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## **Employment in Clatsop County: February 2021**

### **Employment fell by 190 more than expected in February**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 190 in February to 17,490 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 220 jobs was expected for the month, but the county added only 30 jobs. The private sector lost 10 jobs, and total government employment rose by 40. Retail trade cut 40 jobs. Local government, including education, added 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

February's total nonfarm employment numbers were down from the previous year by 1,610 jobs, a decrease of 8.7%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though leisure and hospitality has borne the brunt of the recession with a loss of 1,080 jobs over the year – a drop of 22.9%.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged from last month. It was 8.1% in February and 8.2% in January. It was 3.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.1% in February, and the national rate was 6.2%.

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 13.

## Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	19,120	19,168	18,758	-48	362
Unemployed	1,699	1,766	711	-67	988
Unemployment rate	8.9%	9.2%	3.8%	-0.3	5.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>8.1%</i>	<i>8.2%</i>	<i>3.3%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>4.8</i>
Employed	17,421	17,402	18,047	19	-626
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	16,910	16,880	18,520	30	-1,610
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>17,490</i>	<i>17,680</i>	<i>19,150</i>	<i>-190</i>	<i>-1,660</i>
Total private	14,370	14,380	15,780	-10	-1,410
Mining, logging, and construction	1,180	1,180	1,140	0	40
Mining and logging	150	150	150	0	0
Construction	1,030	1,030	990	0	40
Manufacturing	1,690	1,690	1,680	0	10
Durable goods	400	400	430	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	240	0	0
Nondurable goods	1,290	1,290	1,250	0	40
Food manufacturing	510	510	450	0	60
Paper manufacturing	700	700	720	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,350	3,380	3,440	-30	-90
Wholesale trade	180	180	190	0	-10
Retail trade	2,900	2,940	2,970	-40	-70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	260	280	10	-10
Information	120	120	150	0	-30
Financial activities	700	690	740	10	-40
Professional and business services	690	680	690	10	0
Education and health services	2,440	2,440	2,620	0	-180
Leisure and hospitality	3,640	3,630	4,720	10	-1,080
Accommodation and food services	3,360	3,360	4,470	0	-1,110
Accommodation	1,230	1,240	1,480	-10	-250
Food services and drinking places	2,130	2,120	2,990	10	-860
Other services	560	570	600	-10	-40
Government	2,540	2,500	2,740	40	-200
Federal government	200	200	170	0	30
State government	320	320	320	0	0
Local government	2,020	1,980	2,250	40	-230
Local education	970	950	1,120	20	-150
Local government excluding educational services	1,050	1,030	1,130	20	-80

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>February 2021</u>	<u>January 2021</u>	<u>February 2020</u>
United States	6.2	6.3	3.5
State of Oregon	6.1	6.2	3.5
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	6.8	6.9	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	6.8	7.0	3.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.9	4.9	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	6.3	6.2	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.7	6.7	4.3
Medford (Jackson County)	6.2	6.2	3.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.2	6.3	3.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.9	5.9	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.6	5.7	4.1
Benton	4.9	4.9	2.6
Clackamas	6.0	6.2	3.0
Clatsop	8.1	8.2	3.3
Columbia	6.7	6.9	4.1
Coos	7.0	7.0	4.2
Crook	8.0	8.0	4.8
Curry	7.1	7.4	4.6
Deschutes	6.8	7.0	3.4
Douglas	6.1	6.2	4.3
Gilliam	4.7	5.1	4.1
Grant	6.5	6.9	5.7
Harney	4.8	5.0	4.3
Hood River	5.2	5.2	2.6
Jackson	6.2	6.2	3.7
Jefferson	6.9	7.1	4.3
Josephine	6.7	6.7	4.3
Klamath	6.7	6.8	5.7
Lake	4.5	4.7	4.1
Lane	6.3	6.2	3.5
Lincoln	8.0	8.5	3.8
Linn	6.8	6.9	3.8
Malheur	4.5	4.4	3.5
Marion	5.9	6.1	3.5
Morrow	5.2	5.0	3.6
Multnomah	6.8	7.2	2.9
Polk	5.6	5.8	3.6
Sherman	4.1	4.2	3.8
Tillamook	6.7	7.2	3.4
Umatilla	5.8	5.6	4.0
Union	7.1	6.0	4.2
Wallowa	4.6	5.0	4.9
Wasco	6.1	6.2	3.6
Washington	5.4	5.7	2.7
Wheeler	3.7	4.1	3.7
Yamhill	5.6	5.9	3.0

(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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