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

### **Seasonally adjusted employment dipped by 20 in February**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 in February to 11,180 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 40 jobs is normal for the month, and the county's employment rose by only 20. Private-sector employment was unchanged and total government employment rose by 20 jobs. Professional and business services added 30 jobs over the month. Local government added 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

February's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 850 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 7.1%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in local government education (-360 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-210 jobs).

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7% in February, essentially unchanged from 6.9% in January. It was 4.1% 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.

### Columbia 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	24,548	24,345	24,504	203	44
Unemployed	1,784	1,843	1,065	-59	719
Unemployment rate	7.3%	7.6%	4.3%	-0.3	3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.9%	4.1%	-0.2	2.6
Employed	22,764	22,502	23,439	262	-675
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,060	11,040	11,910	20	-850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,180	11,200	12,040	-20	-860
Total private	9,180	9,180	9,670	0	-490
Mining, logging, and construction	800	800	840	0	-40
Mining and logging	210	210	210	0	0
Construction	590	590	630	0	-40
Manufacturing	1,650	1,640	1,720	10	-70
Durable goods	1,100	1,100	1,150	0	-50
Wood product manufacturing	260	260	260	0	0
Nondurable goods	550	540	570	10	-20
Paper manufacturing	160	160	160	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,170	2,170	2,290	0	-120
Retail trade	1,500	1,510	1,500	-10	0
Information	50	60	50	-10	0
Financial activities	550	560	560	-10	-10
Professional and business services	920	890	910	30	10
Education and health services	1,570	1,560	1,610	10	-40
Leisure and hospitality	1,070	1,100	1,280	-30	-210
Other services	400	400	410	0	-10
Government	1,880	1,860	2,240	20	-360
Federal government	70	80	70	-10	0
State government	180	190	180	-10	0
Local government	1,630	1,590	1,990	40	-360
Local education	960	930	1,320	30	-360
Local government excluding educational services	670	660	670	10	0

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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