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## Employment in Douglas County: September 2025

### Federal Government Shutdown Pauses Employment Reports

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) suspended the monthly employment and unemployment reports for the nation, states, and metropolitan areas as of Oct. 1, 2025. Oregon's monthly jobs and unemployment rate for September are unavailable at this time. In the meantime, we will continue to highlight data that we continue to produce and share as it becomes available. One such topic is an analysis of federal government jobs.

### Federal Government Jobs in Douglas County

Douglas County had an average of 1,478 federal jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the fourth quarter of 2024. That accounted for 3.8% of all jobs in the county. The top federal agencies in the county include the Department of Veterans Affairs (889), Department of Agriculture (298), U.S. Postal Service (155), and Department of Interior (126).

#### Top Federal Government Agencies by Employment Douglas County, Fourth Quarter 2024

Agency	Jobs
<b>Total Federal Government Jobs</b>	<b>1,478</b>
Department of Veterans Affairs	889
Department of Agriculture	298
U.S. Postal Service	155
Department of The Interior	126
Social Security Administration	8
Department of Commerce	3

*Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of  
Employment and Wages*

Oregon had an average of 29,000 federal government jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the first half of 2025. That accounted for about 1.5% of all jobs in the state. The federal government share of all jobs was much higher in some rural counties. The top 10 counties by share of all jobs in federal government were rural areas. More than 15% of all jobs in Sherman

County were in federal government. The next-largest shares were in Grant (9%), Harney (8%), and Lake (8%) counties.

Federal government jobs also tend to pay relatively high wages. Looking at annual average wages, jobs on federal government payrolls in Douglas County paid roughly \$89,549 in 2024. That was about 66% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Lane County. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

### Next Press Releases

Our Research staff work and live across the state. We're still at work providing quality information so employers and job seekers can make informed decisions.

We will publish the latest Oregon Job Vacancy Survey report on Oct. 23, and the next update on statewide trends on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as federal services return.

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