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Employment in Clatsop County: August 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 10 in August

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in August, down from 5.0% in July, and below the rate of 5.3% in August 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.1% in August, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 in August to 19,150 jobs (+0.1%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. An increase of 30 jobs was expected for the month, and the county added 40 jobs. The private sector lost 20 jobs while total government employment increased by 60. Professional and business services added 40 jobs (+3.6%). Leisure and hospitality lost 40 jobs (-0.7%). Local government added 60 jobs (+2.4%).

August's total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 300 jobs (-1.5%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Private education and health services added 130 jobs over the year (+4.6%). Nondurable goods manufacturing lost 220 jobs (-9.8%). Local government, excluding education, added 40 jobs (+3.5%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and September county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				--Change From--	
	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,842	20,726	21,038	116	-196
Unemployed	969	1,022	1,096	-53	-127
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.9%	5.2%	-0.3	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.9%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	19,873	19,704	19,942	169	-69
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	19,970	19,930	20,270	40	-300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>19,150</i>	<i>19,140</i>	<i>19,430</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-280</i>
Total private	17,420	17,440	17,730	-20	-310
Mining, logging, and construction	1,040	1,040	1,100	0	-60
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	990	990	1,040	0	-50
Manufacturing	2,020	2,030	2,240	-10	-220
Durable goods	380	380	410	0	-30
Wood product manufacturing	240	240	230	0	10
Nondurable goods	1,640	1,650	1,830	-10	-190
Food manufacturing	750	760	900	-10	-150
Paper manufacturing	810	820	850	-10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,460	3,480	3,570	-20	-110
Wholesale trade	200	200	200	0	0
Retail trade	2,920	2,950	3,030	-30	-110
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	340	330	340	10	0
Information	110	110	130	0	-20
Financial activities	680	680	730	0	-50
Professional and business services	1,140	1,100	1,040	40	100
Private education and health services	2,950	2,940	2,820	10	130
Leisure and hospitality	5,430	5,470	5,470	-40	-40
Accommodation and food services	5,110	5,150	5,160	-40	-50
Accommodation	1,650	1,690	1,670	-40	-20
Food services and drinking places	3,460	3,460	3,490	0	-30
Other services	590	590	630	0	-40
Government	2,550	2,490	2,540	60	10
Federal government	150	150	150	0	0
State government	380	380	380	0	0
Local government	2,020	1,960	2,010	60	10
Local education	840	800	870	40	-30
Local government excluding educational services	1,180	1,160	1,140	20	40

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>August 2026</u>	<u>July 2026</u>	<u>August 2025</u>
United States	4.1	4.1	4.3
State of Oregon	5.1	5.2	5.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.3	5.3	5.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	5.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.1	4.2	4.4
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.1	5.1	5.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	7.0	7.4
Medford (Jackson County)	5.7	5.7	5.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.8	4.9	5.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.9	5.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.4	5.9
Benton	4.1	4.2	4.4
Clackamas	4.8	4.8	5.1
Clatsop	4.9	5.0	5.3
Columbia	5.9	6.0	6.2
Coos	5.6	5.7	6.1
Crook	6.0	6.0	5.9
Curry	6.1	6.2	6.9
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.9
Douglas	6.1	6.1	6.4
Gilliam	4.8	5.1	5.7
Grant	6.8	6.7	7.9
Harney	5.0	4.9	5.0
Hood River	3.9	3.9	4.3
Jackson	5.7	5.7	5.8
Jefferson	5.6	5.6	6.0
Josephine	7.0	7.0	7.4
Klamath	7.2	7.2	7.4
Lake	6.1	6.0	6.3
Lane	5.1	5.1	5.2
Lincoln	5.8	5.8	6.3
Linn	5.3	5.3	5.7
Malheur	4.4	4.5	4.9
Marion	5.0	5.0	5.2
Morrow	4.6	4.6	5.2
Multnomah	5.1	5.1	5.3
Polk	4.8	4.8	5.1
Sherman	4.7	4.8	5.4
Tillamook	5.2	5.2	5.4
Umatilla	5.3	5.3	5.7
Union	5.0	5.0	5.8
Wallowa	6.1	6.0	6.0
Wasco	5.1	5.1	5.4
Washington	4.8	4.9	5.1
Wheeler	4.2	4.3	4.3
Yamhill	4.7	4.8	5.0

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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