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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County's Total Nonfarm Employment Declines Slightly Over the Year

Lane County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment declined by 1,000 over the year to September 2026, a decline of 1%. Total private industry added 500 jobs over the year, while government declined by 1,000 jobs. Neither component figure is seasonally adjusted.

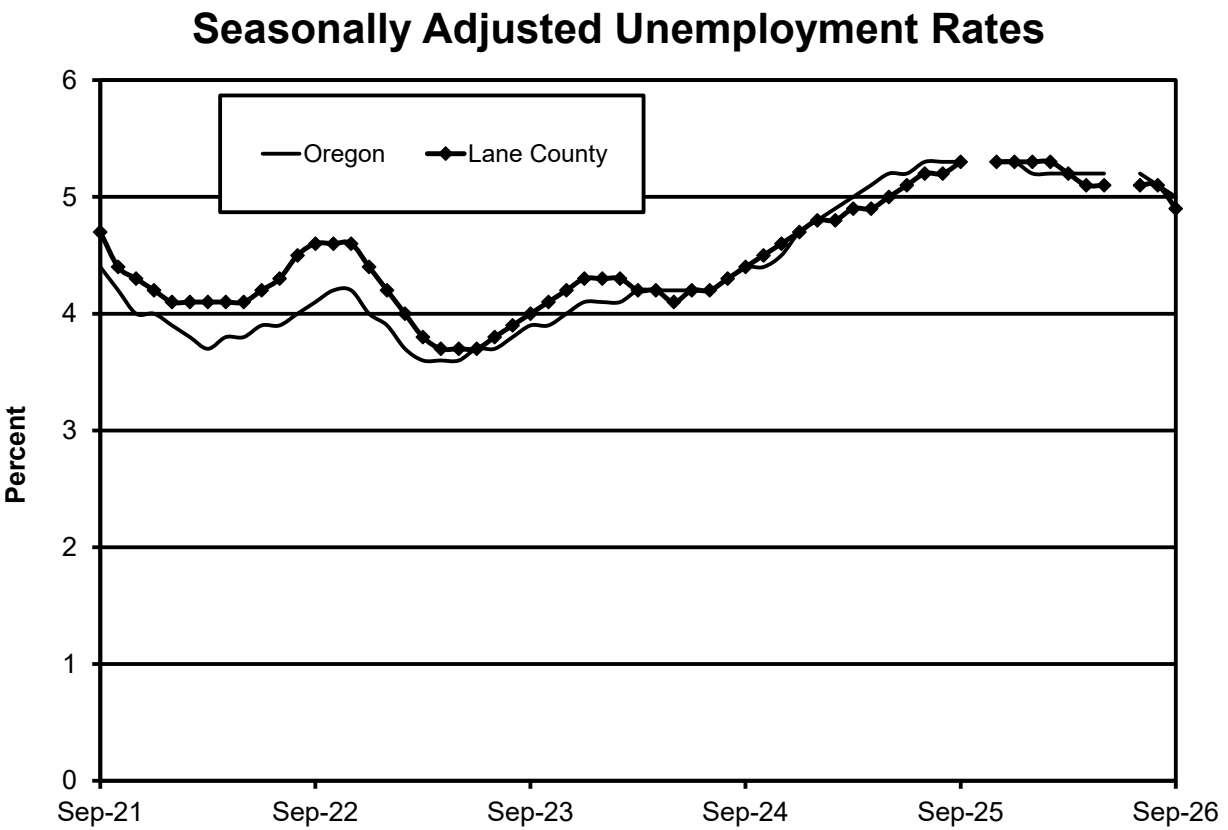
Industries with the largest gains over the year included private education and health services (+1,200 jobs, +4%) and professional and business services (+500 jobs, +3%). Industries with the largest estimated declines over the year included financial activities (-400, -5%); trade, transportation, and utilities (-700, -3%); and government (-1,000, -4%).

Many industries were little changed over the month. With the beginning of the school year, there were seasonally expected increases in local government education (+1,700 jobs), although employment in the sector was lower than in September 2025. Leisure and hospitality saw declines from August (-500 jobs) as employment retreats from its seasonal summer peak, but employment in the sector was unchanged over the year.

Lane's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked down slightly over the last year, from a rate of 5.3% in September 2025 to 4.9% in the most recent estimate.

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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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Eugene-Springfield MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September		August		--Change From--	
	2026	2026	September	2026	September	2025
Labor Force Status						
Civilian labor force	188,288	188,600	187,397	-312	891	
Unemployed	8,335	9,967	10,034	-1,632	-1,699	
Unemployment rate	4.4%	5.3%	5.4%	-0.9	-1.0	
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	-0.2	-0.4	
Employed	179,953	178,633	177,363	1,320	2,590	
Nonfarm Payroll Employment						
Total nonfarm employment	160,500	159,700	161,000	800	-500	
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	161,300	161,200	162,300	100	-1,000	
Total private	133,200	133,700	132,700	-500	500	
Mining, logging, and construction	8,400	8,400	8,600	0	-200	
Mining and logging	900	900	1,000	0	-100	
Construction	7,500	7,500	7,600	0	-100	
Manufacturing	14,000	14,100	14,000	-100	0	
Durable goods	8,900	9,000	9,000	-100	-100	
Wood product manufacturing	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0	
Nondurable goods	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100	
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,300	27,500	28,000	-200	-700	
Wholesale trade	5,500	5,600	5,800	-100	-300	
Retail trade	18,400	18,500	18,600	-100	-200	
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	-200	
Information	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0	
Financial activities	8,100	8,100	8,500	0	-400	
Professional and business services	17,100	16,900	16,600	200	500	
Administrative and support services	6,300	6,200	6,300	100	0	
Private education and health services	33,400	33,200	32,200	200	1,200	
Health care and social assistance	31,000	31,100	30,100	-100	900	
Leisure and hospitality	17,700	18,200	17,700	-500	0	
Accommodation and food services	15,700	16,100	15,600	-400	100	
Food services and drinking places	14,100	14,400	14,000	-300	100	
Other services	5,300	5,400	5,200	-100	100	
Government	27,300	26,000	28,300	1,300	-1,000	
Federal government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0	
State government	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0	
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Local government	23,300	22,000	24,300	1,300	-1,000	
Local education	15,300	13,600	16,200	1,700	-900	

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: Official Oregon Series. 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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