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Brian Rooney, Regional Economist
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(541) 359-9546**Employment in Eugene MSA (Lane 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 Lane County

Lane County had an average of 1,976 federal jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the fourth quarter of 2024. That accounted for 1.2% of all jobs in the county. The top federal agencies in the county include the U.S. Postal Service (699), Department of Veterans Affairs (350), Department of Agriculture (335), and Department of Interior (119).

Top Federal Government Agencies by Employment Lane County, Fourth Quarter 2024	
Agency	Jobs
Total Federal Government Jobs	1,976
U.S. Postal Service	699
Department of Veterans Affairs	350
Department of Agriculture	335
Department of The Interior	119
Homeland Security	101
Department of Defense	78
Social Security Administration	53
Department of Justice	52
United States Federal Courts	50
Department of Transportation	49
All Other Federal Government Agencies	91
<i>Source: Oregon Employment Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages</i>	

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 Lane County paid roughly \$88,293 in 2024. That was about 50% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Lane County. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

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