

# **NORTHWEST OREGON ECONOMIC UPDATE**

**FOR NORTHWEST OREGON WORKS  
AT THE JOHN GUMM BUILDING AND CIVIC CENTER  
IN ST. HELENS  
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# WHERE'S THE DATA?

## Suspension of Federal Government Services

This website is currently not being updated due to the suspension of Federal government services. The last update to the site was Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Updates to the site will start again when the Federal government resumes operations.

Source: [https://www.bls.gov/bls/2025\\_october\\_shutdown.htm](https://www.bls.gov/bls/2025_october_shutdown.htm)

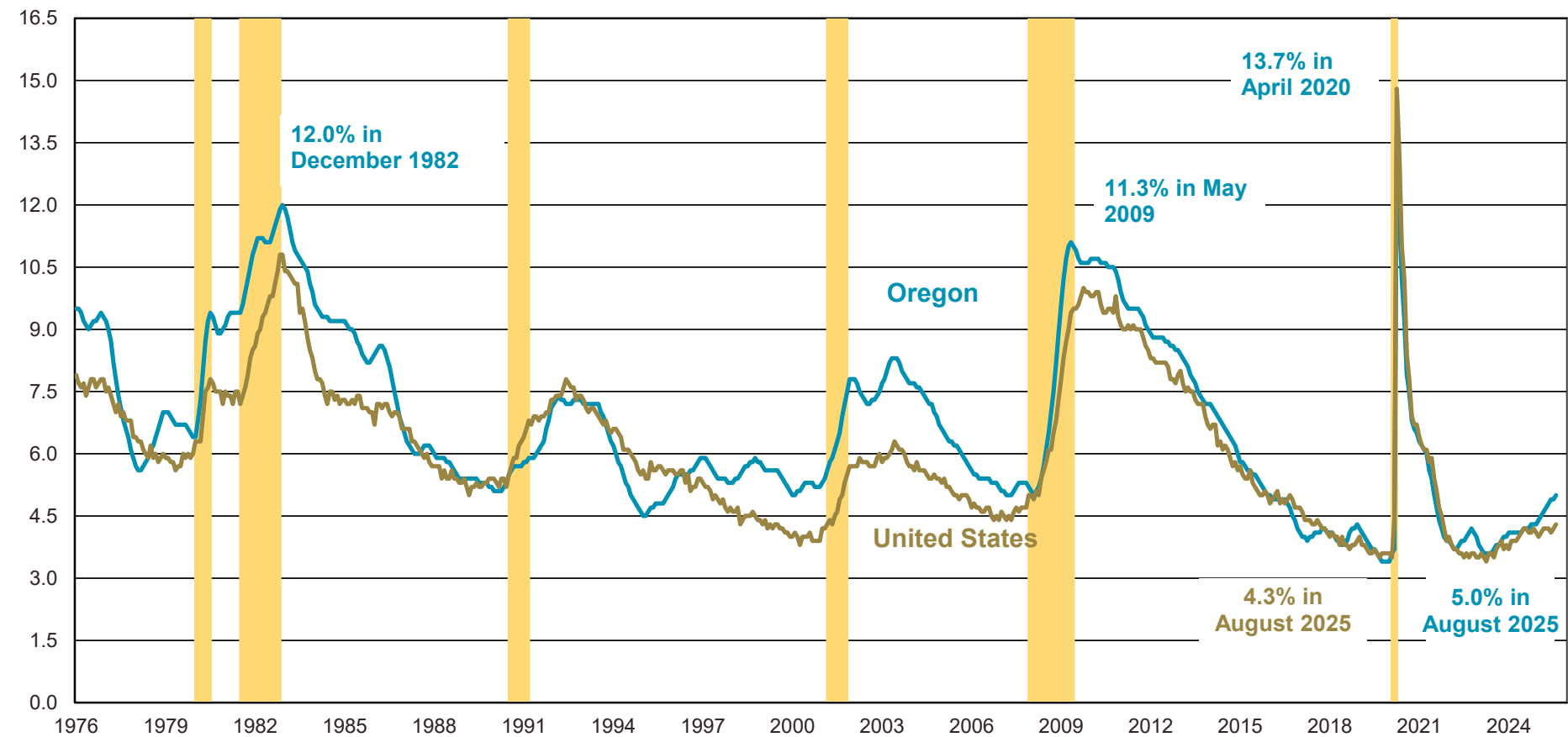
What IS affected: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES) and Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). These are the monthly job numbers and unemployment rate. Other federal data sources.

What IS NOT affected: The Oregon Employment Department continues to work and be available to help folks across the state access and understand the information that is available.

**STATEWIDE**

OREGON'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 5.0% IN AUGUST.

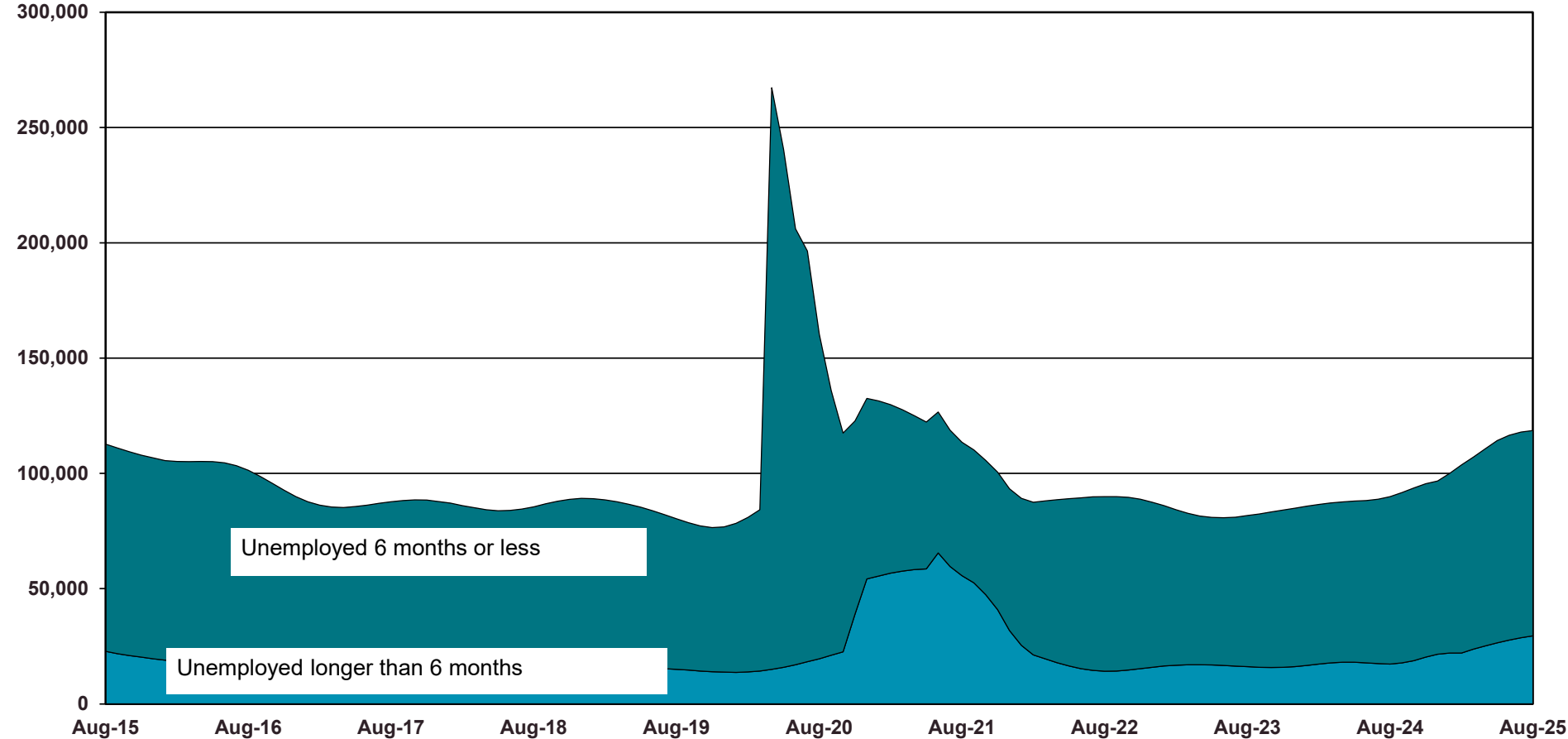
Oregon's Unemployment Rate Was 5.0% in August 2025  
Unemployed % of Labor Force (Bars Represent Recessions)



