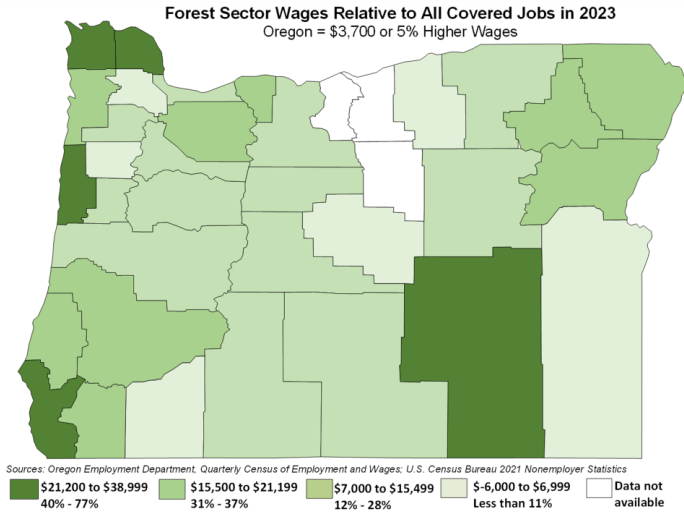
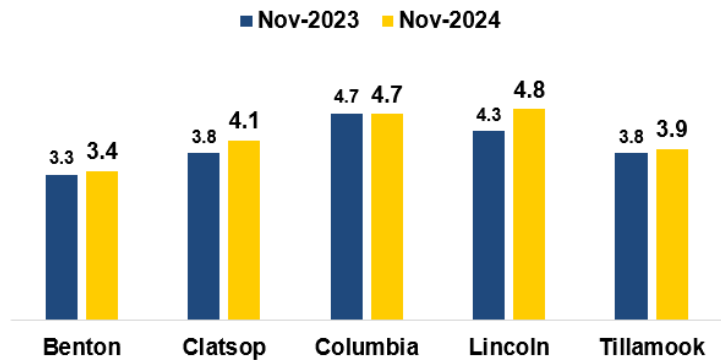


Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators

For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties December 2024 (November 2024 Data)



Local Area Unemployment Rates
(Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

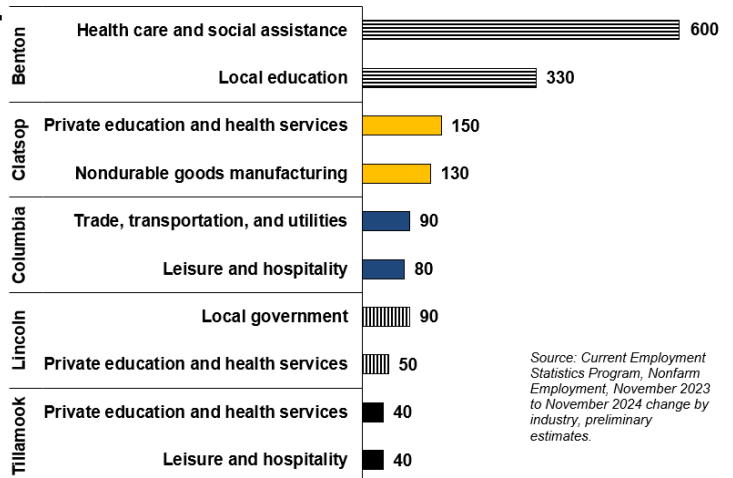
Graph of the Month

This month we are taking a look at 2023 employment in Oregon’s forest sector. The forest sector, comprised of primary and secondary forest products, forest management, forestry support, and forestry-dependent industries employed 3% of Oregon’s workforce. In rural counties, that percentage increases to 6%. One of the forest sector’s most important aspects for rural Oregonians is the above-average pay that these jobs generate. In Clatsop County, the average pay for forest sector jobs was 77% higher than the average for all jobs at \$87,700 versus \$49,400. Similarly, the average wage in Lincoln County for forest sector jobs was 75% higher at \$85,100 versus the average for all jobs of \$48,800. [To learn more, check out this article on QualityInfo.org.](#)

Key Takeaways

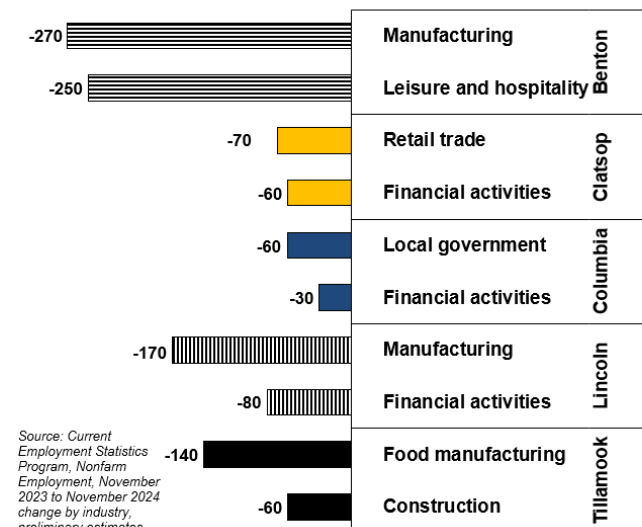
As the year draws to a close, the dominant trends in the labor market of Northwest Oregon continue. Unemployment rates were nearly unchanged across the region, though up from their levels one year before. Private education and health services continues to lead job gains across the region, while manufacturing employment is down over the year in all areas except Clatsop County.

Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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

Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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

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