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## Employment in Douglas County

### Douglas County's Payroll Employment Little Changed Over the Year

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.2% in April compared with the revised March rate of 6.2%. Over the year, Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly from 5.6% in April 2025. The Oregon rate was 5.2% in April and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment rose by 60 jobs in April.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in April, there were job gains estimated in retail trade (60), leisure and hospitality (50), construction (30), private education and health services (30), and professional and business services (30). On the other hand, manufacturing employment fell by 30 jobs over the month.

When comparing April 2026 with April 2025, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down by 50 jobs, for a loss of 0.1%. There were private-sector over-the-year gains in private education and health services (100), wholesale trade (90), and professional and business services (50). Industries losing jobs since April 2025 included manufacturing (-230), retail trade (-70), and other services (-40).

Government employment was little changed over the year in April. Gains were posted in local education (60), Indian tribal (50), and local government excluding education and tribal (30). Federal government employment fell by 130 jobs over the year.

#### Next Press Releases

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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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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	46,437	46,541	46,233	-104	204
Unemployed	2,673	2,937	2,522	-264	151
Unemployment rate	5.8%	6.3%	5.5%	-0.5	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.2%	5.6%	0.0	0.6
Employed	43,764	43,604	43,711	160	53
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,170	37,930	38,240	240	-70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,250	38,190	38,300	60	-50
Total private	30,290	30,080	30,370	210	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	2,520	2,480	2,520	40	0
Mining and logging	820	810	820	10	0
Construction	1,700	1,670	1,700	30	0
Manufacturing	4,180	4,210	4,410	-30	-230
Durable goods	3,700	3,730	3,920	-30	-220
Wood product manufacturing	2,420	2,450	2,590	-30	-170
Nondurable goods	480	480	490	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,800	6,720	6,750	80	50
Wholesale trade	940	930	850	10	90
Retail trade	4,440	4,380	4,510	60	-70
Food and beverage retailers	1,000	990	1,020	10	-20
General merchandise retailers	1,150	1,130	1,110	20	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,420	1,410	1,390	10	30
Information	300	300	310	0	-10
Financial activities	1,300	1,310	1,280	-10	20
Professional and business services	3,030	3,000	2,980	30	50
Private education and health services	7,260	7,230	7,160	30	100
Leisure and hospitality	3,650	3,600	3,670	50	-20
Food services and drinking places	2,870	2,870	2,870	0	0
Other services	1,250	1,230	1,290	20	-40
Government	7,880	7,850	7,870	30	10
Federal government	1,350	1,340	1,480	10	-130
State government	700	700	700	0	0
Local government	5,830	5,810	5,690	20	140
Indian tribal	1,160	1,160	1,110	0	50
Local education	3,160	3,160	3,100	0	60
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,510	1,490	1,480	20	30

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.

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