations, on the other hand, paid the lowest median hourly wage (\$14.52) of any occupation group. This was followed by personal care and service occupations (\$14.53), and food preparation and serving related occupations (\$14.54).

Select Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

Hood River County



Wasco County



Notable Over-the-Year Changes

Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+165)
Private education and health services (+10)
Government (-5)

Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (+65)
Trade, transportation and utilities (+30)
Leisure and hospitality (+10)

Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (+15)
Leisure and hospitality (+10)

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