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

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

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 30 in June to 11,860 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 50 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's payroll employment grew by 80. The private sector gained 70 jobs, and government employment increased by 10. Construction and professional and business services added 20 jobs each. Other industries had small job changes or were unchanged.

June's total nonfarm employment numbers showed a loss of 240 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 2%. Some major industries gained jobs over the past year. Professional and business services was up 30 jobs. On the other hand, paper manufacturing was down 200 jobs. Leisure and hospitality dropped 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was down 70 jobs.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in June, down from 4.9% in May. It was 4.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in June, and the national rate was 4.1%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 20, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, August 14.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2024	May 2024	June 2023	May 2024	June 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	24,980	25,045	24,822	-65	158
Unemployed	1,128	1,084	1,043	44	85
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	0.2	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	4.1%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	23,852	23,961	23,779	-109	73
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,010	11,930	12,250	80	-240
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,860	11,830	12,100	30	-240
Total private	9,900	9,830	10,110	70	-210
Mining, logging, and construction	920	900	940	20	-20
Mining and logging	200	200	190	0	10
Construction	720	700	750	20	-30
Manufacturing	1,460	1,460	1,590	0	-130
Durable goods	1,070	1,070	1,050	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	220	0	10
Nondurable goods	390	390	540	0	-150
Paper manufacturing	10	10	210	0	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,310	2,310	2,350	0	-40
Retail trade	1,550	1,540	1,580	10	-30
Information	70	70	60	0	10
Financial activities	530	530	510	0	20
Professional and business services	1,080	1,060	1,050	20	30
Private education and health services	1,660	1,650	1,670	10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	1,390	1,380	1,470	10	-80
Other services	480	470	470	10	10
Government	2,110	2,100	2,140	10	-30
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	230	220	200	10	30
Local government	1,800	1,800	1,860	0	-60
Local education	1,080	1,090	1,150	-10	-70
Local government excluding educational services	720	710	710	10	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>June 2024</u>	<u>May 2024</u>	<u>June 2023</u>
United States	4.1	4.0	3.6
State of Oregon	4.1	4.2	3.5
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.5	4.6	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.1	3.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.3	2.8
Eugene (Lane County)	4.2	4.3	3.7
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.4	5.4	4.8
Medford (Jackson County)	4.7	4.8	4.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.1	3.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.1	3.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.4	4.5	4.2
Benton	3.3	3.3	2.8
Clackamas	3.7	3.7	3.2
Clatsop	3.9	3.9	3.5
Columbia	4.8	4.9	4.1
Coos	4.7	4.8	4.4
Crook	6.1	6.3	5.4
Curry	5.3	5.3	4.4
Deschutes	4.0	4.1	3.6
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.5
Gilliam	4.8	5.0	4.1
Grant	5.0	4.9	5.1
Harney	4.3	4.4	4.0
Hood River	3.2	3.2	2.8
Jackson	4.7	4.8	4.1
Jefferson	4.6	4.7	4.4
Josephine	5.4	5.4	4.8
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.1
Lake	4.8	5.0	4.7
Lane	4.2	4.3	3.7
Lincoln	4.6	4.6	4.1
Linn	4.5	4.6	3.8
Malheur	3.9	3.9	3.5
Marion	4.0	4.1	3.6
Morrow	3.6	3.7	3.3
Multnomah	4.0	4.0	3.4
Polk	3.9	4.0	3.6
Sherman	4.1	4.2	3.9
Tillamook	3.9	4.0	3.6
Umatilla	3.9	3.9	4.4
Union	4.6	4.6	3.7
Wallowa	4.3	4.3	4.4
Wasco	4.0	4.1	3.9
Washington	3.6	3.7	3.1
Wheeler	3.0	3.1	2.8
Yamhill	3.7	3.8	3.3

(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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