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Employment in Eastern Oregon: July 2025

The July seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in all six Eastern Oregon counties over the year. Harney County's July 2025 rate was its third lowest July rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. In Baker and Wallowa counties, they were the fourth lowest July rates. The seasonally adjusted rate moved 0.2 percentage point higher in Harney County to reach 4.7% for the smallest increase. The largest increase came in Grant, Union, and Wallowa counties where the seasonally adjusted rates rose 0.9 percentage point to reach 7.1%, 5.6%, and 5.5%, respectively.

Between July 2024 and July 2025, unadjusted unemployment rates increased in all six Eastern Oregon counties. Harney County's July 2025 unadjusted rate is its fourth lowest unadjusted July unemployment rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. Harney County's raw rate rose by 0.3 percentage point to reach 4.5% for the smallest increase. The largest increase came in Grant County, where the raw rate increased by 1.5 percentage points to reach 6.6%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment has decreased by 20 jobs since July 2024. Employment decreased by 10 jobs in the private sector and dropped by 10 jobs in the public sector. Manufacturing led losses, down 30 jobs, followed by federal government, down 20. Private education and health services led gains, up 20 jobs. Total nonfarm employment decreased by 130 jobs over the month led by a loss of 160 jobs in local government. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 5.3%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.7 percentage point to 5.8%.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 90 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 40 jobs while the public sector decreased by 50. Manufacturing dropped 80 jobs to lead losses, followed by federal government, down 40. Construction; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and private education and health services led gains, up 20 jobs each. Over the month, total nonfarm employment decreased by 70 jobs. Local government led losses, down 120 jobs. Small gains were spread across industries. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point over the month to 7.1%. The raw unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 6.6%.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 40 jobs over the year. The private sector added 20 jobs, and the public sector also added 20. Gains were led by private education and health services, up 40 jobs, followed by local government, up 30. Losses were led by federal government, down 20 jobs. Total nonfarm employment increased by 40 jobs over the month, led by a gain of 30 jobs

in federal government. Private education and health services, and local government each dropped 10 jobs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.7%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point to 4.5%.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 90 jobs over the year. The private sector fell by 70, and the public sector dropped 20 jobs. Leisure and hospitality dropped 70 jobs to lead losses, followed by losses of 50 jobs each in retail trade and local government. Private education and health services led gains, up 60 jobs. Total nonfarm employment decreased by 240 jobs over the month, led by a loss of 210 jobs in local government. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 4.6%. The raw unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 5.4%.

Union County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 110 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 80 jobs, and the public sector decreased by 30. Retail trade dropped 90 jobs to lead losses, followed by construction, down 30. Private education and health services led gains, up 50 jobs. Total nonfarm employment decreased by 170 jobs over the month, with local government leading losses, down 260 jobs. Construction, manufacturing, and professional and business services led gains, up 30 jobs each. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 5.6%. The raw unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage point to 5.4%.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 20 jobs from July 2024 to July 2025. The private sector saw a net change of zero jobs, and the public sector decreased by 20. Financial activities led gains, up 70 jobs. Wholesale and retail trade led losses, down 50. Total nonfarm employment saw a net change of zero jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality led gains, up 40 jobs. Local government led losses, down 90. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 5.5%. The raw unemployment rate decreased by 0.4 percentage point to 4.6%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sept. 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for August on Wednesday, Sept. 17.



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Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,798	6,828	6,753	-30	45
Unemployed	394	350	322	44	72
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.1%	4.8%	0.7	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	6,404	6,478	6,431	-74	-27
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,490	5,620	5,510	-130	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5,500</i>	<i>5,500</i>	<i>5,520</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-20</i>
Total private	4,360	4,340	4,370	20	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	260	270	260	-10	0
Mining and logging	10	20	10	-10	0
Construction	250	250	250	0	0
Manufacturing	560	560	590	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,230	1,210	1,230	20	0
Wholesale trade	70	60	70	10	0
Retail trade	910	900	900	10	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	260	0	-10
Information	60	60	50	0	10
Financial activities	150	150	160	0	-10
Professional and business services	330	340	330	-10	0
Private education and health services	1,030	1,020	1,010	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	550	540	540	10	10
Other services	190	190	200	0	-10
Government	1,130	1,280	1,140	-150	-10
Federal government	220	210	240	10	-20
State government	250	250	240	0	10
Local government	660	820	660	-160	0

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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.