Source: Oregon Employment Department and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

ONE OUT OF FOUR UNEMPLOYED OREGONIANS HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

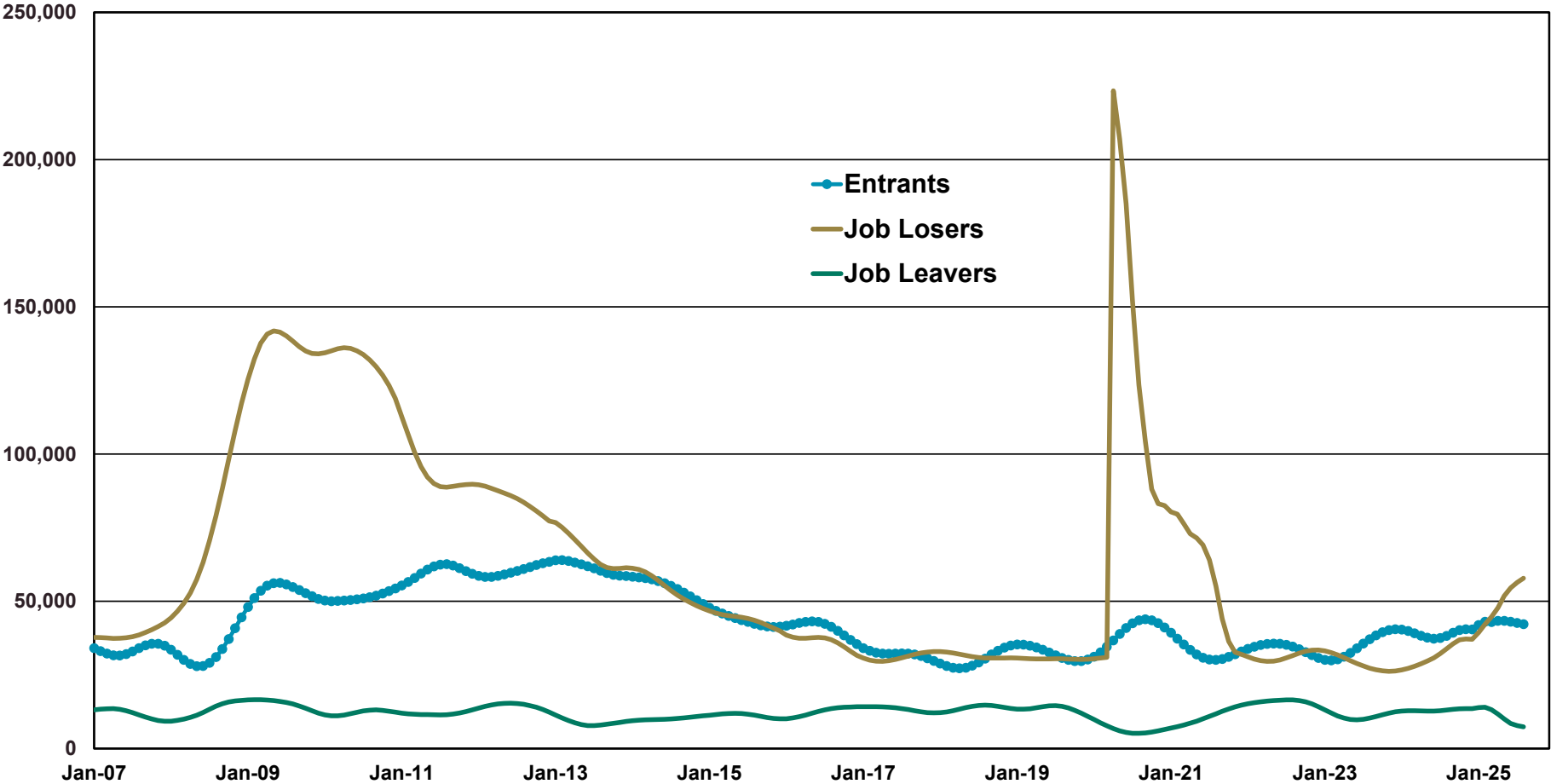
There are 32,500 Long-Term Unemployed Oregonians  
(27% of All Unemployed)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

# WHY ARE OREGONIANS UNEMPLOYED?

Oregon Unemployment by Reason [Trend]



