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Employment in Clatsop County: March 2021

Employment rose by 390 more than expected in March

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 390 in March to 17,890 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 70 jobs was expected for the month, but the county added 460 jobs. The private sector accounted for all 460 jobs, and total government employment was unchanged. Leisure and hospitality added 500 jobs of which 370 were in food services and drinking places. Other industries had smaller changes.

March's total nonfarm employment numbers were down from the previous year by 1,170 jobs, a decrease of 6.3%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, but the main losses are now concentrated in three industries: leisure and hospitality (-590 jobs), local government (-240 jobs), and private education and health services (-180 jobs). Local government includes public schools.

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from last month. It was 7.1% in March, down from 8.0% in February. It was 3.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.0% in March, and the national rate was 6.0%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 25, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 18.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	19,378	19,121	18,824	257	554
Unemployed	1,490	1,701	846	-211	644
Unemployment rate	7.7%	8.9%	4.5%	-1.2	3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.1%	8.0%	3.3%	-0.9	3.8
Employed	17,888	17,420	17,978	468	-90
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	17,380	16,920	18,550	460	-1,170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>17,890</i>	<i>17,500</i>	<i>19,090</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>-1,200</i>
Total private	14,830	14,370	15,770	460	-940
Mining, logging, and construction	1,170	1,180	1,180	-10	-10
Mining and logging	160	150	160	10	0
Construction	1,010	1,030	1,020	-20	-10
Manufacturing	1,670	1,690	1,670	-20	0
Durable goods	400	400	430	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	240	0	0
Nondurable goods	1,270	1,290	1,240	-20	30
Food manufacturing	490	510	420	-20	70
Paper manufacturing	710	700	730	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,370	3,350	3,420	20	-50
Wholesale trade	180	180	190	0	-10
Retail trade	2,920	2,900	2,960	20	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	270	270	0	0
Information	120	120	150	0	-30
Financial activities	700	700	740	0	-40
Professional and business services	660	690	650	-30	10
Education and health services	2,440	2,440	2,620	0	-180
Leisure and hospitality	4,140	3,640	4,730	500	-590
Accommodation and food services	3,810	3,360	4,470	450	-660
Accommodation	1,310	1,230	1,490	80	-180
Food services and drinking places	2,500	2,130	2,980	370	-480
Other services	560	560	610	0	-50
Government	2,550	2,550	2,780	0	-230
Federal government	200	200	190	0	10
State government	330	330	330	0	0
Local government	2,020	2,020	2,260	0	-240
Local education	980	970	1,120	10	-140
Local government excluding educational services	1,040	1,050	1,140	-10	-100

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)

	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020
United States	6.0	6.2	4.4
State of Oregon	6.0	6.1	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	6.7	6.7	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	6.6	6.8	3.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.8	4.9	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	6.3	6.3	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.7	6.7	4.2
Medford (Jackson County)	6.1	6.2	3.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.1	6.2	3.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.8	5.9	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.7	5.6	4.1
Benton	4.8	4.9	2.6
Clackamas	5.8	6.0	3.0
Clatsop	7.1	8.0	3.3
Columbia	6.5	6.7	4.2
Coos	7.3	7.1	4.2
Crook	7.3	7.9	4.8
Curry	7.4	7.2	4.6
Deschutes	6.6	6.8	3.3
Douglas	6.6	6.2	4.3
Gilliam	5.7	4.9	4.2
Grant	7.5	6.7	5.8
Harney	5.2	5.0	4.3
Hood River	5.0	5.2	2.6
Jackson	6.1	6.2	3.8
Jefferson	6.8	6.9	4.2
Josephine	6.7	6.7	4.2
Klamath	7.0	6.8	5.8
Lake	5.6	4.6	4.0
Lane	6.3	6.3	3.5
Lincoln	8.0	8.1	3.9
Linn	6.7	6.7	3.8
Malheur	4.4	4.5	3.5
Marion	5.6	5.8	3.5
Morrow	4.8	5.2	3.6
Multnomah	6.6	6.8	3.0
Polk	5.5	5.6	3.6
Sherman	4.6	4.1	4.0
Tillamook	6.5	6.7	3.5
Umatilla	5.7	5.8	4.0
Union	6.2	7.1	4.2
Wallowa	5.1	4.8	4.8
Wasco	5.9	6.1	3.7
Washington	5.2	5.4	2.8
Wheeler	4.2	3.8	3.5
Yamhill	5.4	5.6	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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