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Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,082	3,104	3,123	-22	-41
Unemployed	202	197	159	5	43
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.3%	5.1%	0.3	1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.1%	6.8%	6.2%	0.3	0.9
Employed	2,880	2,907	2,964	-27	-84
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,320	2,390	2,410	-70	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,280	2,300	2,370	-20	-90
Total private	1,360	1,310	1,400	50	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	250	230	230	20	20
Mining and logging	120	110	120	10	0
Construction	130	120	110	10	20
Manufacturing	30	30	110	0	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	330	320	320	10	10
Wholesale trade	40	40	40	0	0
Retail trade	230	220	240	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	60	60	40	0	20
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	130	130	140	0	-10
Private education and health services	210	200	190	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	220	210	220	10	0
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	960	1,080	1,010	-120	-50
Federal government	270	270	310	0	-40
State government	160	160	160	0	0
Local government	530	650	540	-120	-10

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,641	3,586	3,613	55	28
Unemployed	164	152	152	12	12
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.2%	4.2%	0.3	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.5%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>
Employed	3,477	3,434	3,461	43	16
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,450	2,410	2,410	40	40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,440</i>	<i>2,370</i>	<i>2,390</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>50</i>
Total private	1,350	1,330	1,330	20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	420	410	420	10	0
Wholesale trade	50	50	50	0	0
Retail trade	320	310	330	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	40	0	10
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	70	60	70	10	0
Professional and business services	90	80	90	10	0
Private education and health services	250	260	210	-10	40
Leisure and hospitality	320	320	330	0	-10
Other services	60	60	70	0	-10
Government	1,100	1,080	1,080	20	20
Federal government	250	220	270	30	-20
State government	150	150	140	0	10
Local government	700	710	670	-10	30

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	13,223	13,037	13,136	186	87
Unemployed	791	682	591	109	200
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.2%	4.5%	0.8	1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>
Employed	12,432	12,355	12,545	77	-113
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,180	12,420	12,270	-240	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>12,370</i>	<i>12,490</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>-90</i>
Total private	8,830	8,860	8,900	-30	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	430	430	440	0	-10
Manufacturing	1,100	1,120	1,100	-20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,110	3,100	3,160	10	-50
Wholesale trade	460	460	430	0	30
Retail trade	2,270	2,270	2,320	0	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	380	370	410	10	-30
Information	80	80	80	0	0
Financial activities	280	290	270	-10	10
Professional and business services	400	390	420	10	-20
Private education and health services	1,910	1,920	1,850	-10	60
Leisure and hospitality	1,250	1,250	1,320	0	-70
Other services	270	280	260	-10	10
Government	3,350	3,560	3,370	-210	-20
Federal government	230	220	220	10	10
State government	1,430	1,440	1,410	-10	20
Local government	1,690	1,900	1,740	-210	-50

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,071	12,085	12,122	-14	-51
Unemployed	656	674	563	-18	93
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.6%	4.6%	-0.2	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.6%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Employed	11,415	11,411	11,559	4	-144
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,520	10,690	10,630	-170	-110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>10,530</i>	<i>10,540</i>	<i>10,640</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-110</i>
Total private	8,170	8,090	8,250	80	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	660	630	700	30	-40
Mining and logging	30	20	40	10	-10
Construction	630	610	660	20	-30
Manufacturing	1,230	1,210	1,210	20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,940	1,950	2,030	-10	-90
Wholesale trade	210	220	230	-10	-20
Retail trade	1,370	1,360	1,460	10	-90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	360	370	340	-10	20
Information	70	80	80	-10	-10
Financial activities	370	360	380	10	-10
Professional and business services	620	600	620	20	0
Private education and health services	1,870	1,870	1,820	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	1,070	1,060	1,070	10	0
Other services	340	330	340	10	0
Government	2,350	2,600	2,380	-250	-30
Federal government	280	270	300	10	-20
State government	450	450	460	0	-10
Local government	1,620	1,880	1,620	-260	0

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024	June 2025	July 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,914	3,867	3,898	47	16
Unemployed	181	192	143	-11	38
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.0%	3.7%	-0.4	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>4.6%</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Employed	3,733	3,675	3,755	58	-22
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	3,020	3,020	3,040	0	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>2,760</i>	<i>2,830</i>	<i>2,780</i>	<i>-70</i>	<i>-20</i>
Total private	2,270	2,180	2,270	90	0
Mining, logging, and construction	250	230	290	20	-40
Mining and logging	50	40	60	10	-10
Construction	200	190	230	10	-30
Manufacturing	180	170	190	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	480	490	500	-10	-20
Wholesale and retail trade	370	370	420	0	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	110	120	80	-10	30
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	190	180	120	10	70
Professional and business services	170	160	190	10	-20
Private education and health services	400	390	380	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	440	400	430	40	10
Other services	130	130	140	0	-10
Government	750	840	770	-90	-20
Federal government	110	110	130	0	-20
State government	120	120	130	0	-10
Local government	520	610	510	-90	10

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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.

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