**New or returning to the workforce**  
42,300 (39%)

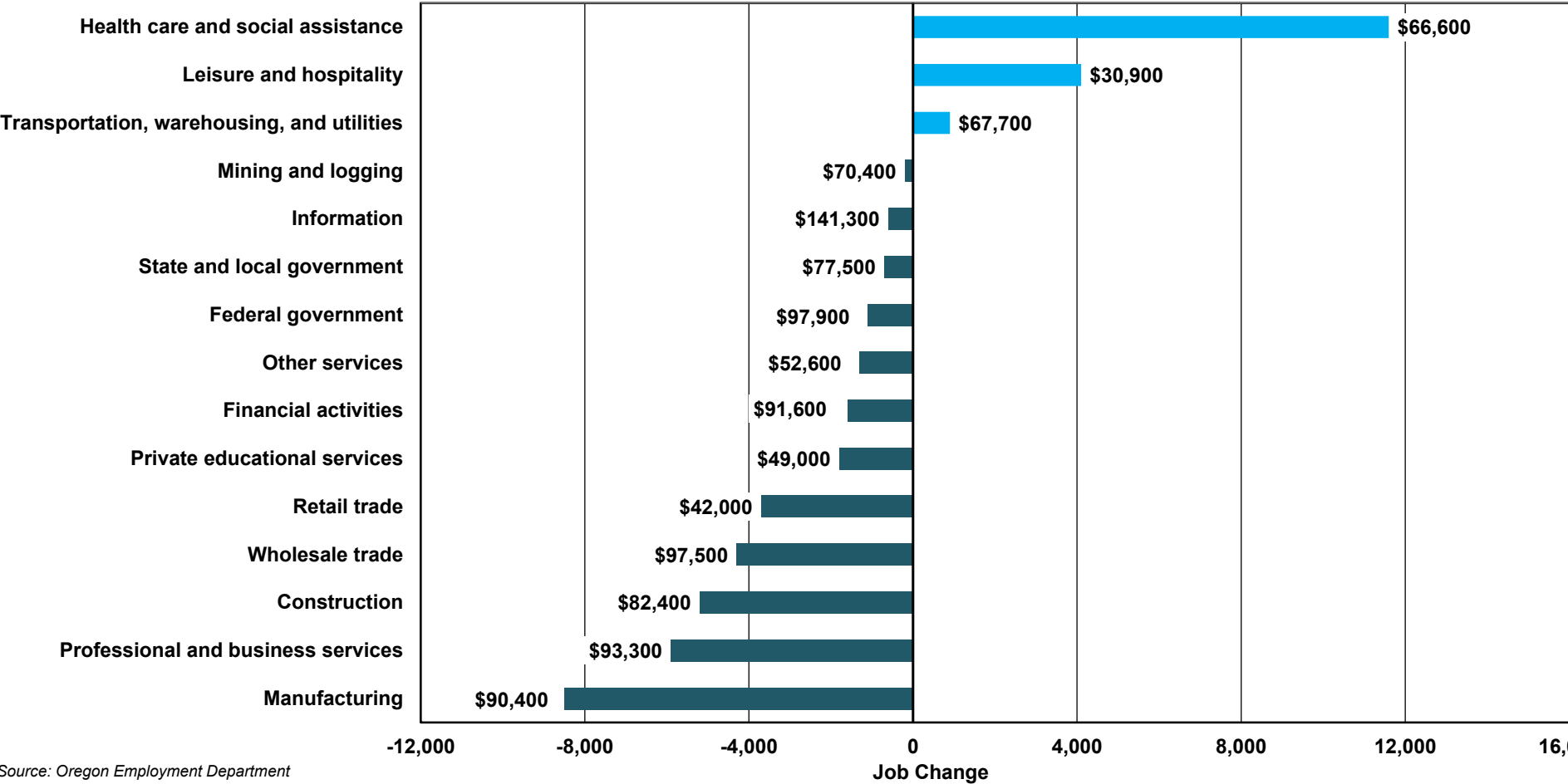
**Lost job**  
57,800 (54%)

**Left job voluntarily**  
7,400 (7%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Population Survey

OREGON'S JOB GAINS HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED IN HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Oregon Job Change and Average Pay by Industry  
August 2024 - August 2025 Job Change, 2024 Average Pay

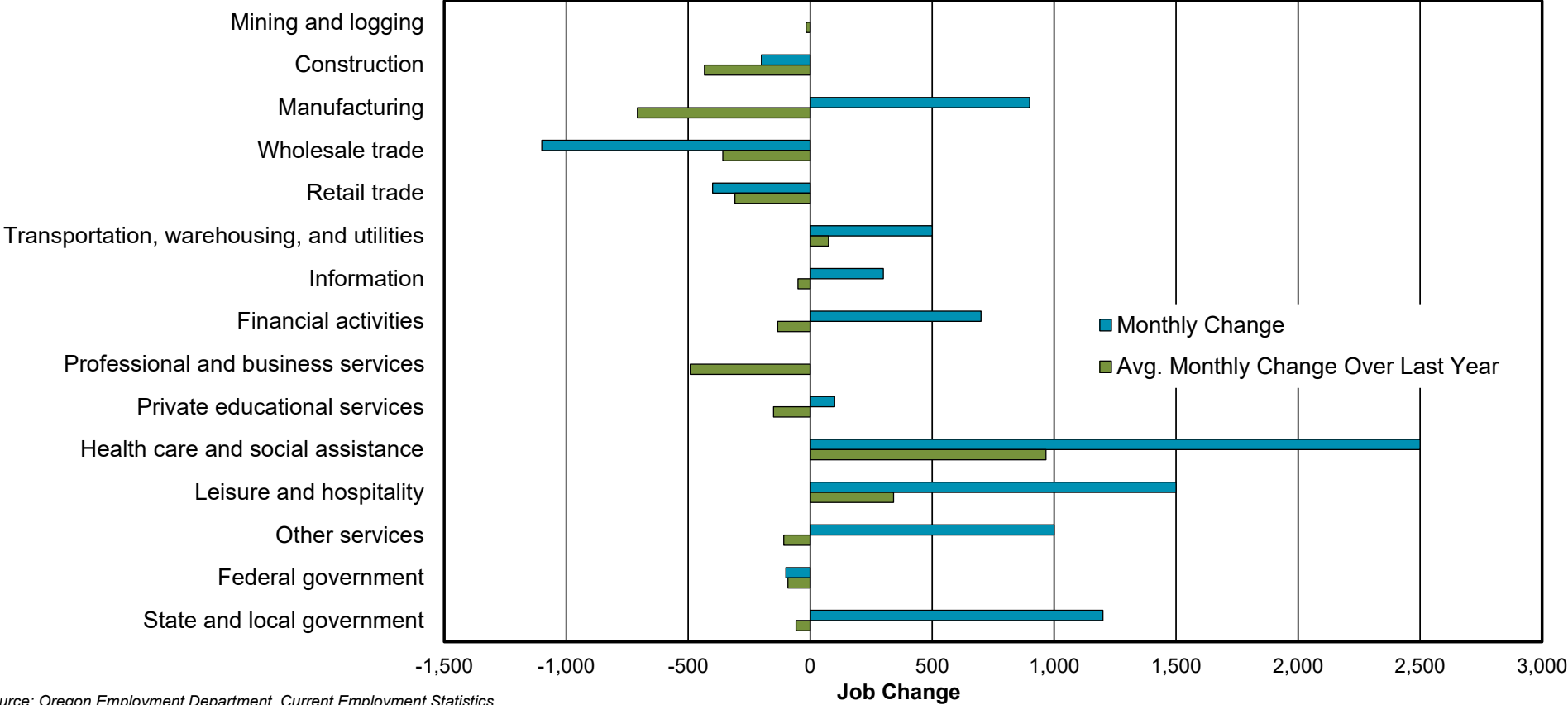


2024 All-Industry  
Average = \$71,300

Source: Oregon Employment Department

IN AUGUST AND OVER THE PAST YEAR, SOME SECTORS ADDED JOBS WHILE OTHERS LOST JOBS.

