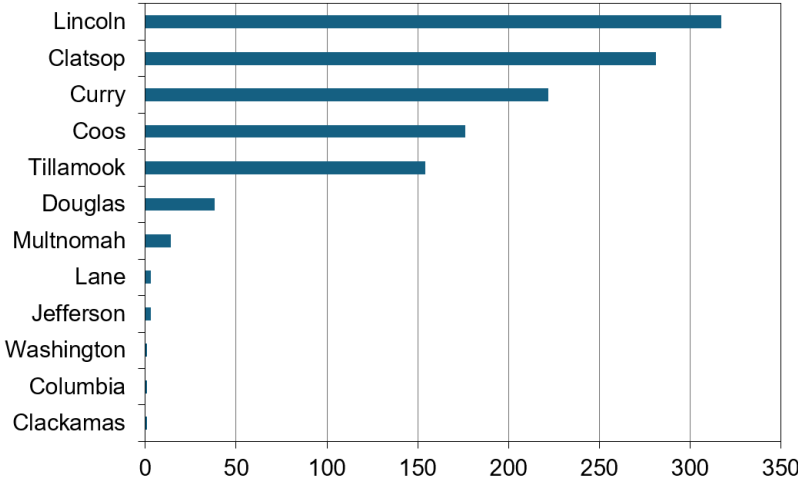


Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators

For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties July 2024 (June 2024 Data)

North Coast Counties Accounted for 62% of 2023 Commercial Fishing Employment



Source: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Employment Department

Graph of the Month

This month we are taking a look at commercial fishing employment by county. An estimated 1,212 commercial fishers (excluding tribal fishing) worked in Oregon on an annual average basis in 2023. This was a slight decrease (-15) from the number of fishers in 2022, but very similar to the annual average of fishers in Oregon since 2020. Estimating employment in fishing is more difficult than measuring the harvests. Legislation in 1999 allowed most fishers to be exempt from unemployment insurance coverage – the primary source of employment data. The Oregon Employment Department now estimates the number of fishers based on a combination of survey data and the number commercial fish landings made in Oregon. To learn more, check out [this article on QualityInfo.org](https://www.qualityinfo.org).

Key Takeaways

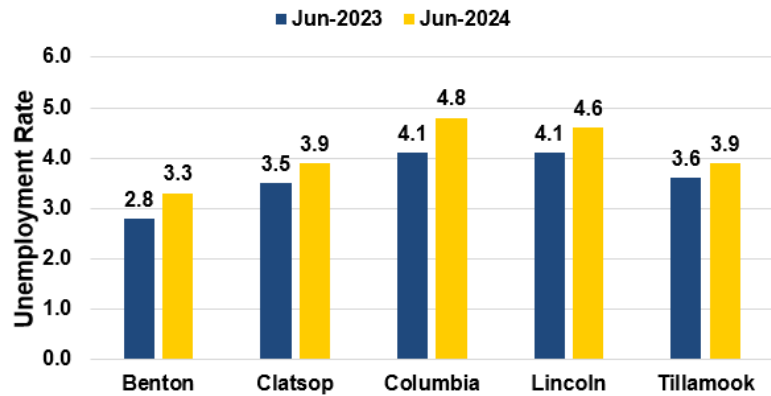
Unemployment rates were relatively unchanged in all five counties, as well as at the state level. Industry gains and losses over the year to June are a mixed bag. In general, health services and local government continue to add the most jobs to the region. Durable goods manufacturing and construction are also adding jobs in most counties. Food manufacturing and leisure and hospitality have lost jobs over the year, likely due to a slower than normal start to summer tourism.

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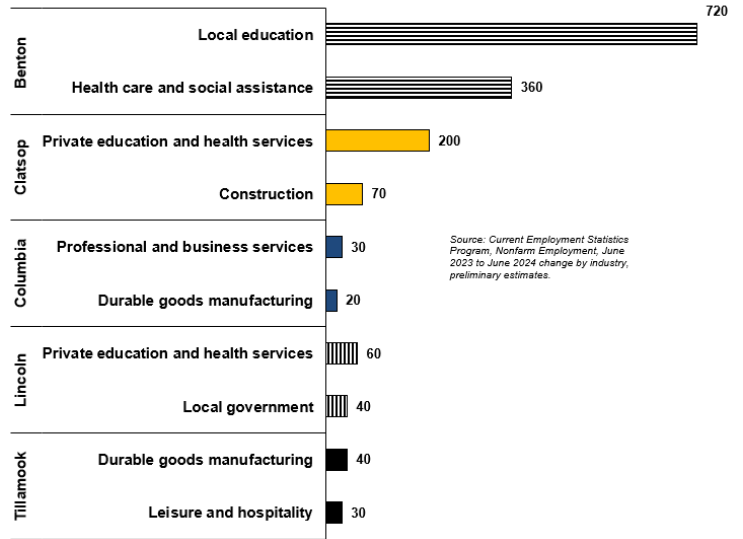
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Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)



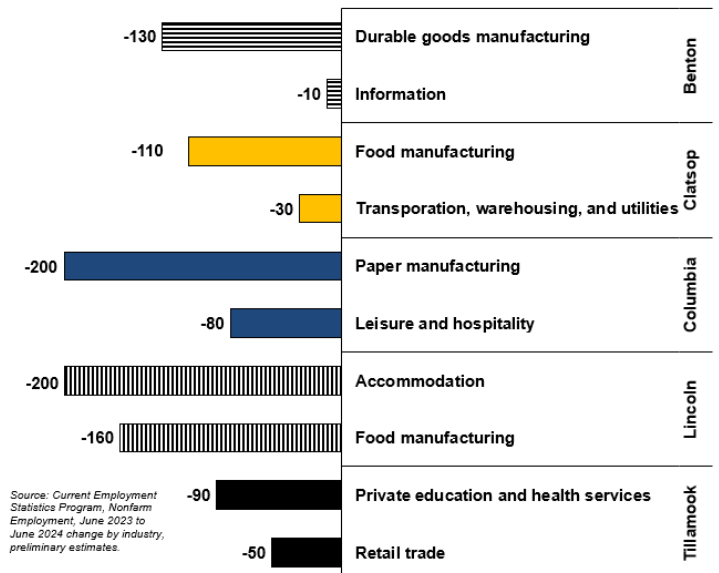
Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, June 2023 to June 2024 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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