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Employment in Columbia County: March 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment rose by 90 in March

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 90 in March to 11,260 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 120 jobs is normal for the month, and the county's employment rose by 210. Private-sector employment added 130 jobs, and total government employment rose by 80 jobs. Leisure and hospitality grew by 40 jobs, and professional and business services added 30 jobs over the month. Local government education added 60 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

March's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 670 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 5.6%. Most major industries lost jobs over the year, though losses were concentrated in local government education (-300 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (-170 jobs).

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.5% in March, essentially unchanged from 6.7% in February. It was 4.2% 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.

Columbia 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 | 24,657 | 24,540 | 24,344 | 117 | 313 |
| Unemployed | 1,709 | 1,782 | 1,207 | -73 | 502 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.9% | 7.3% | 5.0% | -0.4 | 1.9 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6.5% | 6.7% | 4.2% | -0.2 | 2.3 |
| Employed | 22,948 | 22,758 | 23,137 | 190 | -189 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 11,260 | 11,050 | 11,930 | 210 | -670 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 11,260 | 11,170 | 11,930 | 90 | -670 |
| Total private | 9,310 | 9,180 | 9,680 | 130 | -370 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 830 | 800 | 860 | 30 | -30 |
| Mining and logging | 220 | 210 | 210 | 10 | 10 |
| Construction | 610 | 590 | 650 | 20 | -40 |
| Manufacturing | 1,650 | 1,650 | 1,710 | 0 | -60 |
| Durable goods | 1,110 | 1,100 | 1,150 | 10 | -40 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 260 | 260 | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable goods | 540 | 550 | 560 | -10 | -20 |
| Paper manufacturing | 160 | 160 | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 2,180 | 2,160 | 2,270 | 20 | -90 |
| Retail trade | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,480 | 0 | 20 |
| Information | 50 | 50 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Financial activities | 550 | 560 | 560 | -10 | -10 |
| Professional and business services | 950 | 920 | 890 | 30 | 60 |
| Education and health services | 1,580 | 1,570 | 1,630 | 10 | -50 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 1,110 | 1,070 | 1,280 | 40 | -170 |
| Other services | 410 | 400 | 430 | 10 | -20 |
| Government | 1,950 | 1,870 | 2,250 | 80 | -300 |
| Federal government | 80 | 70 | 70 | 10 | 10 |
| State government | 170 | 180 | 180 | -10 | -10 |
| Local government | 1,700 | 1,620 | 2,000 | 80 | -300 |
| Local education | 1,020 | 960 | 1,320 | 60 | -300 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 680 | 660 | 680 | 20 | 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>March 2021</u> | <u>February 2021</u> | <u>March 2020</u> |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 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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