

LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC UPDATE

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WHO AM I AND WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU

- Oregon Employment Department -> Workforce and Economic Research -> Regional Analysis -> Me
- Our mission is to provide labor market information to businesses, workforce development groups, higher education, elected officials, news media, or simply interested individuals
- Our day-to-day involves helping customers access and understand labor market information, giving presentations, writing articles, adding regional insight into various labor market products, and keeping up with economic trends
- Our goal is to help YOU access and understand labor market information, and my services are free!
- Ask me about employment and wages by industry/occupation, job vacancies, maritime or timber sector employment, industry and occupation employment projections, demographic data, and more!

EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE YEAR, FLAT OVER LAST 2 YEARS

Lincoln County Total nonfarm employment

(seasonally adjusted)
Official Oregon Series

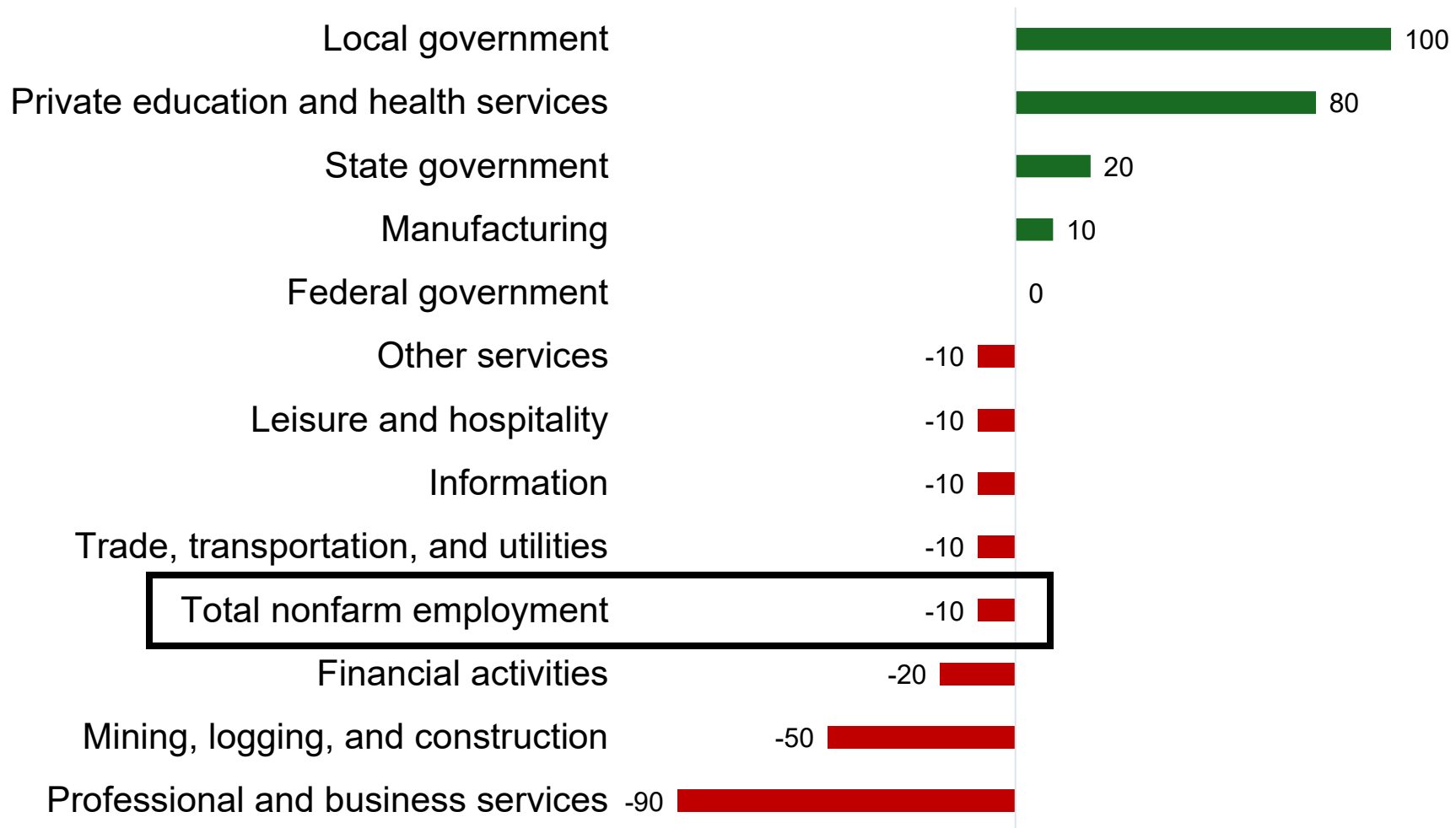


December 2025 Employment	18,780
Change from December 2024	-100
Change as Percent	-0.5%

