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Employment in Columbia County: March 2022

Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 50 in March

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 50 in March to 11,750 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 increased by only 80. Construction added 30 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

March's total nonfarm employment numbers show a gain of 250 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.2%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 250 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of March 2019. Some of the major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality regained 100 jobs. Retail trade added 60 jobs, and construction increased by 30 jobs. Local government added 70 jobs over the past year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in March, essentially unchanged from 4.5% in February. It was 6.9% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.8% in March, and the national rate was 3.6%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 18.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,548	25,363	24,603	185	945
Unemployed	1,175	1,143	1,696	32	-521
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.5%	6.9%	0.1	-2.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.5%	6.9%	-0.1	-2.5
Employed	24,373	24,220	22,907	153	1,466
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,700	11,620	11,450	80	250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,750	11,800	11,490	-50	260
Total private	9,670	9,570	9,490	100	180
Mining, logging, and construction	920	890	910	30	10
Mining and logging	190	190	210	0	-20
Construction	730	700	700	30	30
Manufacturing	1,630	1,630	1,630	0	0
Durable goods	1,080	1,080	1,080	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	260	0	-10
Nondurable goods	550	550	550	0	0
Paper manufacturing	160	160	160	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,380	2,360	2,280	20	100
Retail trade	1,610	1,600	1,550	10	60
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	560	560	560	0	0
Professional and business services	910	900	930	10	-20
Education and health services	1,550	1,530	1,600	20	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,220	1,210	1,120	10	100
Other services	450	440	410	10	40
Government	2,030	2,050	1,960	-20	70
Federal government	70	80	80	-10	-10
State government	190	190	180	0	10
Local government	1,770	1,780	1,700	-10	70
Local education	1,070	1,080	1,030	-10	40
Local government excluding educational services	700	700	670	0	30

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 2022	February 2022	March 2021
United States	3.6	3.8	6.0
State of Oregon	3.8	4.0	6.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.3	4.4	6.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.6	3.8	6.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.9	3.0	4.7
Eugene (Lane County)	4.1	4.3	6.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.8	5.0	6.7
Medford (Jackson County)	4.2	4.4	6.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	3.9	6.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.8	4.0	5.8
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	3.9	4.1	6.2
Benton	2.9	3.0	4.7
Clackamas	3.5	3.6	6.0
Clatsop	4.0	4.2	7.2
Columbia	4.4	4.5	6.9
Coos	4.8	5.0	7.5
Crook	4.9	5.2	7.4
Curry	5.1	5.3	7.6
Deschutes	3.6	3.8	6.4
Douglas	4.6	4.7	6.8
Gilliam	3.3	3.5	6.0
Grant	5.0	5.4	7.8
Harney	4.0	4.3	5.5
Hood River	3.0	3.2	5.1
Jackson	4.2	4.4	6.5
Jefferson	4.6	4.8	7.2
Josephine	4.8	5.0	6.7
Klamath	5.3	5.5	7.4
Lake	4.6	4.7	6.0
Lane	4.1	4.3	6.8
Lincoln	5.0	5.2	8.1
Linn	4.3	4.4	6.9
Malheur	3.4	3.5	4.9
Marion	3.7	3.9	5.9
Morrow	3.4	3.5	5.0
Multnomah	4.0	4.1	6.8
Polk	3.7	3.8	5.8
Sherman	3.2	3.4	4.8
Tillamook	3.8	3.9	6.5
Umatilla	3.9	4.0	6.1
Union	3.8	4.0	6.5
Wallowa	4.4	4.7	5.6
Wasco	3.9	4.1	6.0
Washington	3.1	3.3	5.2
Wheeler	3.0	3.0	4.3
Yamhill	3.4	3.5	5.7

(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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