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Employment in Lincoln County: April 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 10 in April

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in April, down from 5.9% in March. It was up from 5.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in April, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased in April by 10 to 18,510 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 240 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 250, with a gain of 250 jobs in the private sector and no change in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality added 160 jobs (+3.5%). Private education and health services added 30 jobs (+1.3%).

April's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 200 jobs over the year (-1.1%). The largest gain occurred in leisure and hospitality, which rose by 80 jobs over the year in April (+1.7%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 70 jobs (-2.2%). Federal government lost 40 jobs (-12.1%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 17, and May county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, June 23.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,731	20,648	20,903	83	-172
Unemployed	1,087	1,247	1,065	-160	22
Unemployment rate	5.2%	6.0%	5.1%	-0.8	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.9%	5.2%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	19,644	19,401	19,838	243	-194
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,370	18,120	18,570	250	-200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,510	18,500	18,710	10	-200
Total private	14,310	14,060	14,440	250	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	910	900	930	10	-20
Mining and logging	120	120	130	0	-10
Construction	790	780	800	10	-10
Manufacturing	780	780	810	0	-30
Durable goods	90	80	100	10	-10
Nondurable goods	690	700	710	-10	-20
Food manufacturing	180	170	180	10	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,070	3,070	3,140	0	-70
Retail trade	2,610	2,610	2,660	0	-50
Food and beverage retailers	800	800	770	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	260	280	10	-10
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	890	870	950	20	-60
Professional and business services	960	940	1,010	20	-50
Private education and health services	2,370	2,340	2,340	30	30
Leisure and hospitality	4,790	4,630	4,710	160	80
Accommodation and food services	4,550	4,390	4,470	160	80
Accommodation	1,800	1,720	1,820	80	-20
Food services and drinking places	2,750	2,670	2,650	80	100
Other services	440	430	440	10	0
Government	4,060	4,060	4,130	0	-70
Federal government	290	290	330	0	-40
State government	340	340	360	0	-20
Local government	3,430	3,430	3,440	0	-10
Indian tribal	990	990	980	0	10
Local education	1,040	1,040	1,070	0	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,400	1,400	1,390	0	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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>March 2026</u>	<u>April 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.3	4.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.4	5.0
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.9	4.9	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.2	4.4	3.9
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.1	5.2	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.7	6.8	6.2
Medford (Jackson County)	5.7	5.7	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.1	5.1	4.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	5.0	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.3	5.4	4.8
Benton	4.2	4.4	3.9
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	4.3
Clatsop	4.9	5.0	4.5
Columbia	6.1	6.1	5.3
Coos	5.6	5.7	5.1
Crook	5.9	5.8	5.1
Curry	6.3	6.4	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.3
Douglas	6.2	6.2	5.6
Gilliam	5.5	5.5	4.6
Grant	6.9	7.1	6.4
Harney	4.6	4.7	4.5
Hood River	4.0	4.0	3.7
Jackson	5.7	5.7	5.1
Jefferson	5.6	5.5	4.6
Josephine	6.7	6.8	6.2
Klamath	7.2	7.2	6.4
Lake	5.8	5.8	5.4
Lane	5.1	5.2	4.5
Lincoln	5.8	5.9	5.2
Linn	5.4	5.4	5.0
Malheur	4.4	4.5	4.2
Marion	5.0	5.0	4.4
Morrow	4.3	4.5	4.8
Multnomah	5.2	5.1	4.5
Polk	4.8	4.9	4.3
Sherman	4.7	4.9	3.8
Tillamook	5.2	5.3	4.7
Umatilla	5.1	5.2	5.0
Union	5.1	5.3	5.2
Wallowa	6.0	6.0	5.0
Wasco	5.0	5.0	4.5
Washington	5.0	5.0	4.2
Wheeler	4.7	4.7	4.2
Yamhill	4.8	4.9	4.3

(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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