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## **Employment in Columbia County: October 2022**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment dropped by 110 in October**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 110 in October to 11,700 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 120 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment rose by only 10. The private sector shed 50 jobs, and government employment climbed by 60. No private-sector industry had a significant change in employment, but most industries registered small losses. Local government education added 60 jobs.

October's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 230 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 2.0%. The county lost 1,360 jobs in April 2020 as the pandemic hit, and it remains 280 jobs below its pre-pandemic employment of October 2019. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Other services added 70 jobs. Manufacturing gained 60 jobs over the year, and professional and business services added 50 jobs. On the other hand, private education and health services lost 100 jobs during the year. Trade, transportation, and utilities shed 70 jobs. Local government education added 180 jobs compared with the year before.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in October, essentially unchanged from 4.3% in September. It was 4.8% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in October, and the national rate was 3.7%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,657	25,468	24,773	189	884
Unemployed	1,217	1,164	1,089	53	128
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	0.1	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.3%	4.8%	0.2	-0.3
Employed	24,440	24,304	23,684	136	756
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,840	11,830	11,610	10	230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,700	11,810	11,470	-110	230
Total private	9,920	9,970	9,870	-50	50
Mining, logging, and construction	950	950	960	0	-10
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	760	760	760	0	0
Manufacturing	1,650	1,660	1,590	-10	60
Durable goods	1,070	1,080	1,040	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	250	260	220	-10	30
Nondurable goods	580	580	550	0	30
Paper manufacturing	180	190	160	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,320	2,330	2,390	-10	-70
Retail trade	1,580	1,590	1,620	-10	-40
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	590	580	580	10	10
Professional and business services	1,030	1,050	980	-20	50
Education and health services	1,460	1,460	1,560	0	-100
Leisure and hospitality	1,360	1,380	1,320	-20	40
Other services	510	510	440	0	70
Government	1,920	1,860	1,740	60	180
Federal government	60	60	80	0	-20
State government	190	190	200	0	-10
Local government	1,670	1,610	1,460	60	210
Local education	970	910	790	60	180
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)**

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

(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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