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Employment in Columbia County: January 2023

Seasonally adjusted employment fell by 30 in January

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 in January to 11,370 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 50 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment fell by 80. The private sector shed 150 jobs, and government employment rose by 70. Leisure and hospitality shed 50 jobs. Professional and business services cut 40 jobs. Local government education was up 60 jobs after the holiday break. Other industries had smaller changes.

January's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 210 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.7%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Other services added 80 jobs over the year. Professional and business services gained 60 jobs, and manufacturing was up 40 jobs over the year. On the other hand, leisure and hospitality lost 40 jobs during the year. Local government, excluding education, added 60 jobs compared with the year before.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in January, essentially unchanged from 5.0% in December. It was 4.8% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.8% in January, and the national rate was 3.4%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 28, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 21.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,217	25,384	24,932	-167	285
Unemployed	1,423	1,341	1,219	82	204
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.3%	4.9%	0.3	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%	0.1	0.3
Employed	23,794	24,043	23,713	-249	81
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,290	12,370	12,080	-80	210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,370	12,400	12,160	-30	210
Total private	10,190	10,340	10,060	-150	130
Mining, logging, and construction	910	940	960	-30	-50
Mining and logging	190	200	190	-10	0
Construction	720	740	770	-20	-50
Manufacturing	1,680	1,690	1,640	-10	40
Durable goods	1,140	1,140	1,080	0	60
Wood product manufacturing	240	250	270	-10	-30
Nondurable goods	540	550	560	-10	-20
Paper manufacturing	210	210	180	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,470	2,490	2,470	-20	0
Retail trade	1,610	1,620	1,600	-10	10
Information	120	130	100	-10	20
Financial activities	580	580	590	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,130	1,170	1,070	-40	60
Private education and health services	1,510	1,500	1,480	10	30
Leisure and hospitality	1,230	1,280	1,270	-50	-40
Other services	560	560	480	0	80
Government	2,100	2,030	2,020	70	80
Federal government	60	70	70	-10	-10
State government	190	180	180	10	10
Local government	1,850	1,780	1,770	70	80
Local education	1,120	1,060	1,100	60	20
Local government excluding educational services	730	720	670	10	60

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>January 2023</u>	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>January 2022</u>
United States	3.4	3.5	4.0
State of Oregon	4.8	4.8	3.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.9	4.8	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.4	4.4	4.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.7	3.6	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.9	4.8	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.2	6.1	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	5.1	5.0	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.0	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.6	4.5	4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.0	4.9	4.3
Benton	3.7	3.6	3.2
Clackamas	3.9	3.8	3.9
Clatsop	4.7	4.7	4.5
Columbia	5.1	5.0	4.8
Coos	5.9	5.8	5.2
Crook	6.1	6.0	5.7
Curry	6.1	6.0	5.8
Deschutes	4.4	4.4	4.1
Douglas	5.7	5.6	5.1
Gilliam	4.0	4.1	3.8
Grant	6.6	6.7	5.9
Harney	5.5	5.4	4.7
Hood River	3.7	3.6	3.5
Jackson	5.1	5.0	4.6
Jefferson	5.9	5.9	5.4
Josephine	6.2	6.1	5.2
Klamath	6.5	6.4	5.9
Lake	6.1	6.0	5.2
Lane	4.9	4.8	4.5
Lincoln	5.8	5.8	5.6
Linn	4.9	4.8	4.6
Malheur	4.7	4.6	3.8
Marion	4.5	4.4	4.2
Morrow	4.3	4.2	3.8
Multnomah	4.2	4.2	4.4
Polk	4.4	4.3	4.0
Sherman	3.5	3.4	3.8
Tillamook	4.7	4.6	4.4
Umatilla	5.1	4.9	4.3
Union	5.0	5.0	4.5
Wallowa	5.6	5.5	5.1
Wasco	4.3	4.2	4.4
Washington	3.6	3.5	3.5
Wheeler	3.2	3.2	3.0
Yamhill	4.0	3.9	3.8

(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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