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Employment in Columbia County: February 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 40 in February

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 40 in February to 11,920 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 10 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment increased by 50. The private sector gained 20 jobs, and government employment increased by 30. Trade, transportation, and utilities and professional and business services each increased by 10 jobs. Private education and health services decreased by 10 jobs. Local government increased by 20 jobs.

February's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 210 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 1.7%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services was up 100 jobs. On the other hand, manufacturing was down 200 jobs, and leisure and hospitality was down 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was up 100 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in February, up from 4.6% in January. It was 5.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.2% in February, and the national rate was 3.9%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 17.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,283	24,987	25,126	296	157
Unemployed	1,429	1,431	1,154	-2	275
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.7%	4.6%	0.0	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.8%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
Employed	23,854	23,556	23,972	298	-118
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,860	11,810	12,070	50	-210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>11,920</i>	<i>11,880</i>	<i>12,140</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>-220</i>
Total private	9,640	9,620	9,960	20	-320
Mining, logging, and construction	860	860	890	0	-30
Mining and logging	200	200	180	0	20
Construction	660	660	710	0	-50
Manufacturing	1,420	1,420	1,620	0	-200
Durable goods	1,060	1,070	1,070	-10	-10
Wood product manufacturing	220	220	240	0	-20
Nondurable goods	360	350	550	10	-190
Paper manufacturing	0	0	200	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,270	2,260	2,300	10	-30
Retail trade	1,530	1,530	1,550	0	-20
Information	60	60	60	0	0
Financial activities	520	520	540	0	-20
Professional and business services	1,010	1,000	1,040	10	-30
Private education and health services	1,710	1,720	1,610	-10	100
Leisure and hospitality	1,330	1,330	1,410	0	-80
Other services	460	450	490	10	-30
Government	2,220	2,190	2,110	30	110
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	200	190	200	10	0
Local government	1,940	1,920	1,840	20	100
Local education	1,230	1,220	1,130	10	100
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	710	10	0

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)

	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023
United States	3.9	3.7	3.6
State of Oregon	4.2	4.1	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.4	4.1	5.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.8	3.7	4.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.3	3.8
Eugene (Lane County)	4.3	4.1	5.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.3	5.1	6.4
Medford (Jackson County)	4.5	4.3	5.4
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	3.8	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	3.9	4.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.4	4.3	5.4
Benton	3.4	3.3	3.8
Clackamas	3.6	3.5	4.1
Clatsop	3.9	3.7	4.7
Columbia	4.8	4.6	5.3
Coos	4.8	4.6	5.8
Crook	6.1	5.8	6.2
Curry	4.9	4.7	6.1
Deschutes	3.8	3.7	4.7
Douglas	4.9	4.7	6.1
Gilliam	5.2	4.9	3.8
Grant	4.5	4.6	6.6
Harney	4.2	4.0	5.7
Hood River	3.2	3.1	4.0
Jackson	4.5	4.3	5.4
Jefferson	4.6	4.5	6.0
Josephine	5.3	5.1	6.4
Klamath	5.1	5.0	6.7
Lake	5.2	5.2	6.3
Lane	4.3	4.1	5.1
Lincoln	4.3	4.2	5.8
Linn	4.4	4.1	5.1
Malheur	3.7	3.6	5.0
Marion	4.0	3.8	4.7
Morrow	3.5	3.4	4.5
Multnomah	3.9	3.7	4.3
Polk	4.1	3.9	4.7
Sherman	4.3	4.1	3.7
Tillamook	4.0	3.8	4.9
Umatilla	3.8	3.8	5.5
Union	4.1	3.9	5.2
Wallowa	4.2	4.1	6.2
Wasco	3.9	3.8	4.9
Washington	3.5	3.4	3.8
Wheeler	2.9	2.8	3.4
Yamhill	3.8	3.6	4.3

(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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