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Employment in Columbia County: December 2022

Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 30 in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 in December to 11,740 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 70 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment fell by 100. The private sector shed 120 jobs, and government employment climbed by 20. Wood product manufacturing cut 50 jobs. Construction and professional and business services each cut 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 40 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 0.3%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 290 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of December 2019. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Other services and manufacturing each gained 50 jobs over the year. Professional and business services added 40 jobs. On the other hand, private education and health services and retail trade each lost 50 jobs during the year. Local government, excluding education, added 40 jobs compared with the year before.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in December, essentially unchanged from 4.7% in November. It was 4.9% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.5% in December, and the national rate was 3.5%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 7, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 7.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,569	25,553	25,029	16	540
Unemployed	1,333	1,271	1,019	62	314
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.0%	4.1%	0.2	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	4.7%	4.9%	0.3	0.1
Employed	24,236	24,282	24,010	-46	226
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,760	11,860	11,720	-100	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,740	11,770	11,700	-30	40
Total private	9,780	9,900	9,770	-120	10
Mining, logging, and construction	880	910	920	-30	-40
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	690	720	720	-30	-30
Manufacturing	1,660	1,700	1,610	-40	50
Durable goods	1,090	1,130	1,060	-40	30
Wood product manufacturing	250	300	230	-50	20
Nondurable goods	570	570	550	0	20
Paper manufacturing	180	180	170	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,330	2,330	2,390	0	-60
Retail trade	1,590	1,600	1,640	-10	-50
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	570	580	580	-10	-10
Professional and business services	1,020	1,050	980	-30	40
Education and health services	1,460	1,450	1,510	10	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,320	1,330	1,290	-10	30
Other services	490	500	440	-10	50
Government	1,980	1,960	1,950	20	30
Federal government	70	70	80	0	-10
State government	190	180	180	10	10
Local government	1,720	1,710	1,690	10	30
Local education	1,010	1,000	1,020	10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	670	0	40

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)

	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>November 2022</u>	<u>December 2021</u>
United States	3.5	3.6	3.9
State of Oregon	4.5	4.3	4.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.8	4.6	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.4	4.1	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.6	3.5	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.8	4.6	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.1	5.8	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	5.0	4.7	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	3.9	4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.5	4.3	4.3
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.9	4.6	4.5
Benton	3.6	3.5	3.2
Clackamas	3.8	3.6	4.0
Clatsop	4.7	4.5	4.7
Columbia	5.0	4.7	4.9
Coos	5.8	5.6	5.4
Crook	6.0	5.7	5.9
Curry	6.0	5.7	5.9
Deschutes	4.4	4.1	4.3
Douglas	5.6	5.3	5.1
Gilliam	4.1	4.0	3.9
Grant	6.7	6.4	6.0
Harney	5.4	5.1	4.8
Hood River	3.6	3.4	3.7
Jackson	5.0	4.7	4.7
Jefferson	5.9	5.7	5.7
Josephine	6.1	5.8	5.3
Klamath	6.4	6.1	6.1
Lake	6.0	5.6	5.3
Lane	4.8	4.6	4.5
Lincoln	5.8	5.5	5.8
Linn	4.8	4.6	4.7
Malheur	4.6	4.3	3.9
Marion	4.4	4.2	4.3
Morrow	4.2	4.1	4.0
Multnomah	4.2	4.0	4.5
Polk	4.3	4.1	4.1
Sherman	3.4	3.2	3.8
Tillamook	4.6	4.4	4.6
Umatilla	4.9	4.7	4.5
Union	5.0	4.8	4.6
Wallowa	5.5	5.2	5.1
Wasco	4.2	4.0	4.5
Washington	3.5	3.3	3.6
Wheeler	3.2	3.0	3.0
Yamhill	3.9	3.7	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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