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Employment in Columbia County: July 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment unchanged in July

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in July, remaining at 12,100 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 330 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 330. The private sector lost 10 jobs, and government employment decreased by 320. Leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs. Local education lost 330 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

July's total nonfarm employment numbers showed an increase of 620 jobs compared with one year before, an increase of 5.5%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 200 jobs (+18.7%). On the other hand, paper manufacturing lost 100 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was up 330 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in July, down from 4.8% in June. It was 4.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in July, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2024	June 2024	July 2023	June 2024	July 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,219	24,966	24,972	253	247
Unemployed	1,261	1,117	1,133	144	128
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.5%	4.5%	0.5	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.8%	4.3%	-0.1	0.4
Employed	23,958	23,849	23,839	109	119
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	11,920	12,250	11,300	-330	620
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,100	12,100	11,470	0	630
Total private	10,150	10,160	9,860	-10	290
Mining, logging, and construction	900	910	890	-10	10
Mining and logging	190	190	190	0	0
Construction	710	720	700	-10	10
Manufacturing	1,500	1,490	1,490	10	10
Durable goods	1,120	1,110	1,060	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	230	0	10
Nondurable goods	380	380	430	0	-50
Paper manufacturing	0	0	100	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,340	2,340	2,240	0	100
Retail trade	1,590	1,580	1,550	10	40
Information	70	70	60	0	10
Financial activities	530	530	540	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,270	1,280	1,070	-10	200
Private education and health services	1,610	1,620	1,620	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	1,490	1,460	1,490	30	0
Other services	440	460	460	-20	-20
Government	1,770	2,090	1,440	-320	330
Federal government	80	80	70	0	10
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,470	1,790	1,160	-320	310
Local education	760	1,090	430	-330	330
Local government excluding educational services	710	700	730	10	-20

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>July 2024</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>July 2023</u>
United States	4.3	4.1	3.5
State of Oregon	4.1	4.1	3.6
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.5	4.5	3.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.1	4.0	3.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.3	2.9
Eugene (Lane County)	4.2	4.2	3.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.5	5.4	4.9
Medford (Jackson County)	4.7	4.7	4.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.0	3.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.0	3.6
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.4	4.4	4.3
Benton	3.2	3.3	2.9
Clackamas	3.7	3.7	3.3
Clatsop	4.0	3.9	3.6
Columbia	4.7	4.8	4.3
Coos	4.7	4.7	4.4
Crook	6.0	6.1	5.6
Curry	5.4	5.3	4.5
Deschutes	4.1	4.0	3.6
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.5
Gilliam	4.7	4.7	4.2
Grant	5.2	5.0	5.1
Harney	4.4	4.4	4.0
Hood River	3.1	3.2	2.9
Jackson	4.7	4.7	4.2
Jefferson	4.7	4.6	4.5
Josephine	5.5	5.4	4.9
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.1
Lake	5.0	4.8	4.8
Lane	4.2	4.2	3.8
Lincoln	4.7	4.6	4.2
Linn	4.5	4.5	3.9
Malheur	3.9	3.9	3.6
Marion	4.0	4.0	3.6
Morrow	3.7	3.6	3.4
Multnomah	4.0	4.0	3.5
Polk	3.9	3.9	3.6
Sherman	3.9	4.0	4.0
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.7
Umatilla	4.0	3.9	4.3
Union	4.6	4.6	3.8
Wallowa	4.3	4.2	4.4
Wasco	4.1	4.0	3.9
Washington	3.6	3.6	3.2
Wheeler	3.1	3.0	2.9
Yamhill	3.6	3.7	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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