Source: Oregon Employment Department QualityInfo.org

HEALTHCARE AND GOV'T UP, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION DOWN

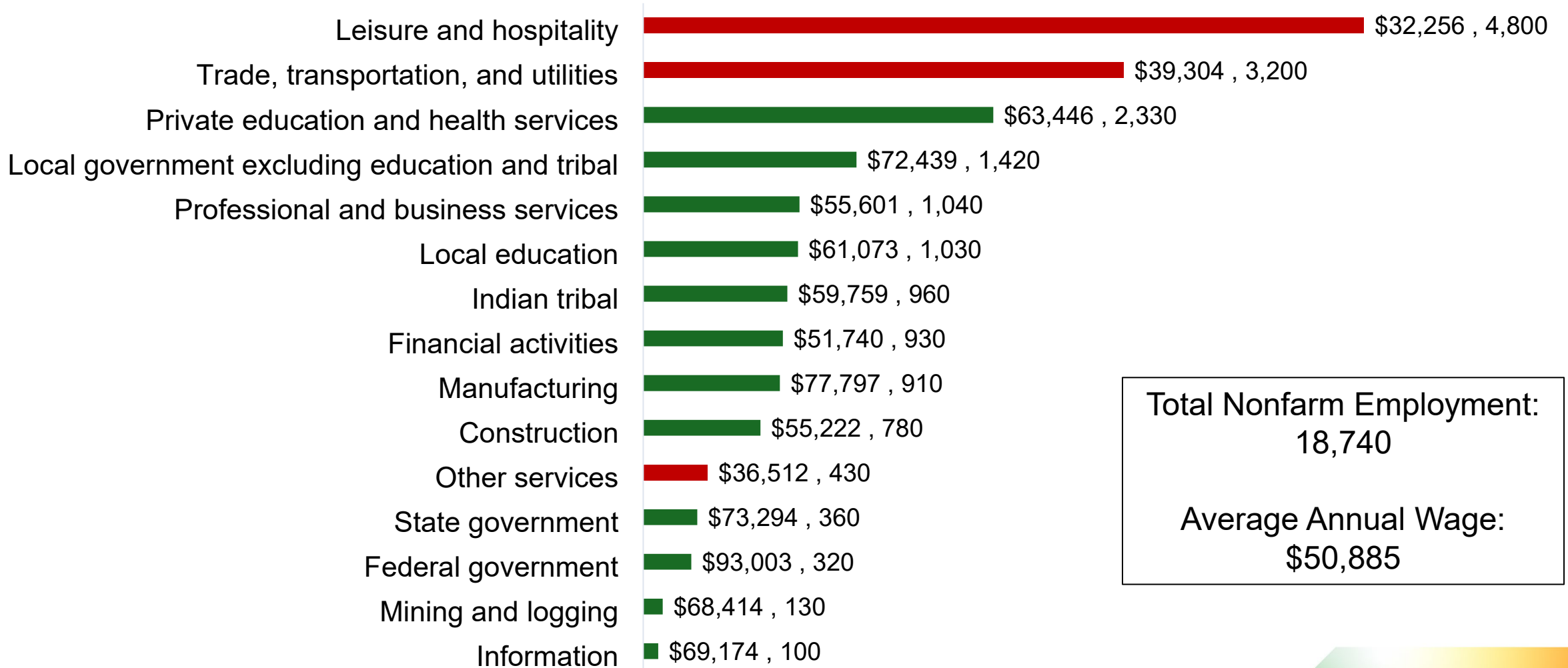
Total Nonfarm Employment Change, 2024-2025 Annual



