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## **Employment in Columbia County: February 2025**

### **Seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 60 in February**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 60 in February to 11,900 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 40 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's payroll employment decreased by 20. The private sector lost 30 jobs, and government employment grew by 10. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 20 jobs. Professional and business services employment decreased by 30. Other industries had little or no job change over the month.

February's total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 130 jobs, a decrease of 1.1%. Some broad sectors gained jobs over the past year. The largest gain occurred in private education and health services, which added 60 jobs (+3.8%). Professional and business services was down 110 jobs over the year (-9.2%). Local government, including education, was down 100 jobs over the year (-5.5%).

Columbia County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in February, up from 5.0% in January. It was 5.0% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.5% in February, and the national rate was 4.1%.

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Wednesday, April 16.

## Columbia County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2025	January 2025	February 2024	January 2025	February 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	26,922	26,878	26,749	44	173
Unemployed	1,608	1,661	1,356	-53	252
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.2%	5.1%	-0.2	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	0.2	0.2
Employed	25,314	25,217	25,393	97	-79
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,850	11,870	11,980	-20	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	11,900	11,960	12,030	-60	-130
Total private	9,830	9,860	9,870	-30	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	860	870	890	-10	-30
Mining and logging	190	190	190	0	0
Construction	670	680	700	-10	-30
Manufacturing	1,470	1,470	1,470	0	0
Durable goods	1,100	1,110	1,090	-10	10
Wood product manufacturing	220	220	230	0	-10
Nondurable goods	370	360	380	10	-10
Paper manufacturing	0	0	0	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,340	2,320	2,310	20	30
Retail trade	1,580	1,570	1,550	10	30
Information	60	60	70	0	-10
Financial activities	510	510	520	0	-10
Professional and business services	1,080	1,110	1,190	-30	-110
Private education and health services	1,650	1,660	1,590	-10	60
Leisure and hospitality	1,370	1,380	1,380	-10	-10
Other services	490	480	450	10	40
Government	2,020	2,010	2,110	10	-90
Federal government	80	80	80	0	0
State government	220	220	210	0	10
Local government	1,720	1,710	1,820	10	-100
Local education	1,070	1,060	1,120	10	-50
Local government excluding educational services	650	650	700	0	-50

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>February 2025</u>	<u>January 2025</u>	<u>February 2024</u>
United States	4.1	4.0	3.9
State of Oregon	4.5	4.4	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)			4.6
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)			4.0
Corvallis (Benton County)			3.5
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)			4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)			5.5
Medford (Jackson County)			4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)			4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)			4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.2	4.6
Benton			3.5
Clackamas	4.2	4.0	3.8
Clatsop	4.3	4.1	3.9
Columbia	5.2	5.0	5.0
Coos	5.1	4.9	5.0
Crook	5.4	5.4	6.3
Curry	5.1	5.1	5.2
Deschutes	4.1	4.0	4.0
Douglas	5.4	5.2	5.1
Gilliam	4.8	4.8	5.2
Grant	6.3	6.2	4.8
Harney	4.4	4.3	4.3
Hood River	3.5	3.4	3.3
Jackson			4.8
Jefferson	4.6	4.6	4.8
Josephine			5.5
Klamath	5.8	5.7	5.3
Lake	5.1	4.8	5.3
Lane			4.4
Lincoln	5.0	4.9	4.5
Linn			4.6
Malheur	3.9	3.8	3.9
Marion	4.3	4.2	4.1
Morrow	4.5	3.9	3.6
Multnomah	4.4	4.2	4.0
Polk	4.3	4.2	4.1
Sherman	3.7	3.7	4.3
Tillamook	4.3	4.1	4.1
Umatilla	4.6	4.3	4.1
Union	4.9	4.8	4.3
Wallowa	4.6	4.5	4.4
Wasco	4.2	4.1	4.1
Washington	4.1	3.9	3.7
Wheeler	3.8	3.3	3.0
Yamhill	4.2	4.1	3.9

(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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