**Oregon Job Change by Industry**  
Recent Monthly Job Change and Average Monthly Change Over Last Year



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

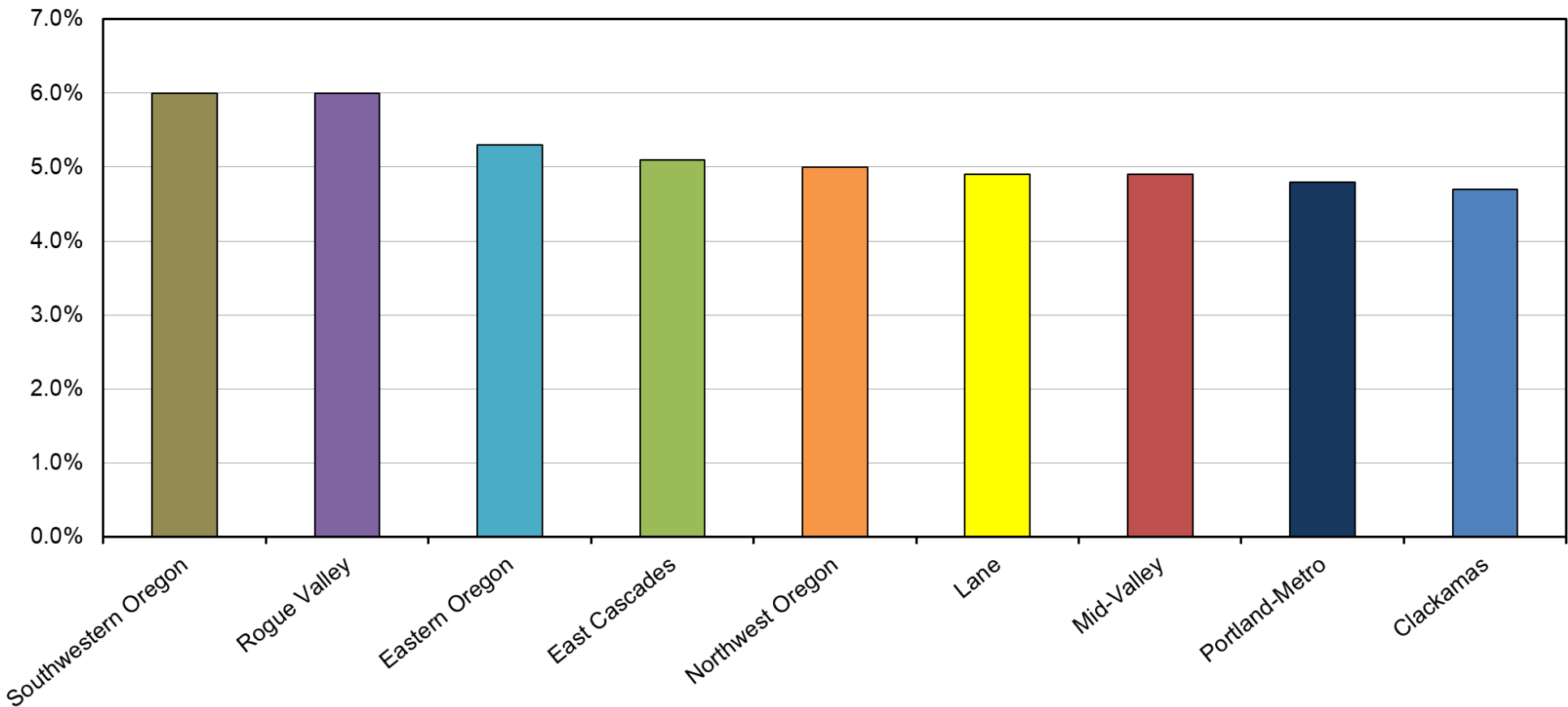


**REGIONAL**

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON AND ROGUE VALLEY HAD THE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN AUGUST.

