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

### **Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 40 in September**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 40 in September to 12,020 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 140 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment increased by 100. The private sector lost 20 jobs, and government employment increased by 120. Leisure and hospitality lost 20 jobs. Local education gained 120 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

September's total nonfarm employment numbers were essentially unchanged compared with one year before with an increase of 10 jobs. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 210 jobs (+19.6%). On the other hand, paper manufacturing lost 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was down 180 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in September, unchanged from 4.6% in August. It was 4.5% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.0% in September, and the national rate was 4.1%.

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Thursday, Nov. 14.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2024	August 2024	September 2023	--Change From--	
				August 2024	September 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	25,139	25,304	24,929	-165	210
Unemployed	1,142	1,170	1,044	-28	98
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.6%	4.2%	-0.1	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	0.0	0.1
Employed	23,997	24,134	23,885	-137	112
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	12,050	11,950	12,040	100	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,020	12,060	12,010	-40	10
Total private	10,140	10,160	9,930	-20	210
Mining, logging, and construction	890	900	890	-10	0
Mining and logging	200	190	200	10	0
Construction	690	710	690	-20	0
Manufacturing	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Durable goods	1,120	1,120	1,070	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	220	0	20
Nondurable goods	380	380	430	0	-50
Paper manufacturing	0	0	80	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,350	2,330	2,310	20	40
Retail trade	1,570	1,580	1,560	-10	10
Information	70	70	70	0	0
Financial activities	530	530	530	0	0
Professional and business services	1,270	1,280	1,060	-10	210
Private education and health services	1,630	1,640	1,680	-10	-50
Leisure and hospitality	1,450	1,470	1,430	-20	20
Other services	450	440	460	10	-10
Government	1,910	1,790	2,110	120	-200
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,610	1,490	1,820	120	-210
Local education	920	780	1,100	140	-180
Local government excluding educational services	690	710	720	-20	-30

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>September 2024</u>	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>September 2023</u>
United States	4.1	4.2	3.8
State of Oregon	4.0	4.0	3.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.4	4.4	4.2
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.0	3.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.2	3.2	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	4.1	4.1	4.0
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.5	5.4	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.6	4.4
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.0	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	3.9	3.8
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.2	4.2	4.4
Benton	3.2	3.2	3.1
Clackamas	3.7	3.7	3.5
Clatsop	4.1	4.0	3.7
Columbia	4.6	4.6	4.5
Coos	4.8	4.7	4.6
Crook	5.7	5.8	5.9
Curry	5.3	5.3	4.8
Deschutes	4.0	4.0	3.7
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.7
Gilliam	4.7	4.7	4.7
Grant	5.7	5.5	5.0
Harney	4.4	4.3	4.1
Hood River	3.1	3.1	3.0
Jackson	4.6	4.6	4.4
Jefferson	4.7	4.7	4.7
Josephine	5.5	5.4	5.2
Klamath	5.4	5.4	5.1
Lake	4.9	4.9	5.1
Lane	4.1	4.1	4.0
Lincoln	4.7	4.7	4.2
Linn	4.4	4.4	4.2
Malheur	3.7	3.7	3.7
Marion	4.0	4.0	3.8
Morrow	3.7	3.7	3.5
Multnomah	3.9	3.9	3.7
Polk	3.9	3.9	3.8
Sherman	3.5	3.6	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.8
Umatilla	4.0	4.0	4.2
Union	4.6	4.6	4.0
Wallowa	4.3	4.3	4.3
Wasco	4.0	4.0	4.0
Washington	3.5	3.5	3.4
Wheeler	3.0	2.9	2.9
Yamhill	3.6	3.6	3.6

(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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