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## **Employment in Columbia County: April 2024**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 30 in April**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 30 in April to 11,870 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 30 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment was unchanged. The private sector gained 10 jobs, and government employment decreased by 10. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 30 jobs. Leisure and hospitality gained 30 jobs. Other industries had small job losses or were unchanged. Local education decreased by 10 jobs.

April's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 200 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 40 jobs. On the other hand, paper manufacturing was down 210 jobs, and leisure and hospitality was down 70 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was down 50 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in April, essentially unchanged from a revised 5.0% in March. It was 4.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.2% in April, and the national rate was 3.9%.

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Thursday, June 20.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,150	25,268	24,801	-118	349
Unemployed	1,082	1,297	891	-215	191
Unemployment rate	4.3%	5.1%	3.6%	-0.8	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.0%	4.1%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	24,068	23,971	23,910	97	158
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,870	11,870	12,070	0	-200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,870	11,840	12,060	30	-190
Total private	9,770	9,760	9,960	10	-190
Mining, logging, and construction	890	890	900	0	-10
Mining and logging	200	200	180	0	20
Construction	690	690	720	0	-30
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,620	0	-150
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,060	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	240	0	-10
Nondurable goods	390	390	560	0	-170
Paper manufacturing	10	10	220	0	-210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,310	2,280	2,330	30	-20
Retail trade	1,530	1,520	1,570	10	-40
Information	70	70	60	0	10
Financial activities	520	530	520	-10	0
Professional and business services	1,050	1,060	1,040	-10	10
Private education and health services	1,650	1,670	1,610	-20	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,350	1,320	1,420	30	-70
Other services	460	470	460	-10	0
Government	2,100	2,110	2,110	-10	-10
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	220	220	200	0	20
Local government	1,800	1,810	1,840	-10	-40
Local education	1,090	1,100	1,140	-10	-50
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	700	0	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)**

	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023
United States	3.9	3.8	3.4
State of Oregon	4.2	4.2	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.7	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.0	3.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.4	2.7
Eugene (Lane County)	4.3	4.4	3.7
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.5	4.8
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	4.9	4.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.2	3.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.2	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.5	4.6	4.2
Benton	3.4	3.4	2.7
Clackamas	3.7	3.8	3.1
Clatsop	3.9	3.9	3.5
Columbia	4.9	5.0	4.1
Coos	4.8	4.9	4.5
Crook	6.3	6.4	5.2
Curry	5.2	5.3	4.4
Deschutes	4.1	4.0	3.5
Douglas	5.0	5.1	4.5
Gilliam	5.1	5.4	3.7
Grant	4.9	4.9	5.0
Harney	4.4	4.4	4.0
Hood River	3.2	3.2	2.8
Jackson	4.8	4.9	4.1
Jefferson	4.7	4.8	4.4
Josephine	5.4	5.5	4.8
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.2
Lake	5.1	5.3	4.7
Lane	4.3	4.4	3.7
Lincoln	4.6	4.6	4.2
Linn	4.6	4.7	3.8
Malheur	3.9	3.9	3.5
Marion	4.1	4.2	3.5
Morrow	3.7	3.6	3.2
Multnomah	4.0	4.1	3.3
Polk	4.1	4.1	3.6
Sherman	4.2	4.3	3.6
Tillamook	4.0	4.1	3.6
Umatilla	4.0	4.0	4.6
Union	4.4	4.4	3.7
Wallowa	4.4	4.4	4.6
Wasco	4.1	4.1	3.9
Washington	3.7	3.7	3.0
Wheeler	3.1	3.1	2.7
Yamhill	3.8	3.9	3.2

(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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