Unemployment Rates by Local Workforce Area

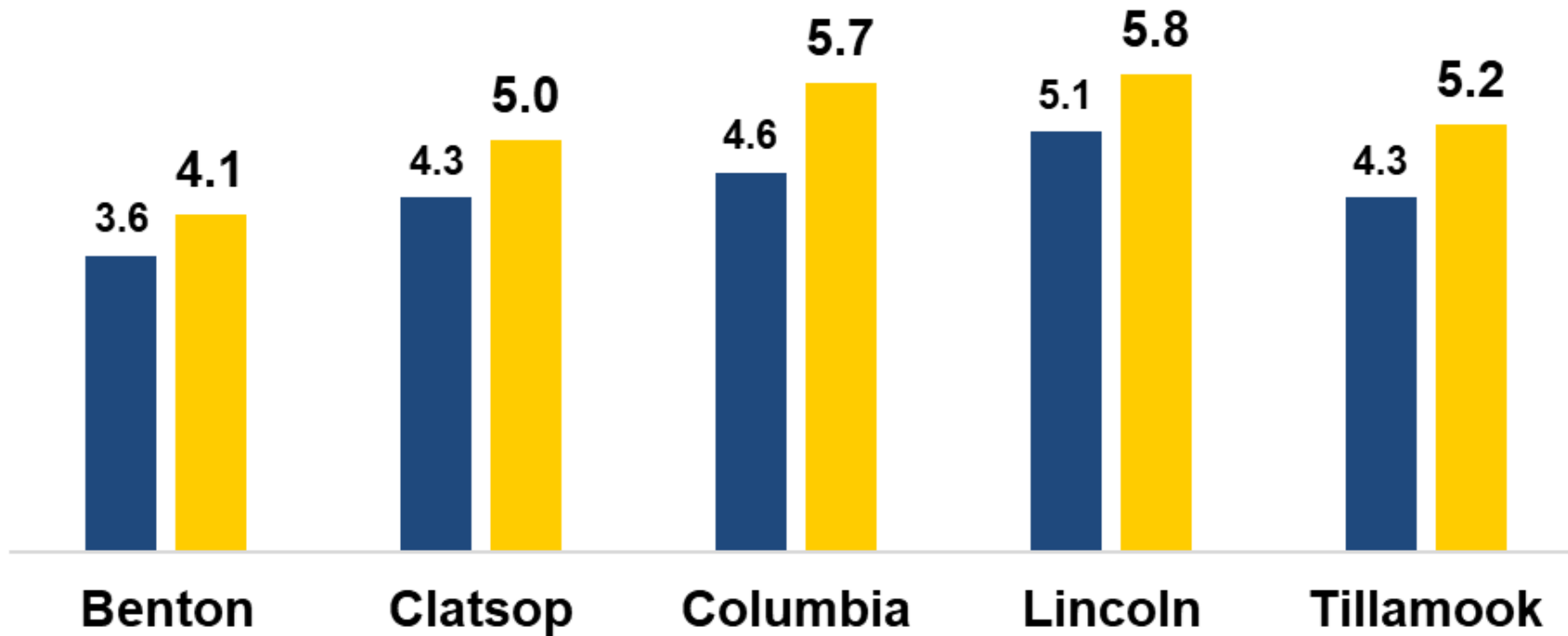
August 2025, Seasonally Adjusted



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

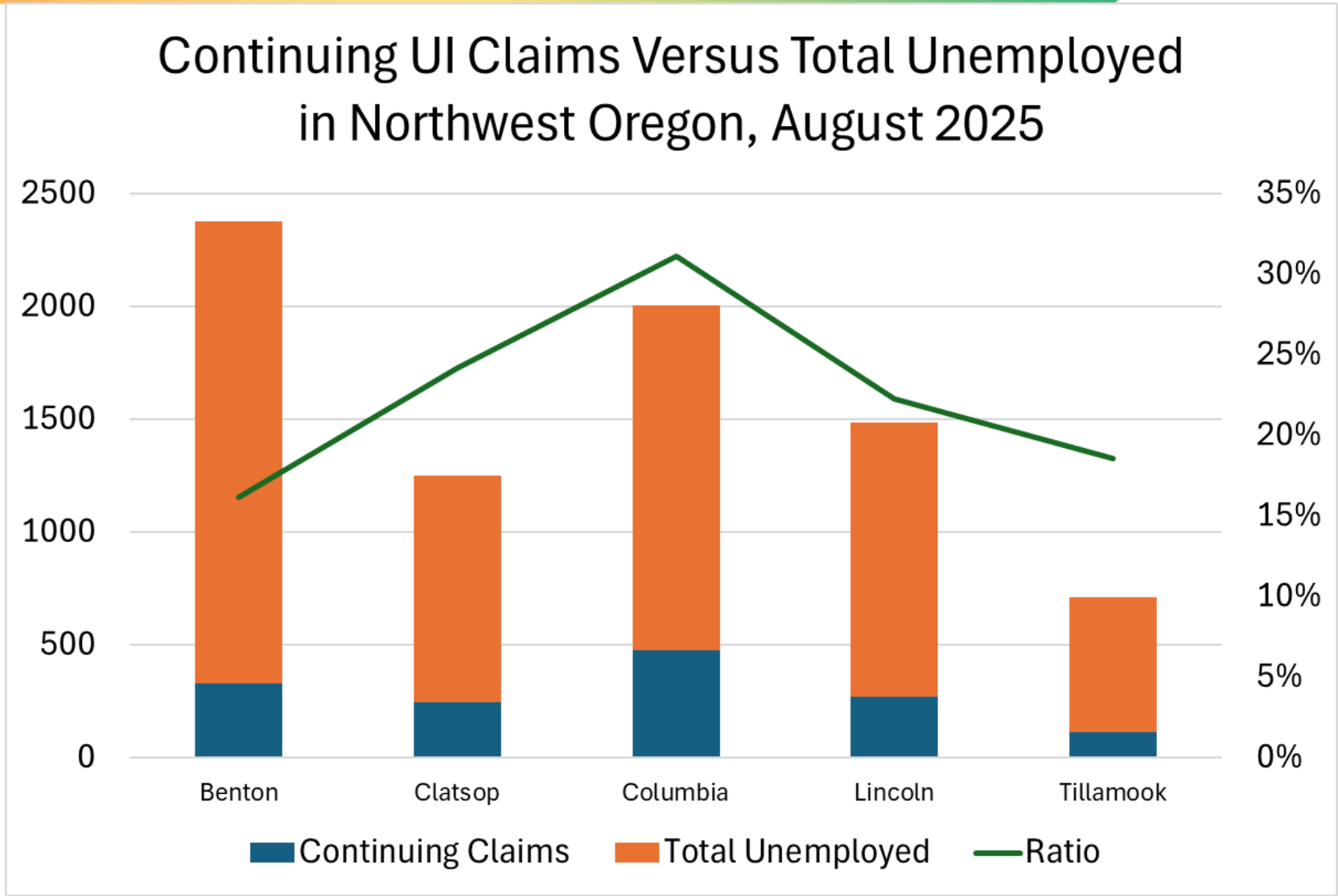
## Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)

■ Aug-2024 ■ Aug-2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department

