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Employment in Columbia County: August 2023

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 10 in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 10 in August to 12,100 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 80 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment increased by 70. The private sector lost 60 jobs, and government employment increased by 130. Paper manufacturing lost 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, added 120 jobs.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 160 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.3%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality gained 180 jobs. Private education and health services was up 160 jobs. On the other hand, nondurable goods manufacturing was down 140 jobs, and professional and business services was down 100 jobs. Local government was up by 180 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in August, essentially unchanged from 4.1% in July. It was 4.9% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.4% in August, and the national rate was 3.8%.

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. 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,085	24,969	25,391	116	-306
Unemployed	1,144	1,131	1,338	13	-194
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.5%	5.3%	0.1	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.1%	4.9%	0.0	-0.8
Employed	23,941	23,838	24,053	103	-112
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,060	11,990	11,900	70	160
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	12,100	12,110	11,940	-10	160
Total private	10,060	10,120	10,110	-60	-50
Mining and logging	180	180	190	0	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	930	930	890	0	40
Construction	750	750	700	0	50
Manufacturing	1,490	1,570	1,700	-80	-210
Durable goods	1,060	1,060	1,130	0	-70
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	260	0	-30
Nondurable goods	430	510	570	-80	-140
Paper manufacturing	80	160	210	-80	-130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,260	2,270	2,370	-10	-110
Retail trade	1,560	1,570	1,610	-10	-50
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	550	540	570	10	-20
Professional and business services	1,040	1,050	1,140	-10	-100
Private education and health services	1,640	1,630	1,480	10	160
Leisure and hospitality	1,570	1,560	1,390	10	180
Other services	520	510	500	10	20
Government	2,000	1,870	1,790	130	210
Federal government	80	70	70	10	10
State government	210	210	190	0	20
Local government	1,710	1,590	1,530	120	180
Local education	960	840	800	120	160
Local government excluding educational services	750	750	730	0	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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>August 2023</u>	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>August 2022</u>
United States	3.8	3.5	3.7
State of Oregon	3.4	3.4	4.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.8	3.9	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.7	3.7	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.7	2.7	3.7
Eugene (Lane County)	3.8	3.9	4.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.7	4.7	5.9
Medford (Jackson County)	4.1	4.3	4.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.3	3.3	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.5	3.5	4.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.1	5.1
Benton	2.7	2.7	3.7
Clackamas	3.2	3.2	4.0
Clatsop	3.6	3.6	4.6
Columbia	4.1	4.1	4.9
Coos	4.3	4.4	5.6
Crook	5.4	5.3	5.8
Curry	4.3	4.4	5.8
Deschutes	3.7	3.7	4.3
Douglas	4.5	4.6	5.5
Gilliam	4.0	3.8	4.0
Grant	5.0	5.1	6.6
Harney	3.9	3.9	5.3
Hood River	2.7	2.7	3.9
Jackson	4.1	4.3	4.9
Jefferson	4.5	4.5	5.9
Josephine	4.7	4.7	5.9
Klamath	5.2	5.4	6.2
Lake	4.7	4.8	5.8
Lane	3.8	3.9	4.8
Lincoln	4.1	4.2	5.5
Linn	3.8	3.9	4.7
Malheur	3.6	3.7	4.7
Marion	3.5	3.6	4.5
Morrow	3.3	3.3	4.4
Multnomah	3.3	3.3	4.0
Polk	3.5	3.6	4.4
Sherman	3.8	3.7	3.4
Tillamook	3.7	3.7	4.7
Umatilla	3.9	4.0	5.0
Union	3.8	3.9	5.0
Wallowa	4.5	4.7	5.8
Wasco	3.7	3.8	4.4
Washington	3.0	3.0	3.6
Wheeler	3.0	3.0	3.4
Yamhill	3.2	3.3	4.0

(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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