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

### **Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 30 in December**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 30 in December to 11,990 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 120 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment only decreased by 90. The private sector lost 100 jobs, and government employment increased by 10. Construction, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality each lost 20 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, added 10 jobs.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 170 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 1.4%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services was up 100 jobs. On the other hand, manufacturing was down 250 jobs, and professional and business services was down 80 jobs. Local government was up by 90 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in December, up from 4.2% in November. It was 5.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 3.7% in December, and the national rate was 3.7%.

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county, metropolitan area, and statewide unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,170	25,148	25,384	22	-214
Unemployed	1,167	1,086	1,341	81	-174
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.3%	5.3%	0.3	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.4%	4.2%	5.3%	0.2	-0.9
Employed	24,003	24,062	24,043	-59	-40
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,960	12,050	12,130	-90	-170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,990	11,960	12,160	30	-170
Total private	9,750	9,850	10,020	-100	-270
Mining, logging, and construction	910	930	860	-20	50
Mining and logging	210	210	190	0	20
Construction	700	720	670	-20	30
Manufacturing	1,410	1,400	1,660	10	-250
Durable goods	1,070	1,060	1,110	10	-40
Wood product manufacturing	230	220	240	10	-10
Nondurable goods	340	340	550	0	-210
Paper manufacturing	0	0	200	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,290	2,310	2,330	-20	-40
Retail trade	1,570	1,580	1,560	-10	10
Information	60	60	60	0	0
Financial activities	530	540	550	-10	-20
Professional and business services	1,010	1,030	1,090	-20	-80
Private education and health services	1,660	1,670	1,560	-10	100
Leisure and hospitality	1,420	1,440	1,420	-20	0
Other services	460	470	490	-10	-30
Government	2,210	2,200	2,110	10	100
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	190	190	190	0	0
Local government	1,940	1,930	1,850	10	90
Local education	1,230	1,220	1,150	10	80
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	700	0	10

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>December 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2022</u>
United States	3.7	3.7	3.5
State of Oregon	3.7	3.6	4.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.0	3.9	5.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.6	3.6	4.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.0	4.0
Eugene (Lane County)	4.0	3.9	5.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.9	4.8	6.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.1	4.1	5.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.7	3.5	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.8	3.6	4.7
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.1	5.4
Benton	3.2	3.0	4.0
Clackamas	3.3	3.3	4.2
Clatsop	3.7	3.6	4.8
Columbia	4.4	4.2	5.3
Coos	4.4	4.3	5.9
Crook	5.7	5.7	6.2
Curry	4.5	4.4	6.1
Deschutes	3.6	3.6	4.7
Douglas	4.5	4.5	6.0
Gilliam	4.6	4.4	3.9
Grant	4.7	4.8	6.9
Harney	3.9	3.9	5.8
Hood River	3.0	2.9	4.2
Jackson	4.1	4.1	5.3
Jefferson	4.4	4.4	6.3
Josephine	4.9	4.8	6.3
Klamath	4.9	4.9	6.6
Lake	5.0	4.9	6.3
Lane	4.0	3.9	5.1
Lincoln	4.1	4.0	5.8
Linn	4.0	3.9	5.1
Malheur	3.6	3.5	5.1
Marion	3.7	3.6	4.8
Morrow	3.4	3.4	4.6
Multnomah	3.5	3.5	4.4
Polk	3.7	3.6	4.7
Sherman	4.0	4.1	3.6
Tillamook	3.7	3.6	5.0
Umatilla	3.8	3.8	5.2
Union	3.8	3.7	5.4
Wallowa	4.1	4.2	6.2
Wasco	3.7	3.7	4.8
Washington	3.2	3.1	3.9
Wheeler	2.7	2.8	3.5
Yamhill	3.4	3.3	4.3

(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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