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## **Employment in the Columbia Gorge: June 2018**

### **Leisure and Hospitality Leads Private Industry Job Growth in June**

Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged in June at 3.1 percent, low enough to rank as Oregon's second lowest (out of 36 counties). Over the year, Hood River County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage point.

Hood River County's nonfarm employment total fell by 50 jobs in June to 11,710. Arts, entertainment, and recreation ended its winter recreational season with the loss of 240 jobs, dropping its total to 300. Accommodation and food services led gaining industries, rising by 130 jobs to total 1,840. Government rose by 20 jobs in June to total 1,410. Manufacturing (+30); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+20); and professional and business services (+20) also added jobs in June. Government rose by 40 jobs to total 1,450, led by an increase of 20 in federal government.

Private industry employment rose by 230 jobs over the year ending in June to total 10,260, an increase of 2.3 percent. Education and health services led private industry with an over-the-year gain of 120 jobs. Professional and business services increased its job total by 70, rising to 1,180. Financial activities took a step back, cutting 40 jobs over the year to total 310.

Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.8 percent in June, ranking ninth among Oregon counties, tied with Clatsop. Wasco County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked eighth in June 2017, at 4.0 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose by 320 jobs in June, increasing Wasco County's total to 10,920. Private industry rose by 250 jobs, reaching 8,730. Government increased its total by 70, rising to 2,190. Leisure and hospitality led private industry in June, rising by 210 jobs to total 1,650. Local government rose by 50 jobs in June to lead the public sector, increasing its total to 1,610. Within local government, Indian tribal rose by 30 jobs to 160 and other local chipped in 20 to reach 690.

Over the year, Wasco County's nonfarm employment total rose by 20 jobs, with government cutting 160 and private industry rising by 180. Education and health services rose by 80 to 2,320, thanks in part to the inclusion of home care workers; state government lost 90, falling to 280. Other services increased its employment total by 50 jobs to reach 460. Professional and business services grew by 40 jobs. Leisure and hospitality gained 30. Wholesale trade suffered an over-the-year loss of 30 jobs, falling to 140. In local government, other local (-30), Indian tribal (-20), and local education (-20) cut jobs.

Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by a scant 0.1 percentage point in June to 3.1 percent, tied with Hood River County and ranked in second position. Last June, Gilliam County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked ninth, at 4.1 percent. Gilliam County's nonfarm employment rose by 40 jobs in June to 840; with 565 jobs in private industry and 275 in government. Over the year, professional and business services rose by 40 jobs to reach 230; trade, transportation, and utilities rose by five; and education and health services gained five. State government lost five jobs over the year and local government cut 15.

Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage point in June to 4.4 percent, ranking 18<sup>th</sup>. Last June, Sherman County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5.0 percent, 0.6 percentage point higher. Sherman County's nonfarm employment rose by 40 jobs in June to reach 855, led by an increase of 30 in local government. Over the year, private industry lost 15 jobs, falling to 485, with trade, transportation, and utilities cutting 10 jobs to total 215. Government shed 20 jobs over the year, falling to 370, with state government cutting 15 and federal government down 10.

Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in June to 3.5 percent, ranking as Oregon's fifth lowest. Wheeler County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ranked seventh in June 2017 when it was 0.4 percentage point higher, at 3.9 percent. Nonfarm employment rose by 10 jobs in June to total 290. Over the year ending in June, private industry cut five jobs, falling to 165, while government lost 15, dropping to 115.

*Note: Effective with the January 2018 data, employment of Oregon's approximately 17,000 home care workers are counted in private health care and social assistance instead of state government. The change was due to legislative action clarifying that for purposes of workforce and labor market information, home care workers are not employees of state government. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.*

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July 2018 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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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**Gilliam County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018	June 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	894	852	898	42	-4
Unemployed	30	23	37	7	-7
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	2.7%	4.1%	0.7	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.1%	3.0%	4.1%	0.1	-1.0
Total Employed	864	829	861	35	3
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	840	800	825	40	15
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	810	790	795	20	15
Total private	565	555	530	10	35
Trade, transportation, and utilities	145	145	140	0	5
Professional and business services	230	220	190	10	40
Education and health services	55	55	50	0	5
Leisure and hospitality	50	45	55	5	-5
Government	275	245	295	30	-20
Federal government	10	10	10	0	0
State government	10	10	15	0	-5
Local government	255	225	270	30	-15

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.

