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Employment in Columbia County: November 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 30 in November

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 in November to 12,190 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 10 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 40. The private sector lost 60 jobs, and government employment increased by 20. Leisure and hospitality lost 30 jobs. Local education gained 20 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

November's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 360 jobs, an increase of 3%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities, which added 90 jobs (+3.9%). Leisure and hospitality and professional and business services were each up 80 jobs over the year. Local government, including education, was down 60 jobs over the year.

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in November, unchanged from 4.7% in October. It was 4.7% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in November, and the national rate was 4.2%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 23.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	November 2024	October 2024	November 2023	October 2024	November 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,253	25,230	25,098	23	155
Unemployed	1,161	1,148	1,150	13	11
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	0.0	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0	0.0
Employed	24,092	24,082	23,948	10	144
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,240	12,280	11,880	-40	360
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,190	12,220	11,830	-30	360
Total private	10,180	10,240	9,760	-60	420
Mining, logging, and construction	870	890	880	-20	-10
Mining and logging	210	210	200	0	10
Construction	660	680	680	-20	-20
Manufacturing	1,510	1,500	1,450	10	60
Durable goods	1,140	1,130	1,080	10	60
Wood product manufacturing	220	230	230	-10	-10
Nondurable goods	370	370	370	0	0
Paper manufacturing	0	0	20	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,380	2,380	2,290	0	90
Retail trade	1,600	1,600	1,540	0	60
Information	130	130	60	0	70
Financial activities	520	530	550	-10	-30
Professional and business services	1,160	1,160	1,080	0	80
Private education and health services	1,670	1,680	1,610	-10	60
Leisure and hospitality	1,450	1,480	1,370	-30	80
Other services	490	490	470	0	20
Government	2,060	2,040	2,120	20	-60
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	210	210	210	0	0
Local government	1,770	1,750	1,830	20	-60
Local education	1,090	1,070	1,120	20	-30
Local government excluding educational services	680	680	710	0	-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>November 2024</u>	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>November 2023</u>
United States	4.2	4.1	3.7
State of Oregon	4.1	4.0	4.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.5	4.5	4.3
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.0	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.4	3.3	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	4.2	4.1	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.6	5.6	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.7	4.6	4.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.1	4.0	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.0	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.2	4.4
Benton	3.4	3.3	3.3
Clackamas	3.8	3.8	3.6
Clatsop	4.1	4.1	3.8
Columbia	4.7	4.7	4.7
Coos	4.8	4.8	4.7
Crook	5.5	5.6	5.9
Curry	5.2	5.3	4.9
Deschutes	4.0	4.0	3.8
Douglas	5.0	5.0	4.8
Gilliam	4.8	4.8	4.8
Grant	6.0	5.9	4.9
Harney	4.3	4.3	4.2
Hood River	3.2	3.2	3.1
Jackson	4.7	4.6	4.5
Jefferson	4.7	4.7	4.7
Josephine	5.6	5.6	5.3
Klamath	5.5	5.5	5.2
Lake	4.8	4.9	5.2
Lane	4.2	4.1	4.1
Lincoln	4.8	4.8	4.3
Linn	4.5	4.5	4.3
Malheur	3.7	3.7	3.7
Marion	4.1	4.0	3.9
Morrow	3.7	3.8	3.5
Multnomah	4.0	4.0	3.8
Polk	4.0	3.9	3.9
Sherman	3.5	3.6	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.8
Umatilla	4.1	4.1	4.2
Union	4.6	4.7	4.1
Wallowa	4.4	4.4	4.3
Wasco	4.0	4.0	4.0
Washington	3.7	3.6	3.5
Wheeler	3.0	3.0	2.7
Yamhill	3.8	3.7	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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