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Employment in the Columbia Gorge: June 2024

Job Trends Mixed Over the Year

In June, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.2%. Hood River County's unemployment rate ranked as Oregon's second lowest, trailing Wheeler but just ahead of Benton's 3.3%. Over the year, the county's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up by 0.4 percentage point.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment rose by 40 in June and was estimated at 11,740 jobs. Leisure and hospitality lost 80 jobs and wholesale trade employment fell by 30. Job gains were estimated in retail trade (+40) and manufacturing (+30). Local government rose by 50 jobs and federal government added 10 jobs over the month.

Hood River County's private-industry employment fell by 370 jobs over the year ending in June, a loss of 3.5%. Losses were seen in retail trade (-160), manufacturing (-70), and professional and business services (-60).

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed in June at 4.0%, tied with Deschutes, Marion, and Multnomah counties. Over the year, Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point.

Wasco County's nonfarm employment increased by 270 to reach 10,660 in June. Private industry added 130 jobs, rising to 8,310, while government rose by 140 jobs to reach 2,350 jobs. Leisure and hospitality gained 80 jobs, and other services added 20 jobs over the month.

Wasco County's private-industry employment fell by 90 jobs over the year ending in June. Losses were posted in manufacturing (-50); financial activities (-30); and retail trade (-20). On the other hand, jobs were added in construction (+40); and local government excluding education and tribal (+50).

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged lower by 0.2 percentage point in June to 4.8%, rising by 0.7 percentage points over the year ending in June. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment climbed by 20 jobs in June with 840 jobs. Over the year, the private sector lost 70 jobs (-11.6%), while government employment added 10 jobs to reach 305.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged down in June to 4.1%. Over the year, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point. Sherman County's nonfarm employment rose by 35 in June and stood at 990. Local government added 25 jobs and leisure and hospitality employment climbed by 10. Over the year ending in June, private industry added 20 jobs, rising to 660, and government employment increased by five jobs and stood at 330.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was also little changed in June at 3.0%, ranking as Oregon's lowest. Over the year, Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point. Nonfarm employment decreased by 10 and reached 370 jobs in June. Over the year ending in June, private industry employment was flat and was estimated at 190, and government fell by five to reach 195.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 20th, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, August 14th.

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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Hood River County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	14,128	13,535	14,291	593	-163
Unemployed	442	408	416	34	26
Unemployment rate	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	0.1	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	0.0	0.4
Employed	13,686	13,127	13,875	559	-189
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,740	11,700	12,110	40	-370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,850	11,850	12,220	0	-370
Total private	10,150	10,170	10,520	-20	-370
Mining, logging, and construction	570	570	610	0	-40
Manufacturing	1,810	1,780	1,880	30	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,750	1,730	1,900	20	-150
Wholesale trade	340	370	340	-30	0
Retail trade	1,270	1,230	1,430	40	-160
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	140	130	130	10	10
Information	110	100	140	10	-30
Financial activities	340	340	330	0	10
Professional and business services	1,010	1,010	1,070	0	-60
Private education and health services	1,950	1,960	1,960	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	2,250	2,330	2,260	-80	-10
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	350	570	390	-220	-40
Accommodation and food services	1,900	1,760	1,870	140	30
Accommodation	530	510	510	20	20
Food services and drinking places	1,370	1,250	1,360	120	10
Other services	360	350	370	10	-10
Government	1,590	1,530	1,590	60	0
Federal government	150	140	140	10	10
State government	130	130	130	0	0
Local government	1,310	1,260	1,320	50	-10
Local education	790	760	770	30	20
Local government excluding educational services	520	500	550	20	-30

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.



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Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	14,060	12,889	13,991	1,171	69
Unemployed	498	487	494	11	4
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	-0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.1%	3.9%	-0.1	0.1
Employed	13,562	12,402	13,497	1,160	65
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,660	10,390	10,650	270	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,410	10,340	10,400	70	10
Total private	8,310	8,180	8,400	130	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	510	500	470	10	40
Mining and logging	60	50	60	10	0
Construction	450	450	410	0	40
Manufacturing	470	470	520	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,070	2,080	2,110	-10	-40
Wholesale trade	200	200	190	0	10
Retail trade	1,590	1,600	1,610	-10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	280	280	310	0	-30
Information	290	280	260	10	30
Financial activities	290	290	320	0	-30
Professional and business services	600	590	620	10	-20
Private education and health services	2,240	2,230	2,260	10	-20
Ambulatory health care services	500	490	500	10	0
Nursing and residential care facilities	450	450	490	0	-40
Leisure and hospitality	1,440	1,360	1,440	80	0
Accommodation and food services	1,300	1,250	1,310	50	-10
Other services	400	380	400	20	0
Government	2,350	2,210	2,250	140	100
Federal government	290	280	280	10	10
State government	300	280	280	20	20
Local government	1,760	1,650	1,690	110	70
Indian tribal	10	10	10	0	0
Local education	950	870	930	80	20
Local government excluding education and tribal	800	770	750	30	50

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Gilliam County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	899	883	940	16	-41
Unemployed	41	37	41	4	0
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.2%	4.4%	0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	5.0%	4.1%	-0.2	0.7
Employed	858	846	899	12	-41
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	840	820	900	20	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	850	840	905	10	-55
Total private	535	525	605	10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	125	120	150	5	-25
Professional and business services	215	210	230	5	-15
Private education and health services	85	85	85	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	30	30	40	0	-10
Government	305	295	295	10	10
Federal government	15	15	15	0	0
State government	25	25	25	0	0
Local government	265	255	255	10	10

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Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	999	977	982	22	17
Unemployed	36	36	40	0	-4
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%	-0.1	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	963	941	942	22	21
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	990	955	965	35	25
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	950	950	925	0	25
Total private	660	650	640	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	365	370	350	-5	15
Retail trade	130	125	135	5	-5
Leisure and hospitality	110	100	105	10	5
Government	330	305	325	25	5
Federal government	130	130	135	0	-5
State government	25	25	25	0	0
Local government	175	150	165	25	10

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Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	809	824	818	-15	-9
Unemployed	23	22	24	1	-1
Unemployment rate	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	0.1	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%	-0.1	0.2
Employed	786	802	794	-16	-8
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	370	380	375	-10	-5
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	360	370	365	-10	-5
Total private	190	185	190	5	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	40	40	30	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	45	40	50	5	-5
Government	180	195	185	-15	-5
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	35	35	35	0	0
Local government	140	155	145	-15	-5

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