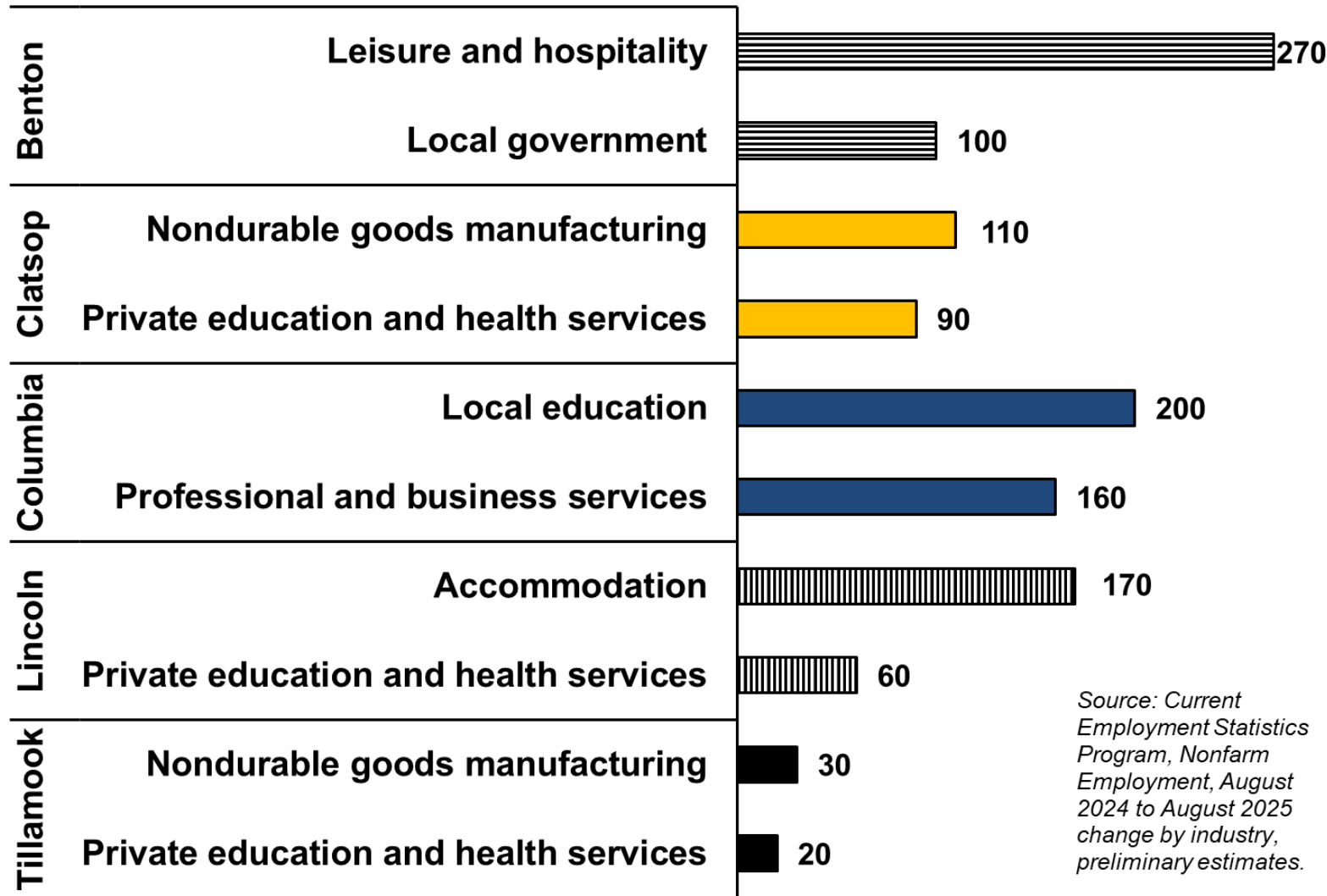
MORE CONTINUING UI CLAIMS IN COLUMBIA THAN OTHER COUNTIES IN NW



Source: Oregon Employment Department

# HEALTHCARE AND GOVERNMENT STILL LEAD JOB GROWTH IN NW

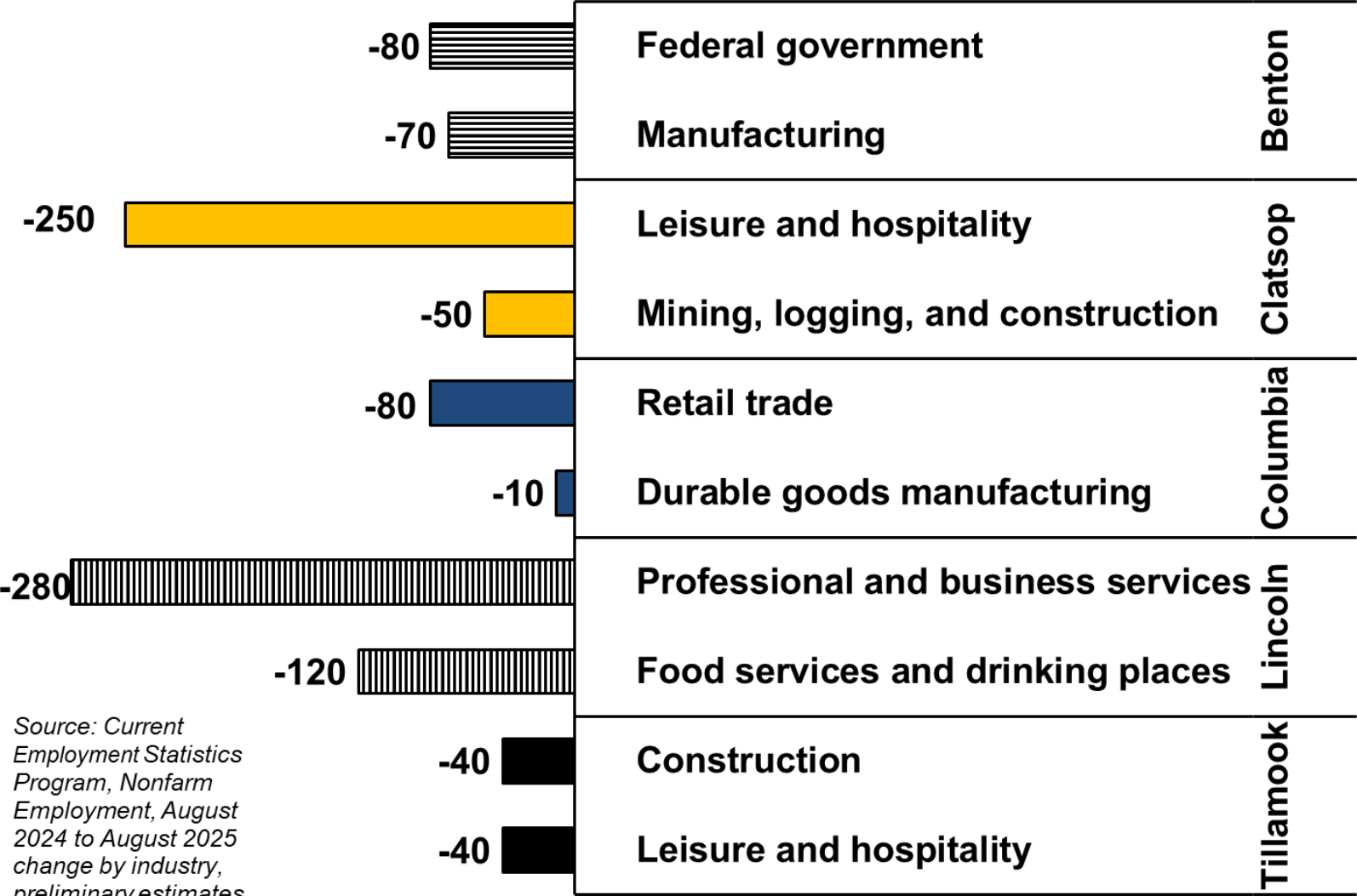
Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current  
Employment Statistics  
Program, Nonfarm  
Employment, August  
2024 to August 2025  
change by industry,  
preliminary estimates.

# L&H, MANUFACTURING CONTINUE TO LEAD JOB LOSSES OVER THE YEAR

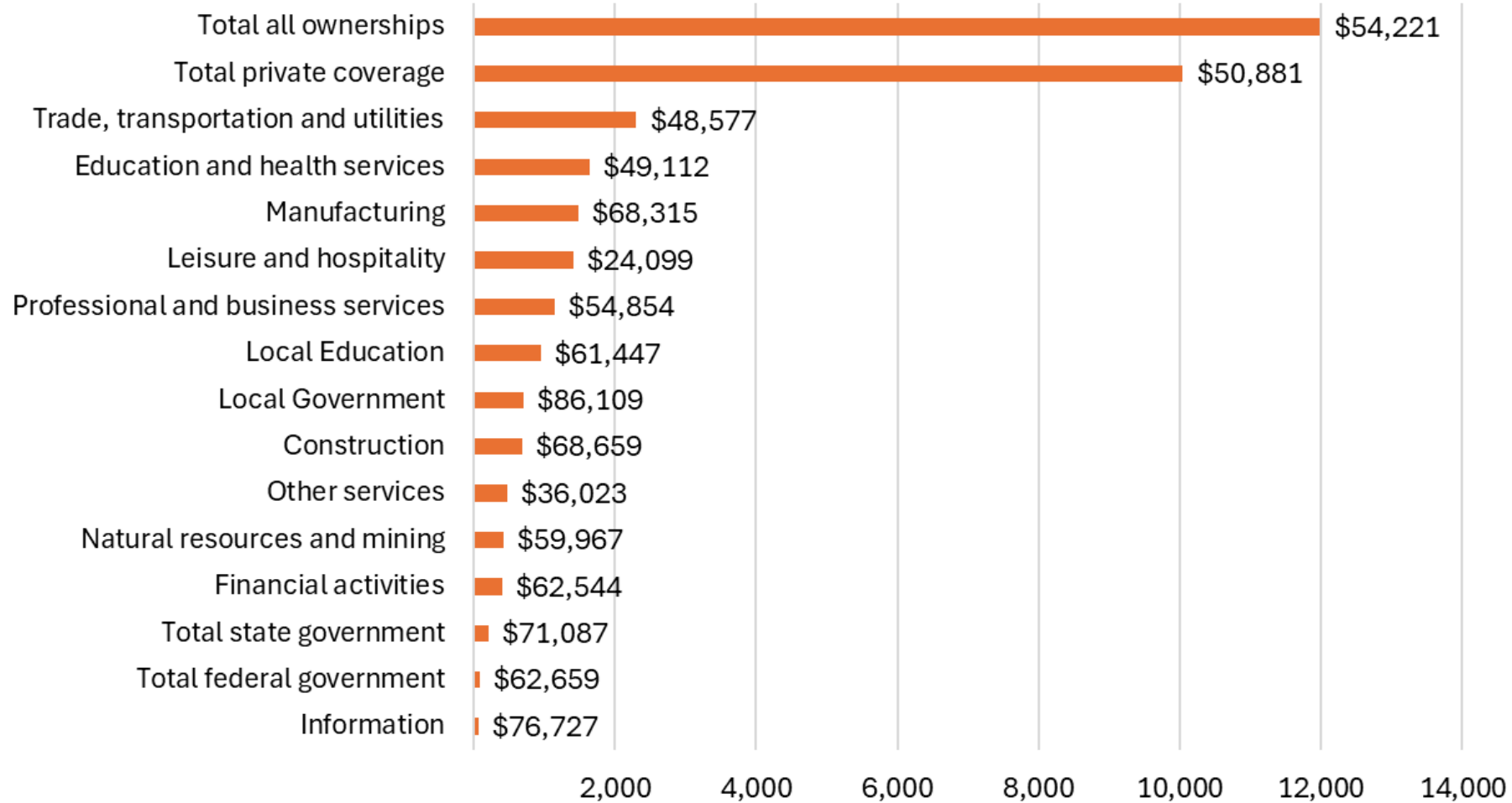
Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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# COLUMBIA COUNTY

