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## **Employment in Columbia County: April 2023**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged in April**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in April at 12,260 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 30 jobs is normal for the month, and the county's payroll employment rose by 30. The private sector added 40 jobs, and government employment dipped by 10. Leisure and hospitality added 40 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

April's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 180 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.5%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Leisure and hospitality added 110 jobs during the year. Other services added 60 jobs, and private education and health services was up 50 jobs over the year. Construction and manufacturing each shed 50 jobs. Local government education added 60 jobs compared with the year before.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in April, essentially unchanged from 5.0% in March. It was 4.4% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.0% in April, and the national rate was 3.4%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Wednesday, June 14.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	24,670	24,988	25,004	-318	-334
Unemployed	826	1,034	1,039	-208	-213
Unemployment rate	3.3%	4.1%	4.2%	-0.8	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	5.0%	4.4%	-0.4	0.2
Employed	23,844	23,954	23,965	-110	-121
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,290	12,260	12,110	30	180
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,260	12,260	12,080	0	180
Total private	10,140	10,100	10,030	40	110
Mining, logging, and construction	920	920	980	0	-60
Mining and logging	190	190	200	0	-10
Construction	730	730	780	0	-50
Manufacturing	1,610	1,600	1,660	10	-50
Durable goods	1,050	1,050	1,090	0	-40
Wood product manufacturing	220	220	260	0	-40
Nondurable goods	560	550	570	10	-10
Paper manufacturing	200	200	190	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,410	2,390	2,390	20	20
Retail trade	1,590	1,580	1,600	10	-10
Information	60	60	60	0	0
Financial activities	550	550	580	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,110	1,120	1,100	-10	10
Private education and health services	1,550	1,560	1,500	-10	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,400	1,360	1,290	40	110
Other services	530	540	470	-10	60
Government	2,150	2,160	2,080	-10	70
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	190	190	180	0	10
Local government	1,890	1,900	1,830	-10	60
Local education	1,190	1,200	1,130	-10	60
Local government excluding educational services	700	700	700	0	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>April 2023</u>	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>April 2022</u>
United States	3.4	3.5	3.6
State of Oregon	4.0	4.4	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.4	4.8	4.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.4	3.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.1	3.4	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.4	4.8	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.5	6.0	4.8
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	5.2	4.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.8	4.1	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.3	3.8
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.6	5.0	4.2
Benton	3.1	3.4	3.2
Clackamas	3.6	3.9	3.4
Clatsop	4.0	4.4	3.8
Columbia	4.6	5.0	4.4
Coos	5.1	5.6	4.7
Crook	5.7	6.0	4.8
Curry	5.1	5.6	4.8
Deschutes	4.1	4.4	3.7
Douglas	5.3	5.8	4.7
Gilliam	3.2	3.5	4.1
Grant	5.6	6.1	5.6
Harney	4.7	5.2	4.1
Hood River	3.3	3.7	3.0
Jackson	4.8	5.2	4.1
Jefferson	5.1	5.6	4.9
Josephine	5.5	6.0	4.8
Klamath	6.1	6.5	5.5
Lake	5.6	5.9	4.8
Lane	4.4	4.8	4.1
Lincoln	4.9	5.4	4.6
Linn	4.4	4.8	4.1
Malheur	4.3	4.6	3.8
Marion	4.1	4.4	3.8
Morrow	3.8	4.1	3.7
Multnomah	3.8	4.1	3.5
Polk	4.1	4.5	3.8
Sherman	3.6	3.7	3.2
Tillamook	4.2	4.6	3.9
Umatilla	4.7	5.1	4.1
Union	4.5	4.9	4.3
Wallowa	5.5	5.8	5.0
Wasco	4.3	4.7	3.8
Washington	3.4	3.6	3.1
Wheeler	3.0	3.2	3.3
Yamhill	3.7	4.0	3.5

(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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