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

SERVICE INDUSTRIES EMPLOY THE MOST WORKERS, GOVERNMENT SECOND

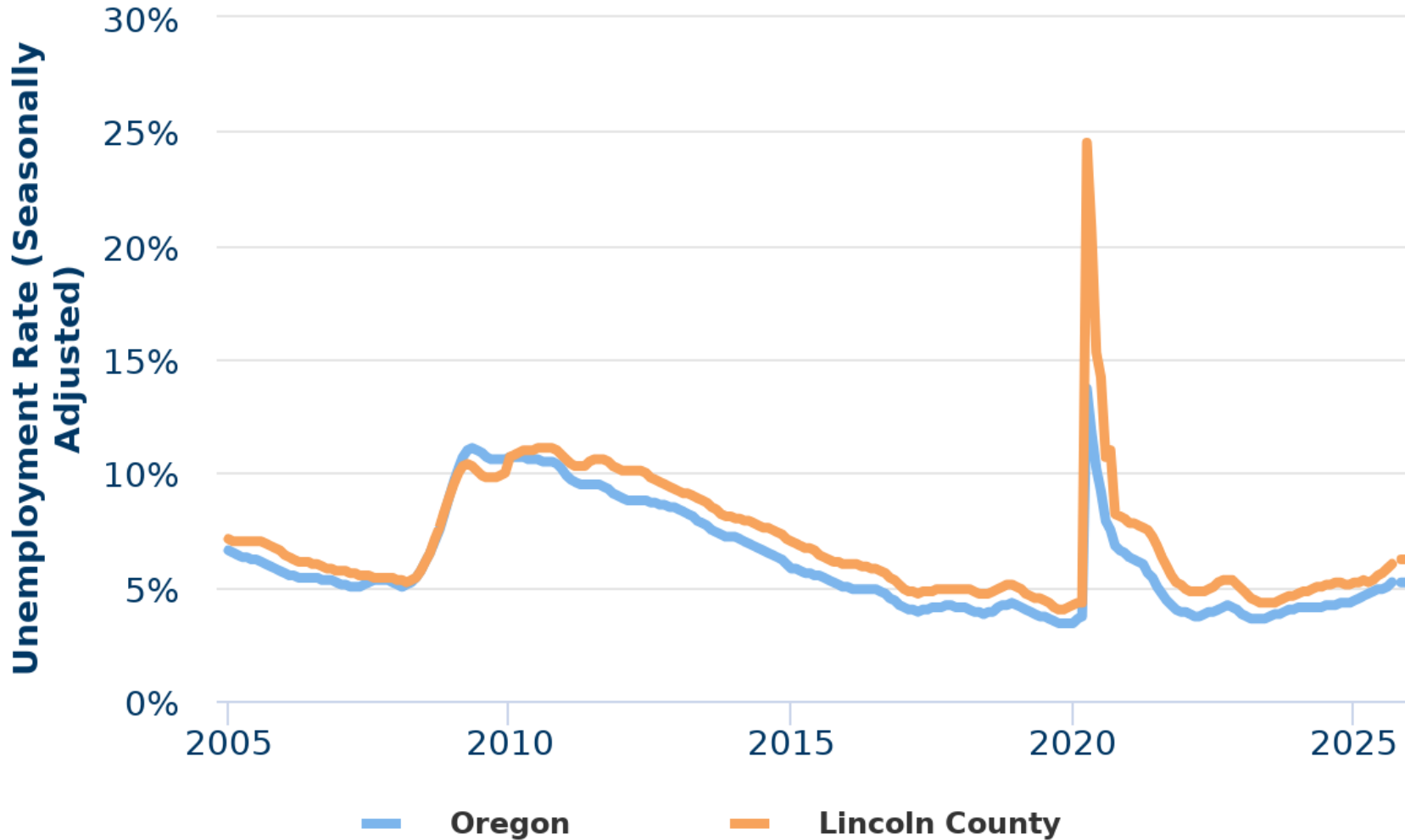
Lincoln County Employment by Industry, 2025 Annual with 2024 Wages



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RISE, LINCOLN VS STATE TREND NORMAL