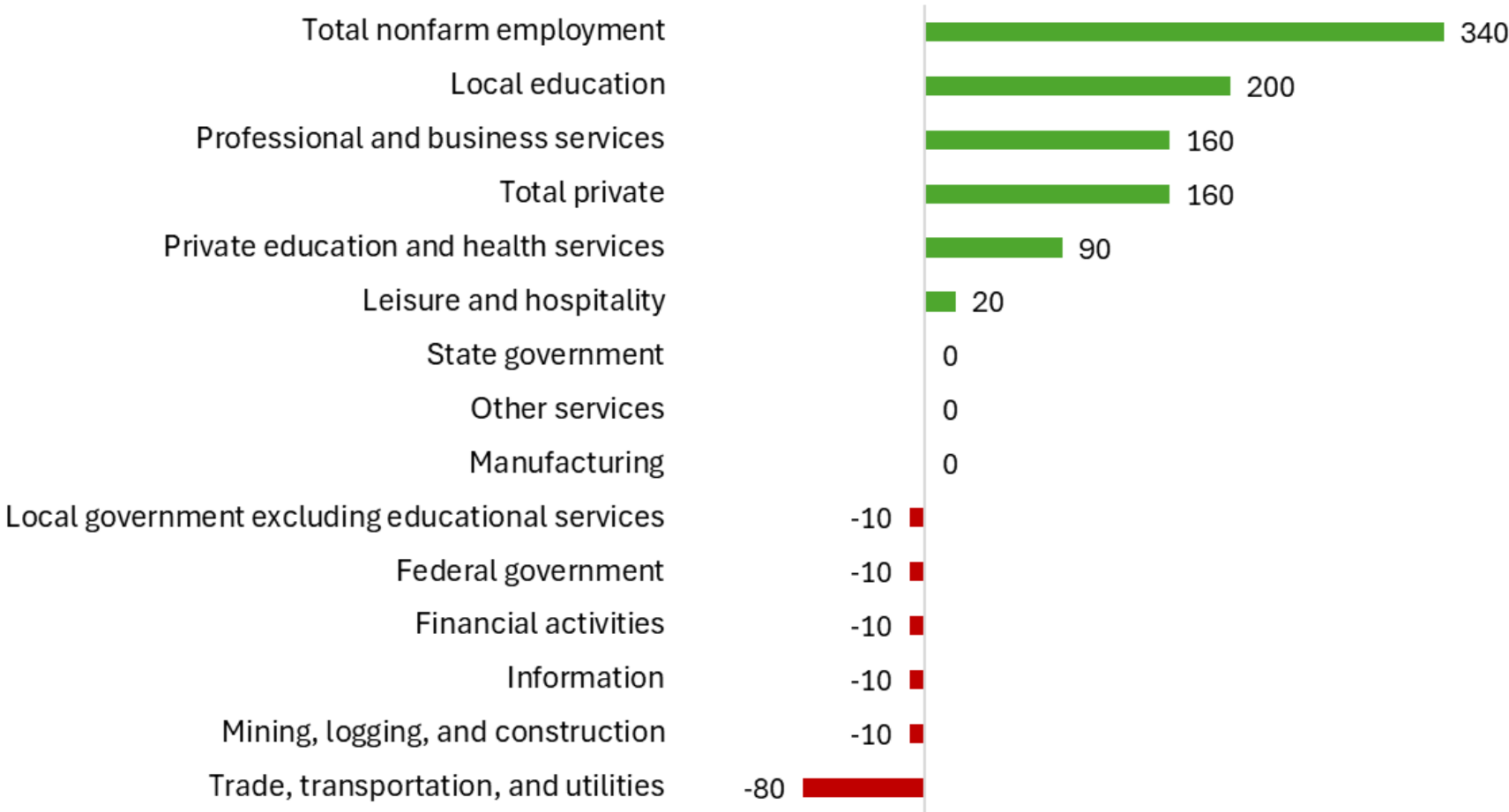
### Covered Employment and Wages, Columbia County, 2024 Annual



Source: Oregon Employment Department



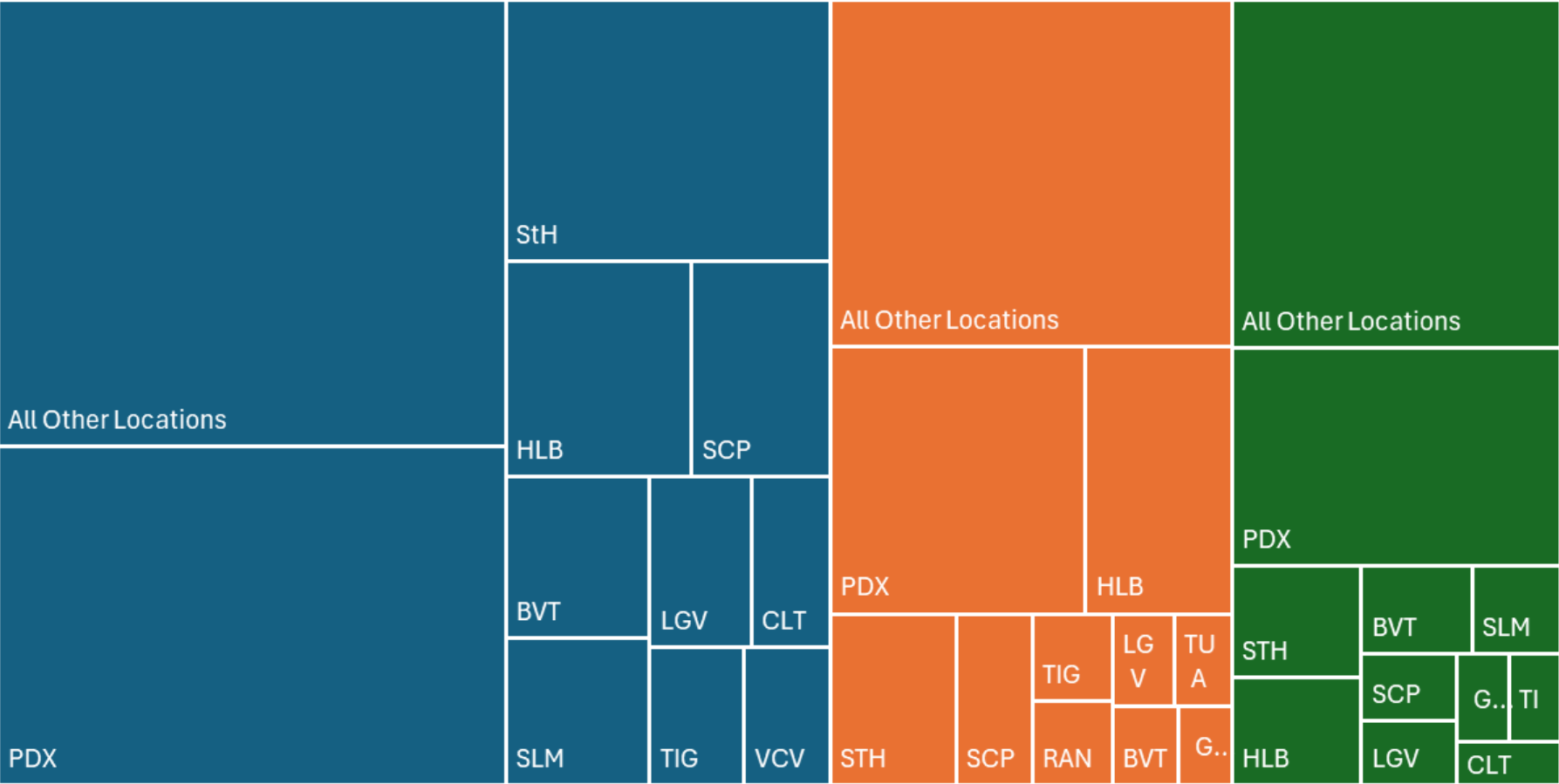
Columbia County Employment Change, Aug 2024-Aug 2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Where Do Columbia County Residents Work?

