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Employment in Columbia County: July 2023

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 70 in July

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 70 in July to 12,110 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 190 jobs is normal for the month, but the county's payroll employment decreased by 260. The private sector added 30 jobs, and government employment decreased by 290. Leisure and hospitality gained 50 jobs, while paper manufacturing lost 50 jobs.

July's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a gain of 150 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 1.3%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services gained 170 jobs. Leisure and hospitality was up 160 jobs. On the other hand, durable goods manufacturing was down 60 jobs and retail trade was down 50 jobs. Local government was up by 170 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in July, essentially unchanged from 4.2% in June. It was 4.7% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.4% in July, and the national rate was 3.5%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sep. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sep. 13.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	24,944	24,745	25,252	199	-308
Unemployed	1,130	1,005	1,226	125	-96
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.1%	4.9%	0.4	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%	-0.1	-0.6
Employed	23,814	23,740	24,026	74	-212
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,990	12,250	11,840	-260	150
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	12,110	12,180	11,970	-70	140
Total private	10,120	10,090	10,160	30	-40
Mining and logging	180	180	200	0	-20
Mining, logging, and construction	930	900	930	30	0
Construction	750	720	730	30	20
Manufacturing	1,570	1,610	1,670	-40	-100
Durable goods	1,060	1,050	1,120	10	-60
Wood product manufacturing	230	220	260	10	-30
Nondurable goods	510	560	550	-50	-40
Paper manufacturing	160	210	200	-50	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,270	2,280	2,370	-10	-100
Retail trade	1,570	1,560	1,620	10	-50
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	540	540	570	0	-30
Professional and business services	1,050	1,040	1,190	10	-140
Private education and health services	1,630	1,630	1,460	0	170
Leisure and hospitality	1,560	1,510	1,400	50	160
Other services	510	520	500	-10	10
Government	1,870	2,160	1,680	-290	190
Federal government	70	70	70	0	0
State government	210	210	190	0	20
Local government	1,590	1,880	1,420	-290	170
Local education	840	1,150	700	-310	140
Local government excluding educational services	750	730	720	20	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)**

	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022
United States	3.5	3.6	3.5
State of Oregon	3.4	3.5	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.9	4.0	4.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.7	3.8	4.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.7	2.8	3.6
Eugene (Lane County)	3.9	4.0	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.7	4.9	5.6
Medford (Jackson County)	4.3	4.4	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.3	3.4	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.5	3.6	4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.2	4.8
Benton	2.7	2.8	3.6
Clackamas	3.2	3.2	3.8
Clatsop	3.6	3.7	4.4
Columbia	4.1	4.2	4.7
Coos	4.4	4.6	5.3
Crook	5.3	5.3	5.5
Curry	4.4	4.5	5.4
Deschutes	3.7	3.8	4.1
Douglas	4.6	4.8	5.2
Gilliam	3.8	3.6	4.1
Grant	5.1	5.2	6.3
Harney	3.9	4.1	4.9
Hood River	2.7	2.8	3.6
Jackson	4.3	4.4	4.6
Jefferson	4.5	4.6	5.6
Josephine	4.7	4.9	5.6
Klamath	5.4	5.6	6.0
Lake	4.7	4.9	5.4
Lane	3.9	4.0	4.5
Lincoln	4.2	4.3	5.2
Linn	3.9	4.0	4.5
Malheur	3.7	3.8	4.4
Marion	3.5	3.6	4.2
Morrow	3.3	3.4	4.2
Multnomah	3.3	3.4	3.8
Polk	3.5	3.7	4.2
Sherman	3.8	3.6	3.3
Tillamook	3.7	3.8	4.5
Umatilla	4.0	4.1	4.7
Union	3.9	4.0	4.8
Wallowa	4.7	4.9	5.5
Wasco	3.8	3.9	4.1
Washington	3.1	3.1	3.4
Wheeler	3.0	2.8	3.4
Yamhill	3.3	3.4	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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