Unemployment Rate



Unemployment Rate, December 2025

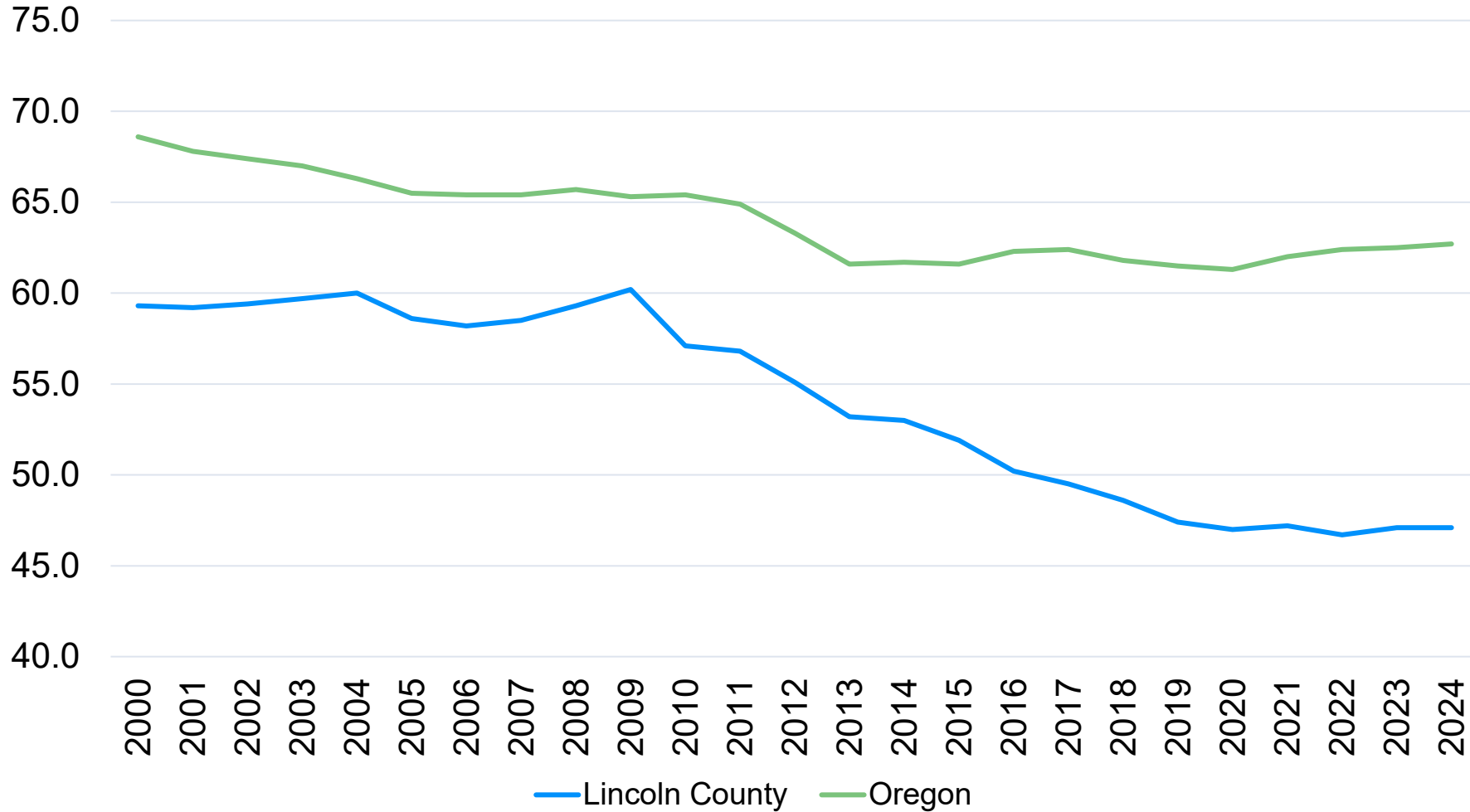
Lincoln 6.2%

Oregon 5.2%

Source: Oregon Employment Department Qualityinfo.org

LOW LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN LINCOLN, 2ND LOWEST IN STATE

