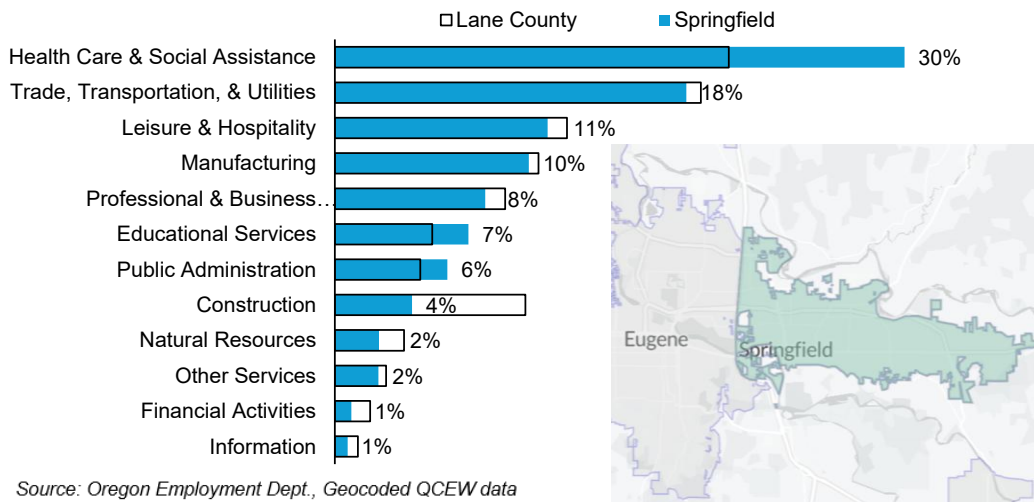


LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

September 2026

Graph of the Month: Our recently released 2025 geocoded data can be used to explore regional differences, such as the employment makeup of Springfield relative to Lane County.

Percentage of 2025 Employment by Industry



Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

August 2025 to August 2026

Private Education and Health Services: **1,100** (+3%)

Trade, Transportation and Utilities: **-500** (-2%)

Financial Activities: **-500** (-6%)

Government: **-600** (-2%)

Total nonfarm employment, seasonally adjusted:
-1,400 (-1%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics](#)

Latest Lane County Economic Data

July 2026 unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted:
5.1%

Change from previous year: **-0.1 pct. points**

Total Help Wanted Online job ads in August: **7,160**

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Expansion:** The University of Oregon received a \$1 billion donation to create a new School of Engineering in Eugene. The grant funds construction, hiring of 42 new faculty, and expansion of programs starting in 2028 or 2029.
- **Closure:** The Highway 58 Herald, a newspaper covering the Oakridge area, closed September 15.

News and Articles

QualityInfo: [The Changing Face of the Nursing and Residential Care Industry](#) by Lynn Wallis

QualityInfo: [Oregon's Nonresident Workers](#) by Clare McGrady

QualityInfo: [Oregon's 2025 Maritime Employment](#) by Shaun Barrick

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