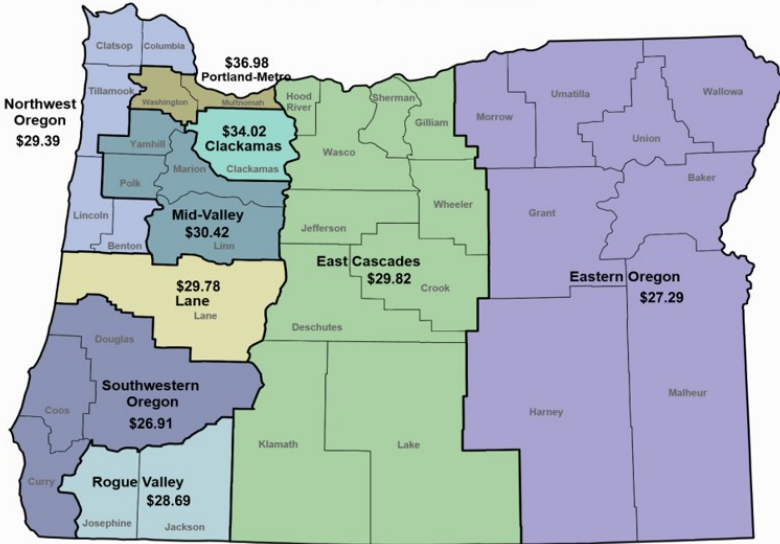


**Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators**

For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties September 2024 (August 2024 Data)

**Northwest Oregon Average Wage 11% Lower than Statewide Average Wage at \$29.39**

Statewide Average Hourly Wage: \$33.06



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Wage Information 2024

**Graph of the Month**

This month we are taking a look at the recently released occupational wage information for 2024. The Oregon Employment Department publishes wage estimates for over 750 occupations, many available in every region of the state. This wage information helps people compare their pay with others in their field or in other careers. The annual average wage for all of Oregon was \$68,780 in 2024. Because of differences in cost of living, industry mix, and available workforce, occupational wages differ across the state. The annual average wage for Northwest Oregon was \$61,150 in 2024, 11% lower than the statewide annual average wage. To learn more, [check out this article on QualityInfo.org](#).

**Key Takeaways**

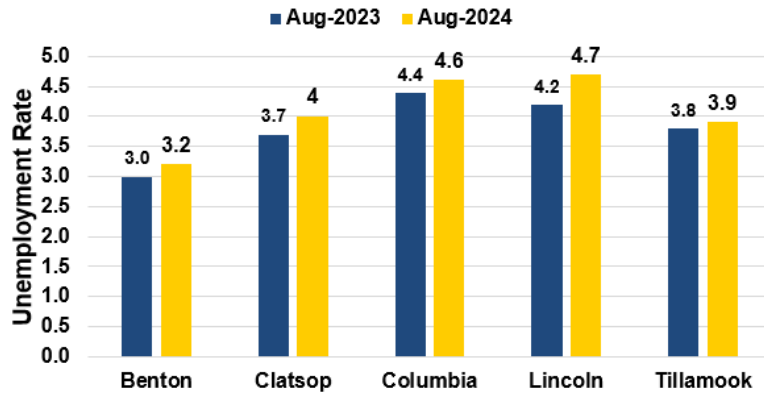
Unemployment rates were relatively unchanged in all five counties, as well as at the state level. Private education and health services continued to add jobs in most counties, with local education employment beginning to rebound after the initial onset of summer. Job losses over the year continue to be centered in manufacturing, specifically food manufacturing. After a slow start to seasonal hiring, employment in leisure and hospitality was flat year-over-year in most counties, though job losses remain in Clatsop County.

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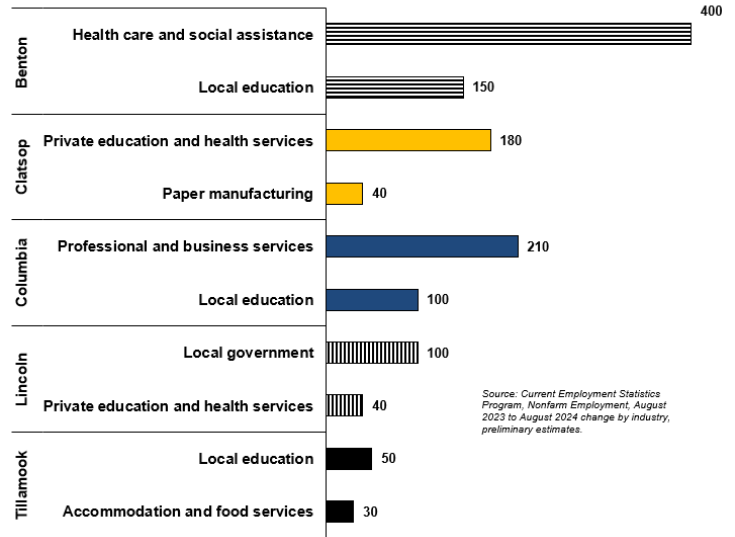
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**Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)**



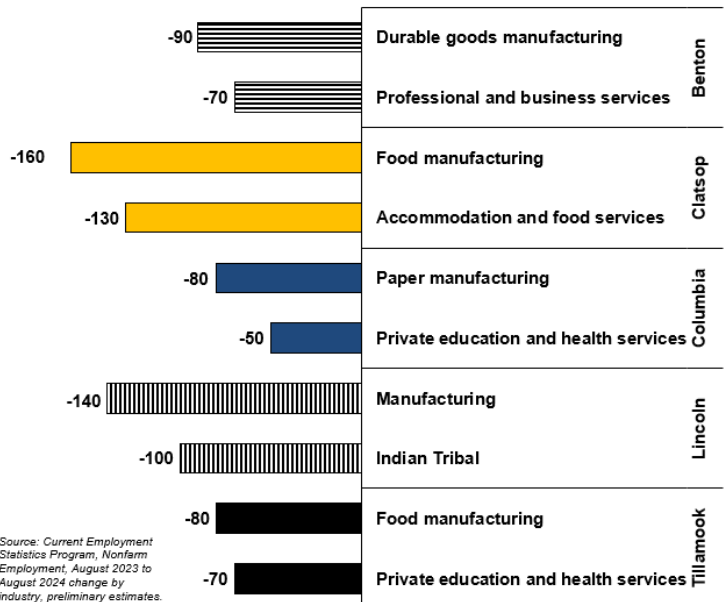
Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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



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

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



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