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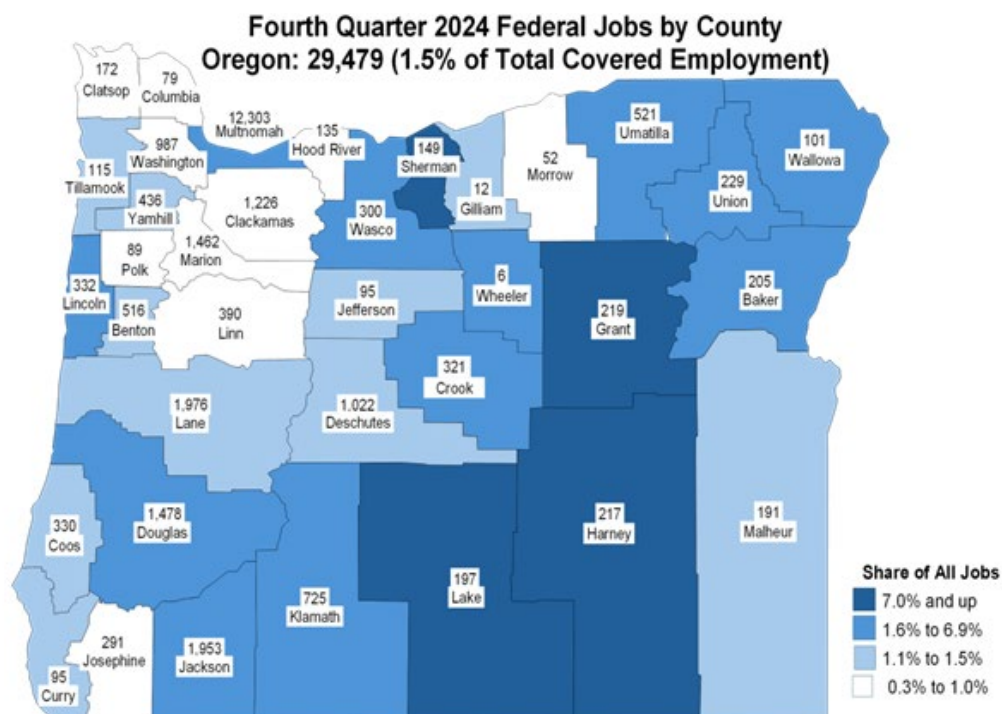
## Federal Government Shutdown Pauses Employment Reports for Oregon's Counties

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.

Press releases for 19 local areas around Oregon are available at [QualityInfo.org/press-release](https://QualityInfo.org/press-release), written by Oregon Employment Department economists who can help with questions about labor market conditions in their regions.

### Federal Government Jobs in Oregon

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. Washington (0.3%), Polk (0.4%), Columbia (0.7%), and Clackamas (0.7%) counties had the smallest shares of federal government employment.



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

Federal government jobs also tend to pay relatively high wages. Looking at annual average wages, jobs on federal government payrolls in Oregon paid nearly \$98,500 in 2024. That was 38% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Oregon. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

### **Contacts and Next Press Releases**

If you have questions about the Oregon economy, [contact a local Oregon Employment Department economist](#). 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.

The Oregon Employment Department 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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