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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas Unemployment Rate Declines from September 2025

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined in Douglas County over the year, from 6.5% in September 2025 to 5.9% in the most recent estimates.

Douglas County seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment declined by 400 over the year to September.

Industry growth over the year maintained the pattern that has been relatively consistent for the last several years. Private education and health services added 230 jobs (+3%), making up the largest portion of job growth. Other sectors to add jobs included wholesale trade (+60 jobs, 7%) and financial activities (+20 jobs, 2%).

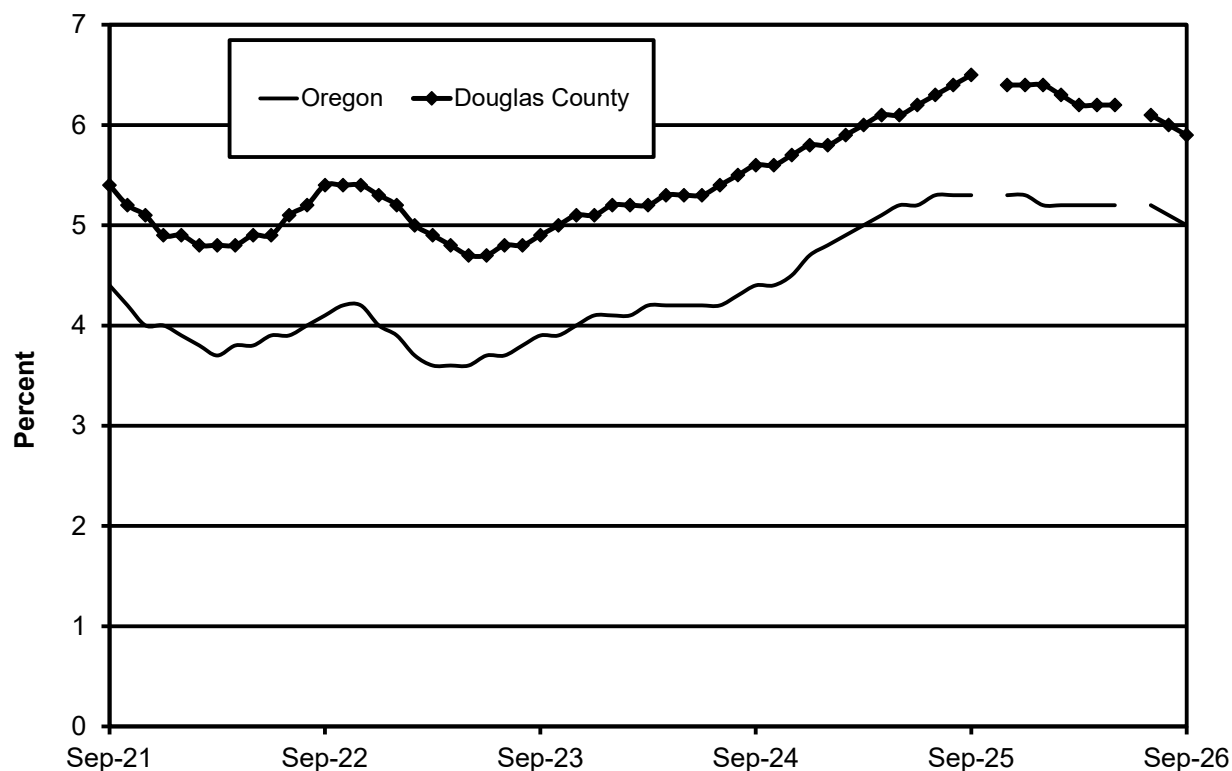
Losses were estimated in other sectors, including manufacturing (-200, -5%), construction (-110, -6%), retail (-160, -3%), and government (-80, -1%).

Over the month, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was essentially unchanged. Slight losses were estimated in professional and business services and leisure and hospitality, and there were large gains in local government education, which is expected with the resumption of school.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



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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--	
	September 2026	August 2026	September 2025	August 2026	September 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,914	47,065	47,417	-151	-503
Unemployed	2,395	2,843	2,936	-448	-541
Unemployment rate	5.1%	6.0%	6.2%	-0.9	-1.1
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.9%	6.0%	6.5%	-0.1	-0.6
Employed	44,519	44,222	44,481	297	38
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,320	38,000	38,700	320	-380
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	38,030	38,010	38,430	20	-400
Total private	30,570	30,710	30,870	-140	-300
Mining, logging, and construction	2,490	2,520	2,660	-30	-170
Mining and logging	790	800	850	-10	-60
Construction	1,700	1,720	1,810	-20	-110
Manufacturing	4,200	4,200	4,400	0	-200
Durable goods	3,740	3,740	3,920	0	-180
Wood product manufacturing	2,440	2,440	2,600	0	-160
Nondurable goods	460	460	480	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,830	6,790	6,940	40	-110
Wholesale trade	940	930	880	10	60
Retail trade	4,430	4,420	4,590	10	-160
Food and beverage retailers	1,020	1,030	1,060	-10	-40
General merchandise retailers	1,150	1,140	1,160	10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,460	1,440	1,470	20	-10
Information	290	300	300	-10	-10
Financial activities	1,320	1,330	1,300	-10	20
Professional and business services	2,910	2,990	2,960	-80	-50
Private education and health services	7,410	7,380	7,180	30	230
Leisure and hospitality	3,850	3,930	3,880	-80	-30
Food services and drinking places	2,970	3,020	3,020	-50	-50
Other services	1,270	1,270	1,250	0	20
Government	7,750	7,290	7,830	460	-80
Federal government	1,370	1,380	1,460	-10	-90
State government	720	720	710	0	10
Local government	5,660	5,190	5,660	470	0
Indian tribal	1,160	1,180	1,130	-20	30
Local education	2,970	2,440	3,010	530	-40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,530	1,570	1,520	-40	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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