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Employment in Lincoln County: July 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment decreased by 150 in July

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in July, down from 5.9% in June. It was down from 6.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in July, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 150 in July to 18,290 jobs (-0.8%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 150 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment was unchanged, with a gain of 320 jobs in the private sector and a loss of 320 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality added 230 jobs (+4.5%). Local education lost 320 jobs (-30.2%).

July's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 450 jobs over the year (-2.3%). The largest gain occurred in private education and health services which rose by 120 jobs over the year in July (+5.3%). Retail trade lost 180 jobs (-6.4%). Local government lost 140 jobs (-4.4%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Sep. 16, and August county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Sep. 22.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	21,646	21,468	21,979	178	-333
Unemployed	1,292	1,269	1,377	23	-85
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%	0.1	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	20,354	20,199	20,602	155	-248
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,870	18,870	19,320	0	-450
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>18,290</i>	<i>18,440</i>	<i>18,720</i>	<i>-150</i>	<i>-430</i>
Total private	15,160	14,840	15,420	320	-260
Mining, logging, and construction	960	960	970	0	-10
Mining and logging	130	130	130	0	0
Construction	830	830	840	0	-10
Manufacturing	980	950	1,040	30	-60
Durable goods	80	80	90	0	-10
Nondurable goods	900	870	950	30	-50
Food manufacturing	290	280	410	10	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,050	3,010	3,300	40	-250
Retail trade	2,640	2,610	2,820	30	-180
Food and beverage retailers	800	800	880	0	-80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	300	0	-50
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	930	920	930	10	0
Professional and business services	1,000	970	1,030	30	-30
Private education and health services	2,390	2,400	2,270	-10	120
Leisure and hospitality	5,360	5,130	5,340	230	20
Accommodation and food services	5,060	4,870	5,070	190	-10
Accommodation	2,040	1,960	2,130	80	-90
Food services and drinking places	3,020	2,910	2,940	110	80
Other services	390	400	430	-10	-40
Government	3,710	4,030	3,900	-320	-190
Federal government	300	300	330	0	-30
State government	360	360	380	0	-20
Local government	3,050	3,370	3,190	-320	-140
Indian tribal	910	910	940	0	-30
Local education	740	1,060	860	-320	-120
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)

	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025
United States	4.1	4.2	4.3
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.3	5.4	5.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	5.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.2	4.3	4.3
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.1	5.1	5.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	6.8	7.4
Medford (Jackson County)	5.7	5.7	5.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.9	5.0	4.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.9	5.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.4	5.8
Benton	4.2	4.3	4.3
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	5.0
Clatsop	5.0	4.9	5.3
Columbia	6.0	6.0	6.1
Coos	5.7	5.7	6.0
Crook	6.0	6.0	5.8
Curry	6.2	6.3	6.8
Deschutes	4.8	4.9	4.9
Douglas	6.1	6.2	6.3
Gilliam	5.1	5.3	5.4
Grant	6.7	6.6	7.8
Harney	4.9	4.8	5.0
Hood River	3.9	4.0	4.2
Jackson	5.7	5.7	5.8
Jefferson	5.6	5.6	5.9
Josephine	7.0	6.8	7.4
Klamath	7.2	7.2	7.3
Lake	6.0	5.9	6.3
Lane	5.1	5.1	5.2
Lincoln	5.8	5.9	6.2
Linn	5.3	5.4	5.7
Malheur	4.5	4.5	4.8
Marion	5.0	5.0	5.2
Morrow	4.6	4.5	5.1
Multnomah	5.1	5.1	5.3
Polk	4.8	4.9	5.0
Sherman	4.8	4.9	5.3
Tillamook	5.2	5.2	5.4
Umatilla	5.3	5.3	5.7
Union	5.0	5.0	5.8
Wallowa	6.1	6.0	5.9
Wasco	5.1	5.1	5.3
Washington	4.9	5.0	5.0
Wheeler	4.3	4.6	4.2
Yamhill	4.8	4.8	4.9

(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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