■ All Other Services ■ Goods Producing ■ Trade, Transportation, and utilities

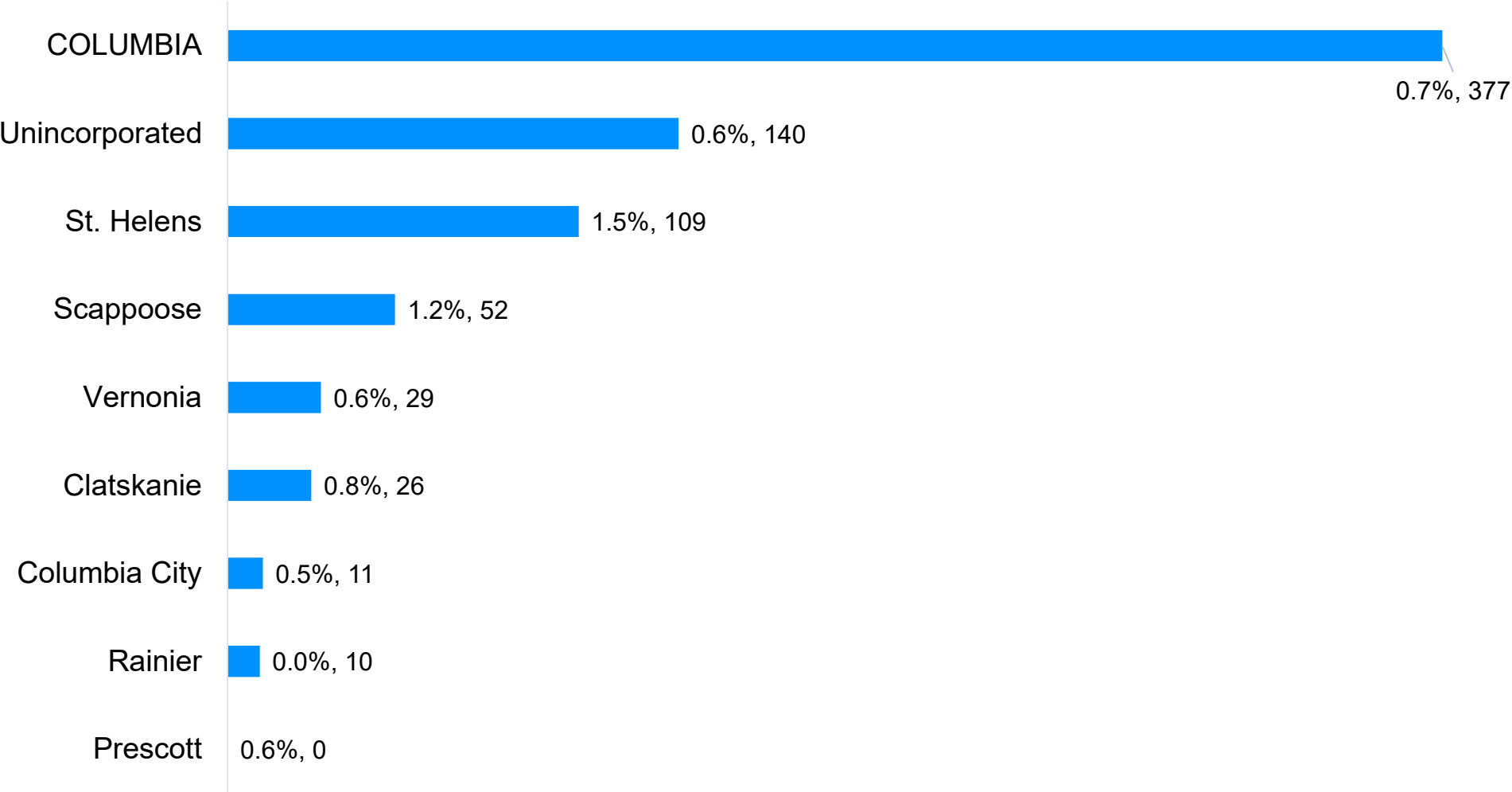


% in Columbia	% Else where
24.3%	75.7%
31.4%	68.6%
26.2%	73.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau OnTheMap, Oregon Employment Department

POPULATION GREW BY 0.7% COUNTYWIDE

Columbia County Population Change, Jul '23-Jul '24



Source: Portland State University Population Research Center

## LOCAL GOV, MANUFACTURING, HEALTHCARE LED WAGES

<b>Columbia County GDP (2023) in Millions</b>	<b>\$2,012 (+5.2%)</b>
Personal Current Transfer Receipts	\$820
Dividends, Interest, and Rent	\$455
Local Government Wages	\$174
Manufacturing Wages	\$143
Healthcare Wages	\$101
Proprietors' Income	\$136
Total Direct Travel Spending (2024)	\$46.8 (-1.3%)
Per Capita Personal Income	\$59,020 (+5.9%)

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Dean Runyon

# HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) SURVEY? *PLEASE DO!*

**BLS survey information is gathered to create data** for businesses, jobseekers, workers and policy-makers about the economy including:

Employment*	Unemployment*	Occupational Wages*
Job vacancies*	Productivity	Occupational Employment*
Consumer spending patterns	Workplace injuries	Compensation
Long-term employment projections*	Employer-provided benefits	Price movements

*\* Collected and produced by Oregon Employment Department*

**Your response is vital to ensuring accurate, complete, and unbiased data** that is representative of the people and businesses in Oregon and the United States.

Your confidential responses are protected by federal and state law and strict security policies that prohibit us from releasing any information that could reveal the identity of you or your business without your consent.

**Thank you for helping us track the Oregon economy!**

# Thank You!

*Please scan the QR code for a short survey.*



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