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Employment in Columbia County: October 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 10 in October

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 in October to 12,220 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 30 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment increased by 40. The private sector lost 20 jobs, and government employment increased by 60. Construction lost 20 jobs. Local education gained 80 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

October's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 270 jobs, an increase of 2.2%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in professional and business services, which added 110 jobs (+10.5%). On the other hand, paper manufacturing lost 80 jobs. Local education, a component of local government, was down 60 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in October, essentially unchanged from 4.6% in September. It was 4.7% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.0% in October, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Next News Releases

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

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2024	September 2024	October 2023	September 2024	October 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,201	25,102	24,915	99	286
Unemployed	1,156	1,133	1,050	23	106
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%	0.1	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	4.7%	0.1	0.0
Employed	24,045	23,969	23,865	76	180
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,280	12,240	12,010	40	270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,220	12,210	11,950	10	270
Total private	10,240	10,260	9,890	-20	350
Mining, logging, and construction	890	910	910	-20	-20
Mining and logging	210	210	200	0	10
Construction	680	700	710	-20	-30
Manufacturing	1,500	1,510	1,510	-10	-10
Durable goods	1,130	1,130	1,080	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	240	0	-10
Nondurable goods	370	380	430	-10	-60
Paper manufacturing	0	0	80	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,380	2,380	2,300	0	80
Retail trade	1,600	1,600	1,540	0	60
Information	130	130	70	0	60
Financial activities	530	530	540	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,160	1,170	1,050	-10	110
Private education and health services	1,680	1,660	1,640	20	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,480	1,490	1,390	-10	90
Other services	490	480	480	10	10
Government	2,040	1,980	2,120	60	-80
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	210	220	210	-10	0
Local government	1,750	1,680	1,830	70	-80
Local education	1,070	990	1,130	80	-60
Local government excluding educational services	680	690	700	-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>October 2024</u>	<u>September 2024</u>	<u>October 2023</u>
United States	4.1	4.1	3.8
State of Oregon	4.0	4.0	4.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.5	4.4	4.3
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.0	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.3	3.2	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.2	4.1	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.6	5.5	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.6	4.6	4.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.0	4.0	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.0	4.0	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.2	4.2	4.4
Benton	3.3	3.2	3.2
Clackamas	3.8	3.7	3.6
Clatsop	4.1	4.0	3.8
Columbia	4.7	4.6	4.7
Coos	4.8	4.7	4.6
Crook	5.6	5.7	5.9
Curry	5.3	5.3	4.9
Deschutes	4.0	4.0	3.8
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.8
Gilliam	4.8	4.7	4.8
Grant	5.9	5.7	4.9
Harney	4.3	4.3	4.2
Hood River	3.2	3.1	3.1
Jackson	4.6	4.6	4.5
Jefferson	4.7	4.7	4.7
Josephine	5.6	5.5	5.3
Klamath	5.5	5.4	5.2
Lake	4.9	4.9	5.2
Lane	4.2	4.1	4.1
Lincoln	4.8	4.7	4.3
Linn	4.5	4.4	4.3
Malheur	3.7	3.7	3.7
Marion	4.0	4.0	3.9
Morrow	3.8	3.7	3.5
Multnomah	4.0	3.9	3.8
Polk	3.9	3.9	3.9
Sherman	3.5	3.6	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.8
Umatilla	4.1	4.0	4.2
Union	4.7	4.6	4.1
Wallowa	4.4	4.3	4.3
Wasco	4.0	4.0	4.0
Washington	3.6	3.5	3.5
Wheeler	3.0	3.0	2.9
Yamhill	3.7	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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