Labor Force Participation Rate, 2000-2024



2024 Labor Force Participation Rate

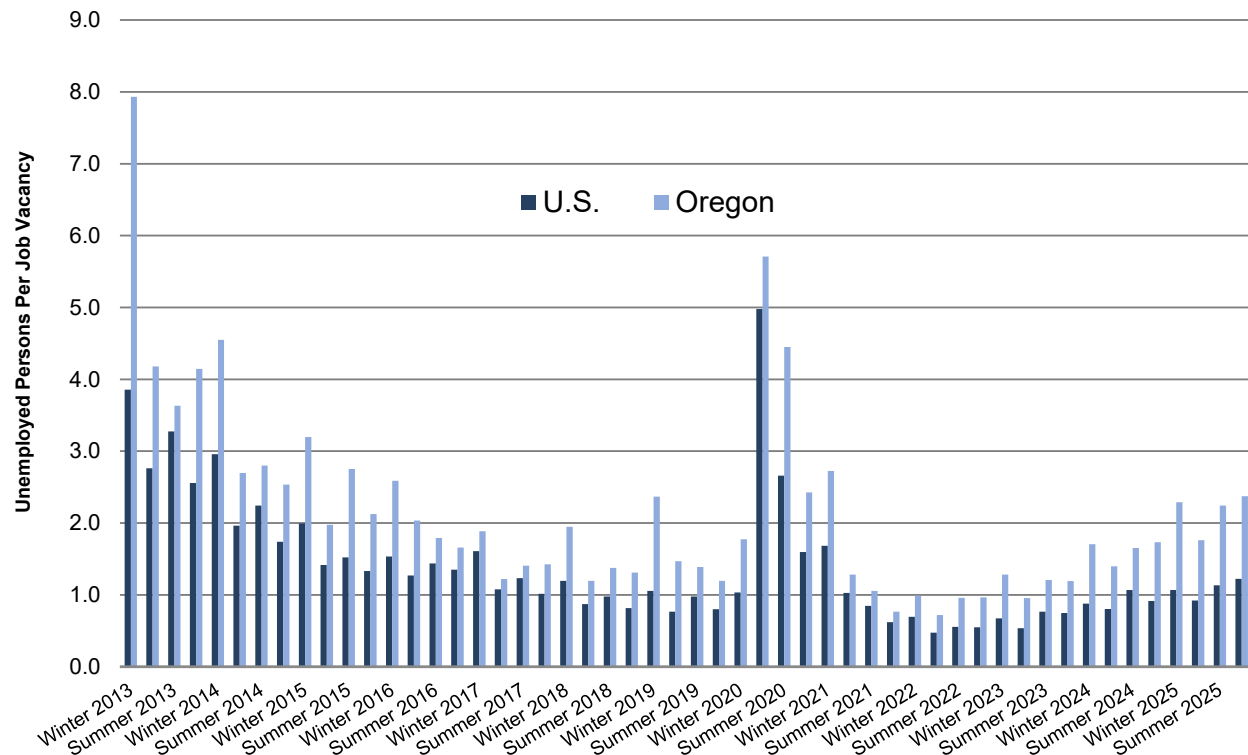
Lincoln 47.1

Oregon 62.7

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

AS UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED AND VACANCIES DECLINED, THE UNEMPLOYED TO JOB VACANCY RATIO IN OREGON INCREASED TO 2.4 IN THE FALL.

U.S. and Oregon Unemployed to Job Vacancy Ratios Rising Slowly after Record Lows
(Job Openings with Private Employers, 2013-2025)



Source: Oregon Employment Department

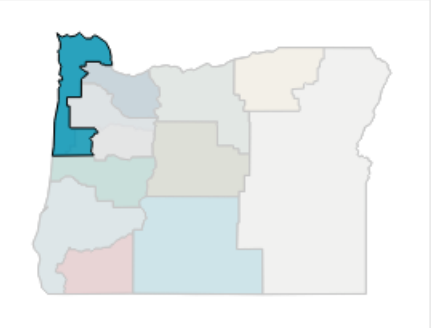
The U.S. ratio was 1.2 in November 2025. It reached 4.3 in April 2020 after several years around 1-to-1.

Oregon had 2.4 unemployed per job vacancy in fall 2025, part of a steady rise since the post-pandemic recession expansion period in 2021 and 2022.

Regional Occupational Projections Summary, 2024-2034

Select from the list of workforce areas to see a summary of projection data for the selected area.

Summary	Industry Projections	Broad Occupation	Top 20 Occupations	Typical Entry-Level Education	Competitive Education	Occ Crosswalks
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Summary Projections for Northwest (Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, and Tillamook Counties)

Group Definitions	Employment 2024	Projected Employment 2034	Change	Percent Change	Replacement Openings	Total Openings
Area Summary	113,993	119,893	5,900	5%	131,628	137,528
High Demand	108,644	114,313	5,669	5%	127,322	132,991
High Skill	30,047	31,656	1,609	5%	27,276	28,885
High Wage	59,899	63,198	3,299	6%	50,830	54,129
High-Wage and High-Demand	55,711	58,814	3,103	6%	47,746	50,849
STEM	23,671	25,287	1,616	7%	17,619	19,235

