

Columbia County, Oregon

Quick Facts

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Geography: Northwest Oregon, covers 687 square miles

Average Temperatures: January 39° July 68.4°

Annual Precipitation: 44.6"

Population (July, 2004 Certified Estimate): 45,650

Per Capita Personal Income 2003: \$26,488

Gross Farm Sales 2003: \$23,623,000

Average Annual Wage (2003 Covered Employment): \$30,964

Average Civilian Labor Force (Age 16 and over - 2004): 23,127

Total Number of Occupied Housing Units (from Census 2000): 16,375

Total Number of Families (from 2000 Census): 12,034

Incorporated Cities of Columbia County

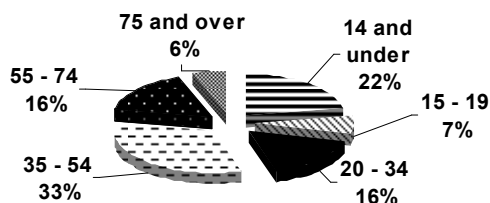
- Clatskanie – Pop. 1,650
- Columbia City – Pop. 1,760
- Prescott – Pop. 60
- Rainier – Pop. 1,750
- Scappoose – Pop. 5,590
- St. Helens* – Pop. 11,370 *County Seat
- Vernonia – Pop. 2,260
- Unincorporated areas – Pop. 21,210

Population based on July, 2004 Certified estimates, PSU Population Research Center

2004 Average Nonfarm Payroll Employees

Industry Classification	# of Jobs		% of Total
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Natural resources & mining	340	3.3	
Construction	500	5.0	
Manufacturing	1,870	18.6	
Trade, transportation, & utilities	2,190	21.7	
Information	100	1.0	
Financial activities	500	5.0	
Professional & business services	510	5.1	
Educational & health services	830	8.2	
Leisure & hospitality	910	9.0	
Other services	340	3.4	
Government	1,980	19.7	
Total Number of Jobs	10,070		

Columbia County Population By Age



Population based on 2003 Certified Estimates PSU Population Research Center

Columbia County Education Statistics

School Enrollment	# Enrolled
Nursery school, preschool	564
Kindergarten	639
Elementary School (grades 1-8)	5,568
High School (grades 9-12)	2,713
College or graduate school	1,210
Total students	10,694

Note: 85.6% of Columbia County residents age 25 years and older are high school graduates or have achieved some post-secondary education

Based on 2000 Census Data

Columbia County Economic Indicators 1994 - 2004

Year	Population	Civilian Labor Force		Unemployment		Total Employment			Nonfarm Payroll Jobs			Personal Income	
		Force	Rate	Number	Rate	Employment	Total	Mfg.	Nonmfg.	Total (\$Mill.)	Per Capita		
1994	39,400	20,600	6.5	1,349	5.8	19,251	8,740	1,910	6,830	771	19,324		
1995	39,700	20,802	4.9	1,009	5.8	19,793	9,010	1,930	7,080	854	21,044		
1996	40,100	21,801	5.8	1,275	5.9	20,526	9,360	1,970	7,390	931	22,449		
1997	41,500	22,448	5.9	1,322	5.8	21,126	9,670	2,010	7,660	1,007	23,948		
1998*	42,300	22,816	5.2	1,196	5.8	21,620	9,850	1,940	7,910	1,049	24,514		
1999	42,650	23,341	5.8	1,363	5.6	21,978	9,950	1,950	8,000	1,089	25,123		
2000	43,560	22,529	5.6	1,255	5.6	21,274	10,320	1,960	8,360	1,168	26,750		
2001*	44,300	22,840	7.7	1,770	5.6	21,070	9,960	1,980	7,980	1,205	27,187		
2002	44,600	22,382	10.5	2,341	5.6	20,041	9,830	1,910	7,920	1,209	26,599		
2003	45,000	22,493	11.6	2,612	5.6	19,881	9,730	1,830	7,900	1,226	26,488		
2004	45,650	23,127	9.2	2,127	5.6	21,000	10,070	1,870	8,200	n/a	n/a		

Population: Portland State University

* New Estimating Procedure Begins

Labor Force, Unemployment, Employment, Nonfarm Payroll Jobs: Employment Department

Income: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

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Support Business.

Promote Employment.

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Here's a sample of the services that your local office can provide you at no extra cost (pre-paid by employer taxes):

Recruitment Assistance: We can help you locate qualified employees for your job openings. You can list your openings locally, state-wide, or across the nation then let us match job applicants to your requirements. We can help you develop an effective recruitment process for your business.

Wage Reimbursement and Tax Credit Programs: We can connect you with local and state programs that save you money and improve your bottom line. Contact Jeanette Sharinghousen at (503) 397-4995 ext. 226 for more information.

Unemployment Insurance Taxes: We can answer your questions and help you comply with state requirements. Call (503) 681-0228 for more information.

Resumes: We'll collect, review, and forward them to you, or instruct applicants to send them directly to you, whichever you'd prefer.

Job Applications: We'll distribute, collect, review, or forward them to you, choose your preference.

Interview Room: Do you need a place to interview candidates? Schedule our meeting room for interviews, orientations, or testing sessions.

Labor Market Information: We can provide you with customized resources so that you can make informed decisions regarding wages, benefits, demographic data for your market area, and much more. Contact your Workforce Analyst, Shawna Sykes at (503) 397-4995 ext. 232.

Employer Resource Room: We keep a variety of up-to-date employer resources on hand for your perusal including:

- Wage reimbursement information
- Wage and occupational resources
- Occupational trends and projections
- Tax credit programs
- Unemployment Insurance
- Other useful brochures and publications

Visit these Internet Sites for valuable information:

Employment Department
www.WorkingInOregon.org – to post jobs, review resumes, report your unemployment insurance taxes electronically, and a variety of other functions – at your fingertips!

www.QualityInfo.org – for the latest Labor Market Information about your area, the State of Oregon, or links to a variety of great resources.

America's Job Bank - www.ajb.org
Post your openings and screen potential applicants in this nationwide database absolutely FREE.

Business Information
www.Oregon.gov then to the Business menu for resources and information regarding tax credits, economic development, current laws & regulations, and resources for your business.