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Employment in Columbia County: May 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 40 in May

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 40 in May to 11,830 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 100 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment grew by 60. The private sector gained 60 jobs, and government employment was unchanged. Leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs. Other industries had small job changes or were unchanged.

May's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 220 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 1.8%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Private education and health services was up 20 jobs. On the other hand, paper manufacturing was down 200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality and construction were each down 60 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was down 50 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in May, unchanged from 4.9% in April. It was 4.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.2% in May, and the national rate was 4.0%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 17.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,064	25,152	24,781	-88	283
Unemployed	1,095	1,070	945	25	150
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.3%	3.8%	0.1	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	4.1%	0.0	0.8
Employed	23,969	24,082	23,836	-113	133
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,930	11,870	12,150	60	-220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,830	11,870	12,050	-40	-220
Total private	9,830	9,770	10,040	60	-210
Mining, logging, and construction	900	890	950	10	-50
Mining and logging	200	200	190	0	10
Construction	700	690	760	10	-60
Manufacturing	1,460	1,470	1,590	-10	-130
Durable goods	1,070	1,080	1,040	-10	30
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	230	0	0
Nondurable goods	390	390	550	0	-160
Paper manufacturing	10	10	210	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,310	2,310	2,320	0	-10
Retail trade	1,540	1,530	1,560	10	-20
Information	70	70	70	0	0
Financial activities	530	520	510	10	20
Professional and business services	1,060	1,050	1,060	10	0
Private education and health services	1,650	1,650	1,630	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	1,380	1,350	1,440	30	-60
Other services	470	460	470	10	0
Government	2,100	2,100	2,110	0	-10
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	220	220	200	0	20
Local government	1,800	1,800	1,840	0	-40
Local education	1,090	1,090	1,140	0	-50
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>May 2024</u>	<u>April 2024</u>	<u>May 2023</u>
United States	4.0	3.9	3.7
State of Oregon	4.2	4.2	3.4
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.6	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.1	3.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.4	2.7
Eugene (Lane County)	4.3	4.3	3.7
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.4	4.7
Medford (Jackson County)	4.8	4.8	4.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.1	3.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.1	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.5	4.5	4.2
Benton	3.4	3.4	2.7
Clackamas	3.8	3.7	3.1
Clatsop	3.9	3.9	3.5
Columbia	4.9	4.9	4.1
Coos	4.8	4.8	4.4
Crook	6.3	6.3	5.3
Curry	5.3	5.2	4.4
Deschutes	4.1	4.1	3.5
Douglas	5.1	5.0	4.5
Gilliam	4.9	5.0	3.9
Grant	4.9	4.9	5.1
Harney	4.4	4.4	3.9
Hood River	3.2	3.2	2.8
Jackson	4.8	4.8	4.1
Jefferson	4.7	4.7	4.4
Josephine	5.4	5.4	4.7
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.2
Lake	5.0	5.1	4.7
Lane	4.3	4.3	3.7
Lincoln	4.6	4.6	4.2
Linn	4.6	4.6	3.8
Malheur	3.9	3.9	3.5
Marion	4.1	4.1	3.5
Morrow	3.7	3.7	3.2
Multnomah	4.0	4.0	3.3
Polk	4.0	4.1	3.5
Sherman	4.2	4.2	3.8
Tillamook	4.0	4.0	3.6
Umatilla	3.9	3.9	4.5
Union	4.6	4.3	3.7
Wallowa	4.3	4.3	4.5
Wasco	4.1	4.1	3.9
Washington	3.7	3.7	3.0
Wheeler	3.1	3.1	2.8
Yamhill	3.8	3.8	3.2

(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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