**Hood River County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018	June 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	14,420	13,934	14,519	486	-99
Unemployed	479	423	586	56	-107
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.0%	4.0%	0.3	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%	-0.1	-0.5
Total Employed	13,941	13,511	13,933	430	8
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	11,710	11,760	11,530	-50	180
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	11,700	11,830	11,520	-130	180
Total private	10,260	10,350	10,030	-90	230
Mining, logging, and construction	520	510	500	10	20
Manufacturing	1,790	1,760	1,770	30	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,150	2,150	2,140	0	10
Wholesale trade	410	440	400	-30	10
Retail trade	1,470	1,460	1,460	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	250	280	20	-10
Information	150	150	150	0	0
Financial activities	310	310	350	0	-40
Professional and business services	1,180	1,160	1,110	20	70
Education and health services	1,620	1,660	1,500	-40	120
Leisure and hospitality	2,140	2,250	2,120	-110	20
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	300	540	300	-240	0
Accommodation and food services	1,840	1,710	1,820	130	20
Accommodation	460	440	450	20	10
Food services and drinking places	1,380	1,270	1,370	110	10
Other services	400	400	390	0	10
Government	1,450	1,410	1,500	40	-50
Federal government	140	120	140	20	0
State government	110	110	170	0	-60
Local government	1,200	1,180	1,190	20	10
Local education	670	660	680	10	-10
Local government excluding educational services	530	520	510	10	20

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### Sherman County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018	June 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	904	870	940	34	-36
Unemployed	42	33	45	9	-3
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	3.8%	4.8%	0.8	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.4%	4.0%	5.0%	0.4	-0.6
Total Employed	862	837	895	25	-33
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	855	815	890	40	-35
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	805	805	835	0	-30
Total private	485	480	500	5	-15
Trade, transportation, and utilities	215	210	225	5	-10
Retail trade	60	60	65	0	-5
Leisure and hospitality	125	125	130	0	-5
Government	370	335	390	35	-20
Federal government	130	130	140	0	-10
State government	45	40	60	5	-15
Local government	195	165	190	30	5

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**Wasco County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

	--Change From--				
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018	June 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	16,331	13,070	16,586	3,261	-255
Unemployed	518	455	584	63	-66
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	-0.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	-0.1	-0.2
Total Employed	15,813	12,615	16,002	3,198	-189
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	10,920	10,600	10,900	320	20
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	10,430	10,470	10,410	-40	20
Total private	8,730	8,480	8,550	250	180
Mining, logging, and construction	430	420	430	10	0
Mining and logging	70	60	50	10	20
Construction	360	360	380	0	-20
Manufacturing	720	720	730	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,090	2,090	2,120	0	-30
Wholesale trade	140	140	170	0	-30
Retail trade	1,750	1,750	1,750	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	200	200	200	0	0
Information	200	190	190	10	10
Financial activities	320	320	310	0	10
Professional and business services	540	530	500	10	40
Education and health services	2,320	2,330	2,240	-10	80
Ambulatory health care services	420	430	420	-10	0
Nursing and residential care facilities	570	560	570	10	0
Leisure and hospitality	1,650	1,440	1,620	210	30
Accommodation and food services	1,360	1,320	1,320	40	40
Other services	460	440	410	20	50
Government	2,190	2,120	2,350	70	-160
Federal government	300	300	300	0	0
State government	280	260	370	20	-90
Local government	1,610	1,560	1,680	50	-70
Indian tribal	160	130	180	30	-20
Local education	760	760	780	0	-20
Local government excluding education and tribal	690	670	720	20	-30

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### Wheeler County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	June 2018	May 2018	June 2017	May 2018	June 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	700	697	753	3	-53
Unemployed	24	23	28	1	-4
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%	0.2	-0.4
Total Employed	676	674	725	2	-49
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	290	280	310	10	-20
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	280	275	295	5	-15
Total private	165	155	170	10	-5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	55	50	60	5	-5
Leisure and hospitality	25	20	30	5	-5
Government	125	125	140	0	-15
Federal government	5	5	5	0	0
State government	5	0	10	5	-5
Local government	115	120	125	-5	-10

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