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Employment in Columbia County: April 2021

Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 170 in April

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 170 in April to 11,390 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 130 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's employment fell by 40. Private-sector employment dipped by 10 jobs, and total government employment was down 30 jobs. No single industry had a significant change in employment in April.

April's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 910 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 8.6%. The county lost 1,320 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 410 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment this April. Most major industries gained jobs over the year. Leisure and hospitality added back 400 jobs, private education and health services regained 190, and retail trade recovered 180 jobs. Local government education remained 190 jobs below its level of one year ago.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.0% in April, essentially unchanged from 6.9% in March. It was 13.6% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 6.0% in April, and the national rate was 6.1%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 15.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,771	24,673	23,470	98	1,301
Unemployed	1,683	1,742	3,145	-59	-1,462
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.1%	13.4%	-0.3	-6.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.0%	6.9%	13.6%	0.1	-6.6
Employed	23,088	22,931	20,325	157	2,763
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,520	11,560	10,610	-40	910
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,390	11,560	10,490	-170	900
Total private	9,580	9,590	8,510	-10	1,070
Mining, logging, and construction	930	930	830	0	100
Mining and logging	210	210	210	0	0
Construction	720	720	620	0	100
Manufacturing	1,670	1,670	1,600	0	70
Durable goods	1,080	1,090	1,080	-10	0
Wood product manufacturing	240	250	260	-10	-20
Nondurable goods	590	580	520	10	70
Paper manufacturing	180	170	160	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,310	2,310	2,150	0	160
Retail trade	1,580	1,560	1,400	20	180
Information	40	40	40	0	0
Financial activities	580	580	540	0	40
Professional and business services	940	940	900	0	40
Education and health services	1,600	1,620	1,410	-20	190
Leisure and hospitality	1,110	1,100	710	10	400
Other services	400	400	330	0	70
Government	1,940	1,970	2,100	-30	-160
Federal government	70	80	70	-10	0
State government	190	190	170	0	20
Local government	1,680	1,700	1,860	-20	-180
Local education	1,010	1,020	1,200	-10	-190
Local government excluding educational services	670	680	660	-10	10

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)

	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020
United States	6.1	6.0	14.8
State of Oregon	6.0	6.0	13.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	6.8	6.9	13.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	6.3	6.4	16.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.7	4.7	9.9
Eugene (Lane County)	6.7	6.8	14.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.8	6.7	13.9
Medford (Jackson County)	6.4	6.5	14.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	6.3	6.5	13.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.9	5.8	11.6
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	6.0	6.2	11.2
Benton	4.7	4.7	9.9
Clackamas	6.1	6.0	12.5
Clatsop	7.2	7.2	21.8
Columbia	7.0	6.9	13.6
Coos	7.5	7.5	16.5
Crook	7.6	7.4	15.4
Curry	7.9	7.6	15.5
Deschutes	6.3	6.4	16.2
Douglas	6.8	6.8	14.2
Gilliam	6.1	6.0	8.5
Grant	7.7	7.8	11.4
Harney	5.5	5.5	7.8
Hood River	5.3	5.1	13.0
Jackson	6.4	6.5	14.1
Jefferson	7.0	7.2	12.0
Josephine	6.8	6.7	13.9
Klamath	7.6	7.4	13.8
Lake	5.8	6.0	7.7
Lane	6.7	6.8	14.4
Lincoln	8.3	8.1	23.7
Linn	6.8	6.9	13.9
Malheur	5.0	4.9	7.7
Marion	6.1	5.9	11.7
Morrow	5.3	5.0	7.2
Multnomah	6.8	6.8	14.2
Polk	6.0	5.8	11.3
Sherman	5.0	4.8	10.6
Tillamook	6.6	6.5	16.0
Umatilla	6.3	6.1	12.5
Union	6.5	6.5	16.3
Wallowa	5.6	5.6	11.0
Wasco	6.2	6.0	12.2
Washington	5.3	5.2	10.7
Wheeler	3.3	4.3	5.2
Yamhill	5.9	5.7	11.9

(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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