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## **Employment in Douglas County**

### **Douglas Nonfarm Employment Declined by 300 Over the Year to August**

Total nonfarm jobs in Douglas County declined over the year to August by 300 jobs (-1%) on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Job declines were estimated in several industries over the year, with losses in manufacturing (-200 jobs, -5%); retail trade (-190 jobs, -4%); mining, logging, and construction (-110 jobs, -4%); and government (-110 jobs, 1%). Private education and health services added jobs (+260 jobs, 4%) as did wholesale trade (+60 jobs, 7%).

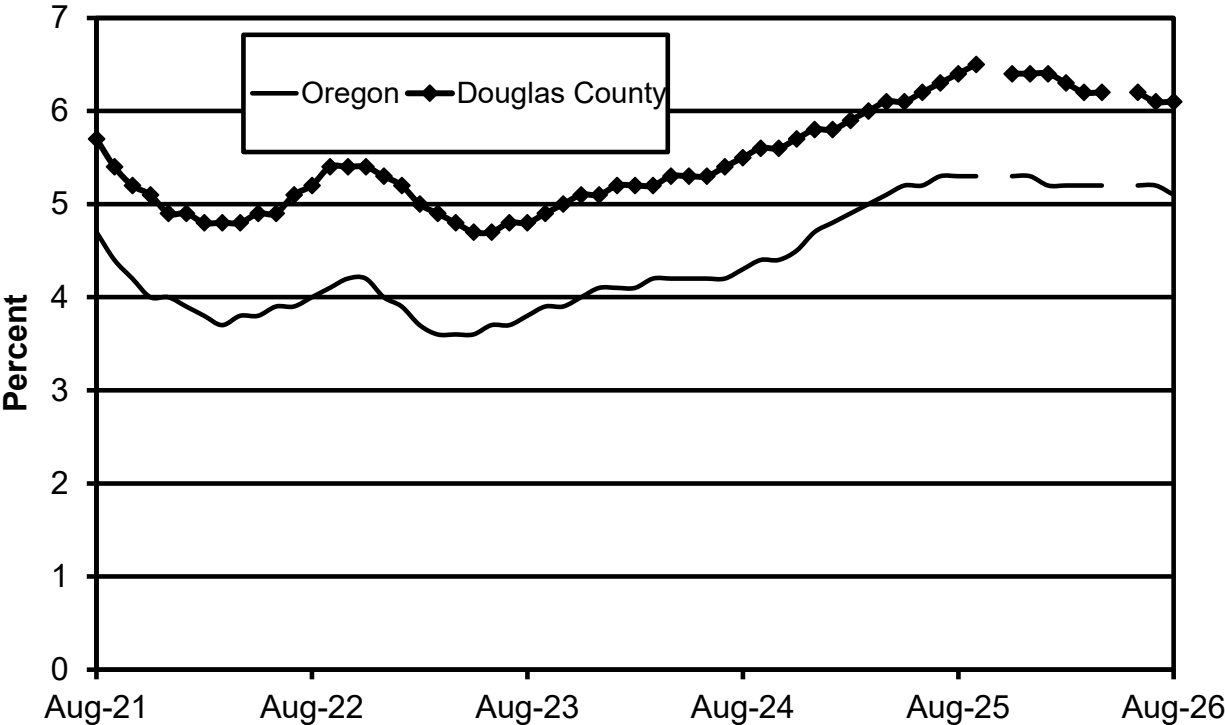
Over the month, total nonfarm employment was essentially unchanged. Slight losses in manufacturing and leisure and hospitality were counterbalanced by gains in government, professional services, and construction.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down slightly over the year. The rate in August 2026 was 6.1%, compared with 6.4% in August 2025.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



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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## Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

|                                                       | --Change From-- |              |                |              |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                                       | August<br>2026  | July<br>2026 | August<br>2025 | July<br>2026 | August<br>2025 |
| <b>Labor Force Status</b>                             |                 |              |                |              |                |
| Civilian labor force                                  | 47,077          | 46,840       | 47,240         | 237          | -163           |
| Unemployed                                            | 2,852           | 2,925        | 3,106          | -73          | -254           |
| Unemployment rate                                     | 6.1%            | 6.2%         | 6.6%           | -0.1         | -0.5           |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>        | 6.1%            | 6.1%         | 6.4%           | 0.0          | -0.3           |
| Employed                                              | 44,225          | 43,915       | 44,134         | 310          | 91             |
| <b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>                     |                 |              |                |              |                |
| Total nonfarm employment                              | 37,980          | 37,910       | 38,280         | 70           | -300           |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 37,990          | 37,980       | 38,300         | 10           | -310           |
| Total private                                         | 30,720          | 30,690       | 30,910         | 30           | -190           |
| Mining, logging, and construction                     | 2,520           | 2,480        | 2,630          | 40           | -110           |
| Mining and logging                                    | 800             | 790          | 830            | 10           | -30            |
| Construction                                          | 1,720           | 1,690        | 1,800          | 30           | -80            |
| Manufacturing                                         | 4,200           | 4,230        | 4,400          | -30          | -200           |
| Durable goods                                         | 3,740           | 3,760        | 3,910          | -20          | -170           |
| Wood product manufacturing                            | 2,440           | 2,460        | 2,580          | -20          | -140           |
| Nondurable goods                                      | 460             | 470          | 490            | -10          | -30            |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities                  | 6,800           | 6,810        | 6,950          | -10          | -150           |
| Wholesale trade                                       | 930             | 940          | 870            | -10          | 60             |
| Retail trade                                          | 4,430           | 4,430        | 4,620          | 0            | -190           |
| Food and beverage retailers                           | 1,030           | 1,020        | 1,060          | 10           | -30            |
| General merchandise retailers                         | 1,140           | 1,150        | 1,150          | -10          | -10            |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities            | 1,440           | 1,440        | 1,460          | 0            | -20            |
| Information                                           | 300             | 300          | 310            | 0            | -10            |
| Financial activities                                  | 1,330           | 1,330        | 1,300          | 0            | 30             |
| Professional and business services                    | 2,990           | 2,950        | 2,980          | 40           | 10             |
| Private education and health services                 | 7,380           | 7,370        | 7,120          | 10           | 260            |
| Leisure and hospitality                               | 3,930           | 3,950        | 3,970          | -20          | -40            |
| Food services and drinking places                     | 3,030           | 3,030        | 3,080          | 0            | -50            |
| Other services                                        | 1,270           | 1,270        | 1,250          | 0            | 20             |
| Government                                            | 7,260           | 7,220        | 7,370          | 40           | -110           |
| Federal government                                    | 1,380           | 1,390        | 1,470          | -10          | -90            |
| State government                                      | 720             | 720          | 710            | 0            | 10             |
| Local government                                      | 5,160           | 5,110        | 5,190          | 50           | -30            |
| Indian tribal                                         | 1,180           | 1,180        | 1,160          | 0            | 20             |
| Local education                                       | 2,410           | 2,380        | 2,470          | 30           | -60            |
| Local government excluding education and tribal       | 1,570           | 1,550        | 1,560          | 20           | 10             |

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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