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Employment in Columbia County: December 2024

Seasonally adjusted employment unchanged in December

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in December at 12,190 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 60 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 60. The private sector lost 60 jobs, and government employment was unchanged. Professional and business services lost 20 jobs. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

December's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 320 jobs, an increase of 2.7%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, which added 90 jobs (+6.7%). Trade, transportation, and utilities was 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 December, unchanged from 4.7% in November. It was 4.7% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.1% in December, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 11, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Monday, March 10.

Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2024	November 2024	December 2023	November 2024	December 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	25,115	25,256	24,952	-141	163
Unemployed	1,248	1,156	1,216	92	32
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.6%	4.9%	0.4	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.7%	4.7%	0.1	0.1
Employed	23,867	24,100	23,736	-233	131
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,180	12,240	11,860	-60	320
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,190	12,190	11,870	0	320
Total private	10,120	10,180	9,740	-60	380
Mining, logging, and construction	850	860	870	-10	-20
Mining and logging	210	200	200	10	10
Construction	640	660	670	-20	-30
Manufacturing	1,510	1,510	1,470	0	40
Durable goods	1,140	1,140	1,090	0	50
Wood product manufacturing	230	220	230	10	0
Nondurable goods	370	370	380	0	-10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	10	0	-10
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	60	0	70
Financial activities	520	520	520	0	0
Professional and business services	1,140	1,160	1,080	-20	60
Private education and health services	1,670	1,680	1,630	-10	40
Leisure and hospitality	1,440	1,450	1,350	-10	90
Other services	480	490	460	-10	20
Government	2,060	2,060	2,120	0	-60
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	210	210	210	0	0
Local government	1,770	1,770	1,830	0	-60
Local education	1,090	1,090	1,130	0	-40
Local government excluding educational services	680	680	700	0	-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>December 2024</u>	<u>November 2024</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
United States	4.1	4.2	3.8
State of Oregon	4.1	4.0	4.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	4.6	4.5	4.3
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	4.0	4.0	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	3.5	3.4	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	4.3	4.2	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	5.6	5.6	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	4.7	4.7	4.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.2	4.1	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.1	4.1	3.9
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.1	4.1	4.4
Benton	3.5	3.4	3.2
Clackamas	3.9	3.8	3.6
Clatsop	4.1	4.1	3.8
Columbia	4.8	4.7	4.7
Coos	4.9	4.8	4.7
Crook	5.4	5.5	5.9
Curry	5.1	5.2	4.9
Deschutes	4.0	4.0	3.8
Douglas	5.1	5.0	4.8
Gilliam	4.8	4.8	4.8
Grant	6.1	6.0	4.9
Harney	4.2	4.3	4.2
Hood River	3.3	3.2	3.1
Jackson	4.7	4.7	4.5
Jefferson	4.6	4.6	4.7
Josephine	5.6	5.6	5.3
Klamath	5.5	5.5	5.2
Lake	4.7	4.8	5.2
Lane	4.3	4.2	4.1
Lincoln	4.8	4.8	4.3
Linn	4.6	4.5	4.3
Malheur	3.8	3.7	3.7
Marion	4.1	4.1	3.9
Morrow	3.8	3.7	3.5
Multnomah	4.1	4.0	3.8
Polk	4.1	4.0	3.9
Sherman	3.7	3.5	4.1
Tillamook	3.9	3.9	3.8
Umatilla	4.2	4.1	4.2
Union	4.7	4.6	4.1
Wallowa	4.4	4.4	4.3
Wasco	4.1	4.0	4.0
Washington	3.8	3.7	3.5
Wheeler	3.1	3.0	2.7
Yamhill	3.9	3.8	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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