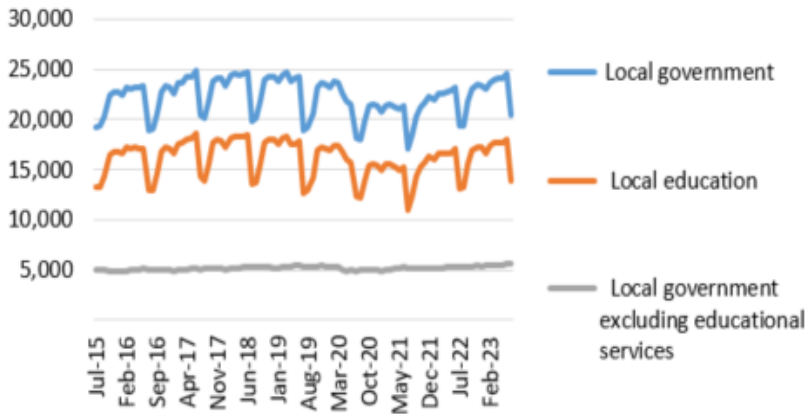


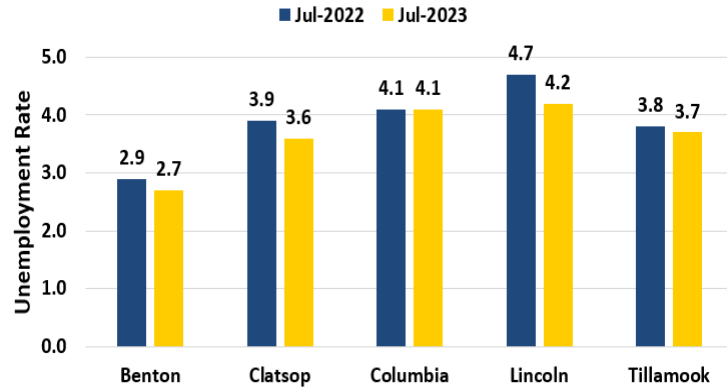
## Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators

For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties August 2023 (July 2023 Data)

Components of Local Government Employment,  
NW Oregon, July '15-July '23

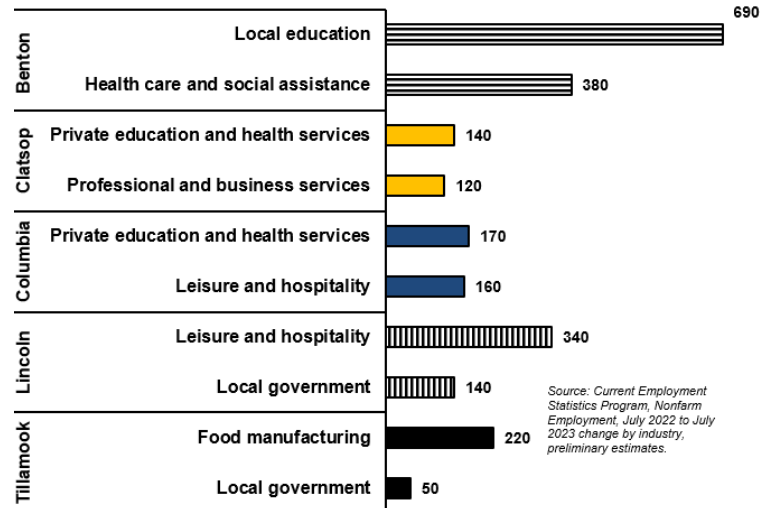


Local Area Unemployment Rates  
(Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)



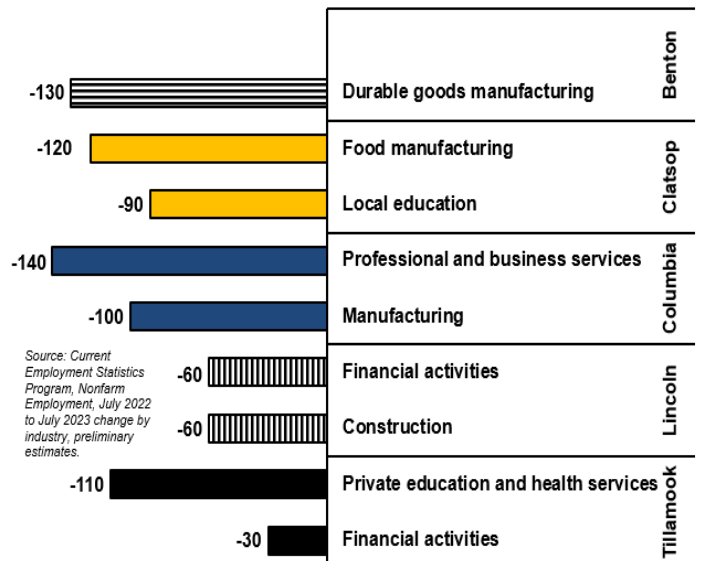
Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

### Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, July 2022 to July 2023 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

### Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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### Graph of the Month

This month we are taking a look at the primary components of local government employment. As teachers leave work for summer vacation, the employment levels in government sharply decline. However, the change in government employment over the year is minimal, which tells us that this decrease in employment was expected and is a normal seasonal movement. The graph above shows how this seasonal fluctuation in education really defines the local government sector as a whole. Much like we saw a large decrease in government employment in July, expect to see a large increase in September as teachers return.

### Key Takeaways

Unemployment rates continue to decrease across the region, nearing record lows. Summer seasonal employment shifts are in full swing. Leisure and hospitality continues towards its peak employment levels, surpassing last year's employment levels in Lincoln and Columbia counties. On a month-to-month basis, much of the NW lost jobs, primarily due to decreases in local government employment. For more information on why that decrease in employment is expected, see the graph of the month above.

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