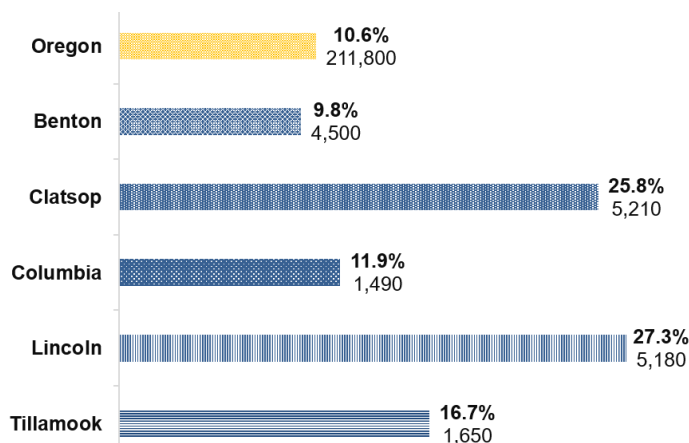


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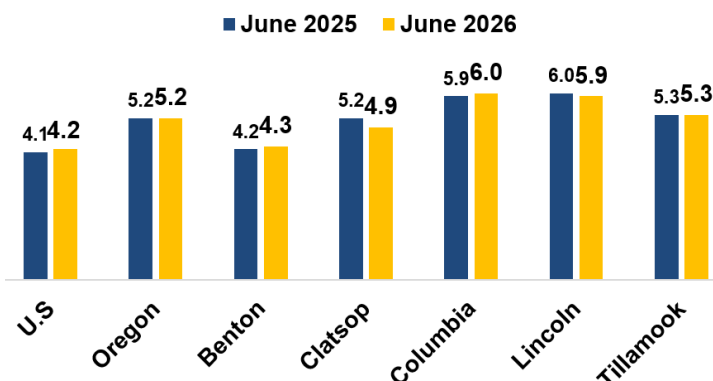
For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties July 2026 (June 2026 Data)

Leisure and Hospitality Share of Total Nonfarm Employment



Source: Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Statistics, June 2026 Estimates

Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

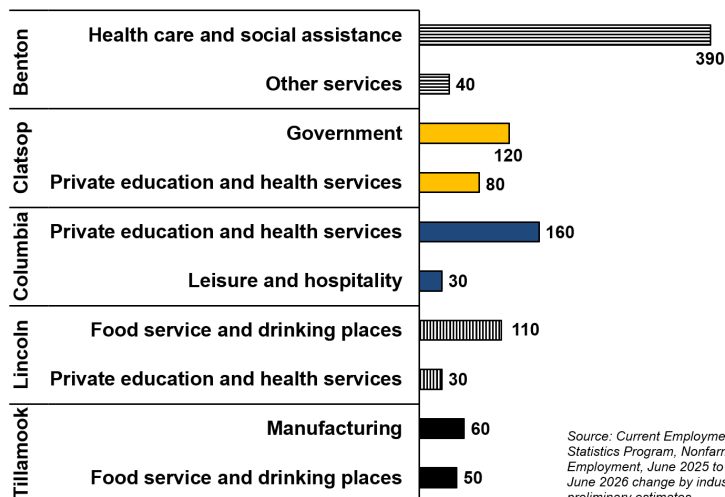
Graph of the Month

In June 2026, leisure and hospitality represent more than one-quarter of total nonfarm employment in Clatsop and Lincoln counties, compared with about one-tenth in Benton County, still accounting for 4,500 jobs. Leisure and hospitality employment experienced slight over-the-year increases across Northwest Oregon. All five counties added jobs, while Oregon experienced a decline over the year.

Key Takeaways

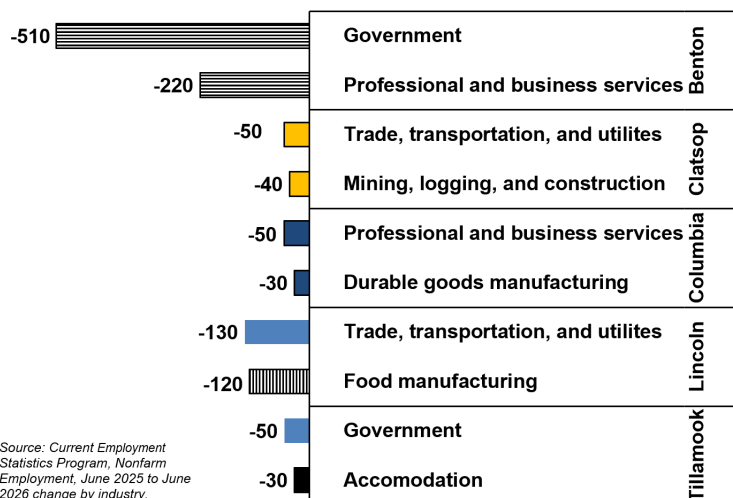
Unemployment rates changed little to none across Northwest, apart from Clatsop County, declining by 0.3 percent point over the year. Benton and Columbia counties reported unemployment rates above June 2025 levels, while Clatsop and Lincoln Counties reported a lower rate. Benton and Clatsop counties remained below Oregon's unemployment rate of 5.2%.

Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, June 2025 to June 2026 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, June 2025 to June 2026 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

Private education and health services added employment in four out of five counties. Leisure and hospitality added jobs in three counties, with growth in several counties driven by food services and drinking places. Employment declines were spread across industries, including professional and business services; trade, transportation, and utilities; and government.

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