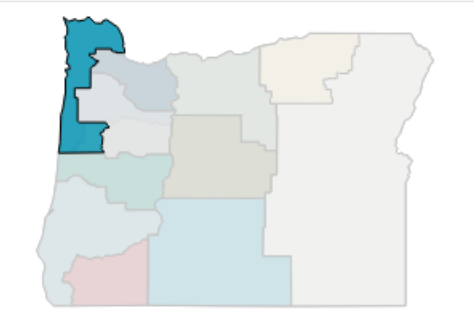
Workforce Area

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- Mid Valley
- Northwest
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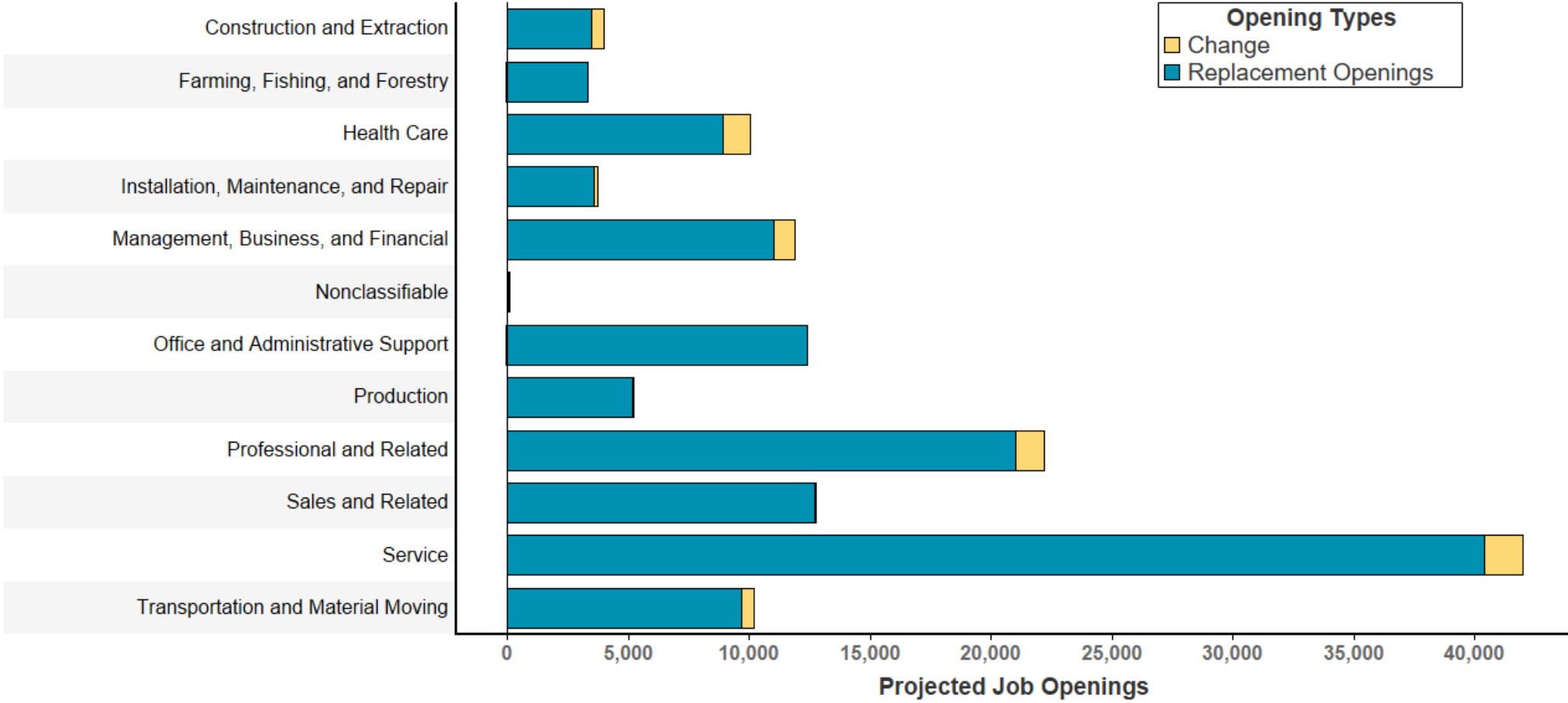
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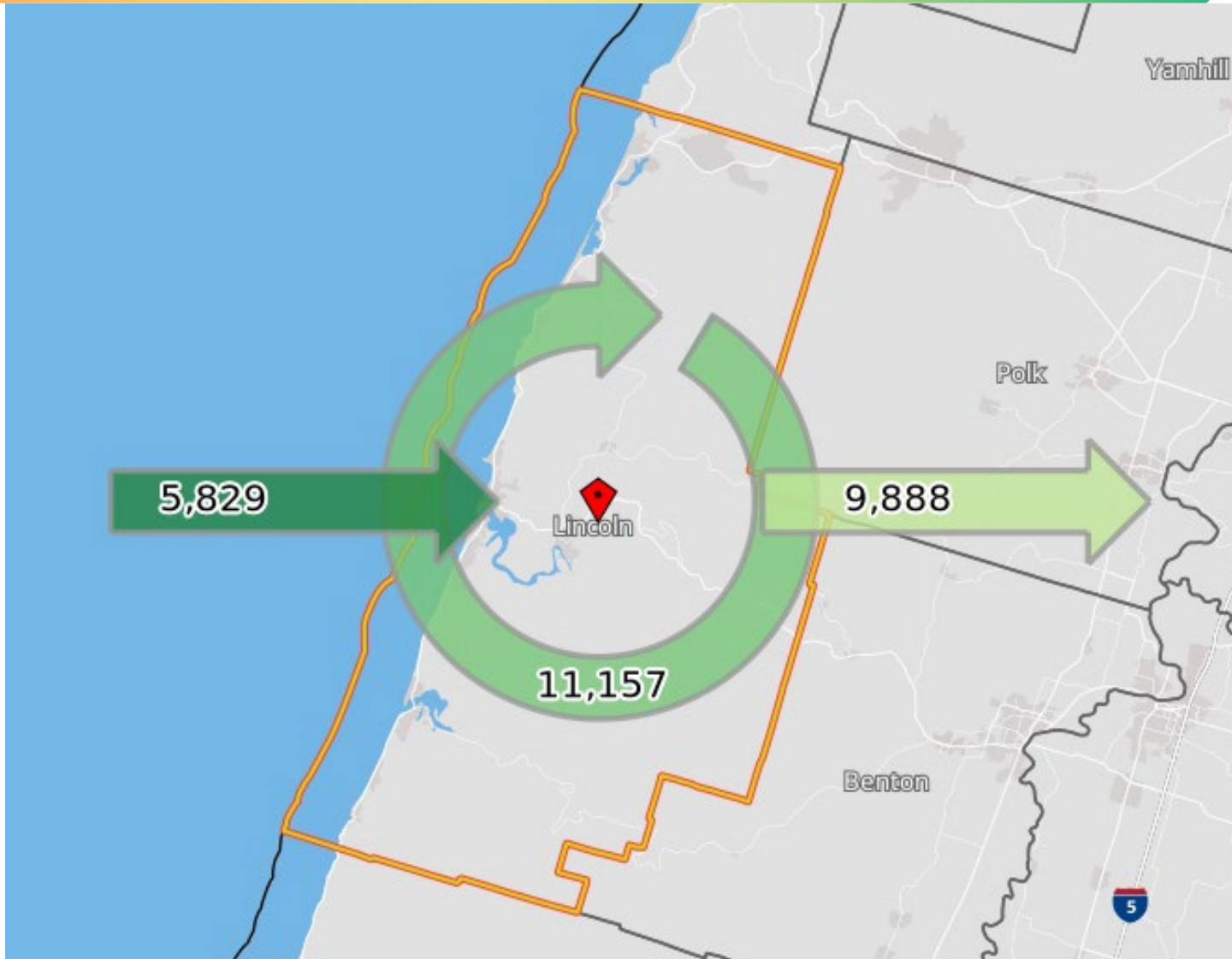


