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## **Employment in Columbia County: March 2024**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 60 in March**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 60 in March to 11,860 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 90 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment increased by 30. The private sector gained 50 jobs, and government employment decreased by 20. Professional and business services added 20 jobs. Other industries had small gains or were unchanged. Local education decreased by 20 jobs.

March's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 240 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 2.0%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services was up 90 jobs. On the other hand, paper manufacturing was down 210 jobs, and leisure and hospitality was down 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was up 60 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in March, up from 4.8% in February. It was 5.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.2% in March, and the national rate was 3.8%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Wednesday, May 15.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,274	25,250	25,087	24	187
Unemployed	1,313	1,423	1,062	-110	251
Unemployment rate	5.2%	5.6%	4.2%	-0.4	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	23,961	23,827	24,025	134	-64
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,890	11,860	12,130	30	-240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,860	11,920	12,110	-60	-250
Total private	9,690	9,640	9,990	50	-300
Mining, logging, and construction	870	860	900	10	-30
Mining and logging	200	200	180	0	20
Construction	670	660	720	10	-50
Manufacturing	1,420	1,420	1,630	0	-210
Durable goods	1,060	1,060	1,070	0	-10
Wood product manufacturing	220	220	240	0	-20
Nondurable goods	360	360	560	0	-200
Paper manufacturing	0	0	210	0	-210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,270	2,270	2,290	0	-20
Retail trade	1,530	1,530	1,540	0	-10
Information	70	60	70	10	0
Financial activities	520	520	530	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,030	1,010	1,050	20	-20
Private education and health services	1,710	1,710	1,620	0	90
Leisure and hospitality	1,340	1,330	1,420	10	-80
Other services	460	460	480	0	-20
Government	2,200	2,220	2,140	-20	60
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	200	200	200	0	0
Local government	1,920	1,940	1,870	-20	50
Local education	1,210	1,230	1,150	-20	60
Local government excluding educational services	710	710	720	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>March 2024</u>	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>March 2023</u>
United States	3.8	3.9	3.5
State of Oregon	4.2	4.2	3.5
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.7	4.6	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.0	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.5	3.4
Eugene (Lane County)	4.4	4.4	4.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.5	5.5	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	4.9	4.8	5.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.2	4.1	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.2	4.2	4.3
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.5	4.4	5.0
Benton	3.4	3.5	3.4
Clackamas	3.7	3.6	3.9
Clatsop	3.9	3.8	4.4
Columbia	4.9	4.8	5.0
Coos	4.8	4.8	5.6
Crook	6.3	6.1	6.0
Curry	5.1	4.9	5.6
Deschutes	4.1	4.0	4.4
Douglas	5.0	4.9	5.8
Gilliam	5.4	5.1	3.5
Grant	4.7	4.5	6.1
Harney	4.3	4.2	5.2
Hood River	3.2	3.2	3.7
Jackson	4.9	4.8	5.2
Jefferson	4.7	4.6	5.6
Josephine	5.5	5.5	6.0
Klamath	5.2	5.1	6.5
Lake	5.2	5.2	5.9
Lane	4.4	4.4	4.8
Lincoln	4.5	4.3	5.4
Linn	4.7	4.6	4.8
Malheur	3.8	3.7	4.6
Marion	4.1	4.0	4.4
Morrow	3.6	3.5	4.1
Multnomah	4.0	3.9	4.1
Polk	4.1	4.0	4.5
Sherman	4.3	4.3	3.7
Tillamook	4.0	4.0	4.6
Umatilla	3.9	3.8	5.1
Union	4.3	4.1	4.9
Wallowa	4.2	4.1	5.8
Wasco	4.0	3.9	4.7
Washington	3.7	3.5	3.6
Wheeler	3.0	2.9	3.2
Yamhill	3.8	3.7	4.0

(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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