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Employment in Columbia County: August 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 30 in August

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 in August to 12,040 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment increased by 40. The private sector lost 40 jobs, and government employment increased by 80. Leisure and hospitality lost 30 jobs. Local education gained 70 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

August's total nonfarm employment numbers showed an increase of 290 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.5%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 210 jobs (+19.6%). On the other hand, paper manufacturing lost 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was up 100 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in August, down from 4.7% in July. It was 4.4% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.0% in August, and the national rate was 4.2%.

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. 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2024	July 2024	August 2023	July 2024	August 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,307	25,185	25,111	122	196
Unemployed	1,178	1,258	1,190	-80	-12
Unemployment rate	4.7%	5.0%	4.7%	-0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	4.4%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	24,129	23,927	23,921	202	208
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,930	11,890	11,640	40	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,040	12,070	11,740	-30	300
Total private	10,140	10,180	9,950	-40	190
Mining, logging, and construction	900	900	930	0	-30
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	710	710	730	0	-20
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,480	0	20
Durable goods	1,120	1,120	1,060	0	60
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	230	0	10
Nondurable goods	380	380	420	0	-40
Paper manufacturing	0	0	80	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,340	2,270	-20	50
Retail trade	1,580	1,590	1,570	-10	10
Information	70	70	70	0	0
Financial activities	530	530	540	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,280	1,290	1,070	-10	210
Private education and health services	1,630	1,610	1,680	20	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,470	1,500	1,450	-30	20
Other services	440	440	460	0	-20
Government	1,790	1,710	1,690	80	100
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,490	1,410	1,400	80	90
Local education	780	710	680	70	100
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	720	10	-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)

	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>July 2024</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
United States	4.2	4.3	3.8
State of Oregon	4.0	4.1	3.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.4	4.5	4.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.1	3.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.2	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	4.1	4.2	3.9
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.5	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.7	4.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.0	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.9	4.0	3.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.2	4.4	4.4
Benton	3.2	3.2	3.0
Clackamas	3.7	3.7	3.4
Clatsop	4.0	4.0	3.7
Columbia	4.6	4.7	4.4
Coos	4.7	4.7	4.5
Crook	5.8	6.0	5.7
Curry	5.3	5.4	4.6
Deschutes	4.0	4.1	3.7
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.6
Gilliam	4.7	4.7	4.4
Grant	5.5	5.2	5.1
Harney	4.3	4.4	4.1
Hood River	3.1	3.1	3.0
Jackson	4.6	4.7	4.3
Jefferson	4.7	4.7	4.6
Josephine	5.4	5.5	5.0
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.1
Lake	4.9	5.0	4.9
Lane	4.1	4.2	3.9
Lincoln	4.7	4.7	4.2
Linn	4.4	4.5	4.1
Malheur	3.7	3.8	3.6
Marion	4.0	4.0	3.7
Morrow	3.7	3.7	3.4
Multnomah	3.9	3.9	3.6
Polk	3.9	3.9	3.7
Sherman	3.7	3.9	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.8
Umatilla	4.0	4.0	4.2
Union	4.6	4.6	3.9
Wallowa	4.3	4.3	4.3
Wasco	4.0	4.1	4.0
Washington	3.5	3.6	3.3
Wheeler	2.9	3.1	2.9
Yamhill	3.6	3.6	3.5

(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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