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Job Openings in Northwest by Broad Occupation



MOST OF LINCOLN COUNTY'S WORKERS LIVE IN THE COUNTY

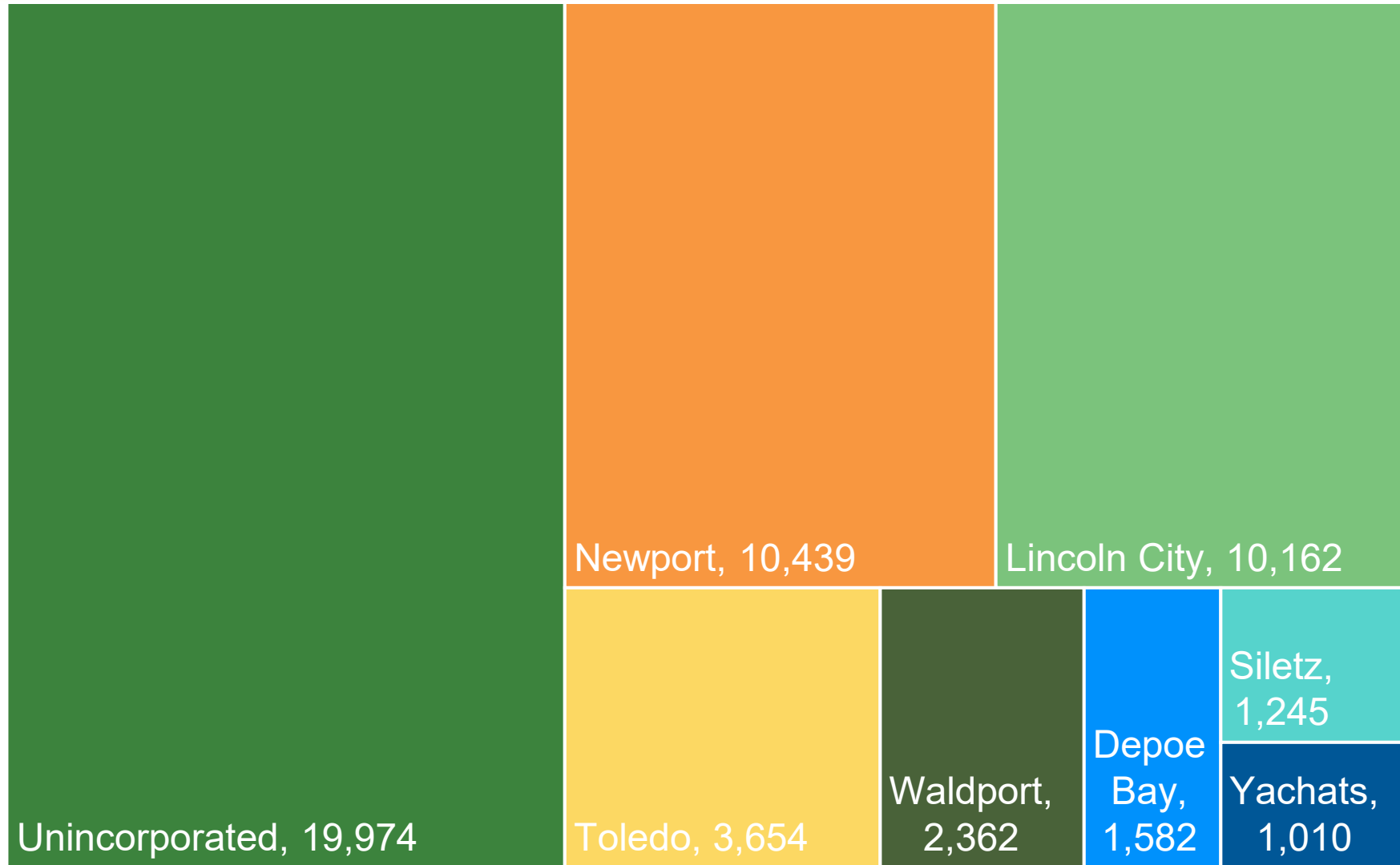


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, LEHD, Onthemap, 2023

Where do residents NOT working in Lincoln County work?

Portland	7%
Salem	4%
Corvallis	3%
Albany	2%
Hillsboro	1%

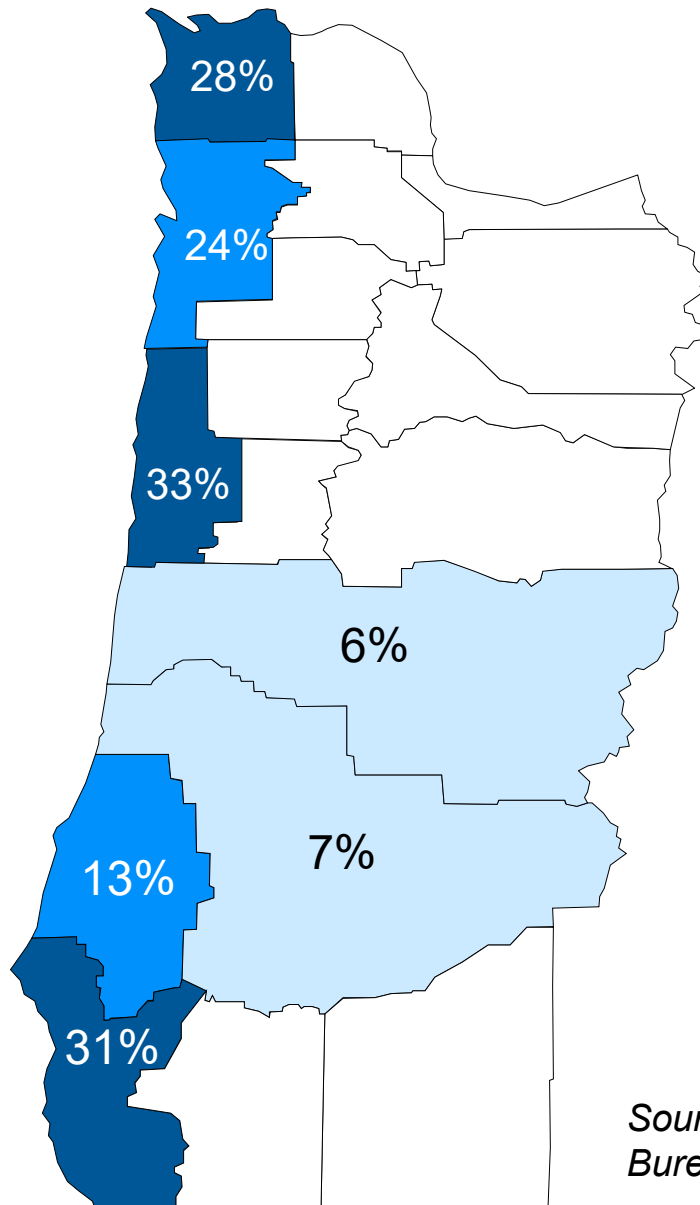
LINCOLN COUNTY SHRUNK BY 0.7% IN 2025, POPULATION LOSS IN NEWPORT



Lincoln County Population Change 2024-2025	
LINCOLN County	-342
Unincorporated	-232
Newport	-213
Toledo	0
Yachats	4
Siletz	7
Waldport	18
Depoe Bay	19
Lincoln City	55

Source: Portland State University, Population Research Center

TRAVEL SPENDING DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPORTANT TO COAST ECONOMY



Travel Spending as a percent of GDP (2024):
In Oregon?

5%

In Lincoln County?

33%

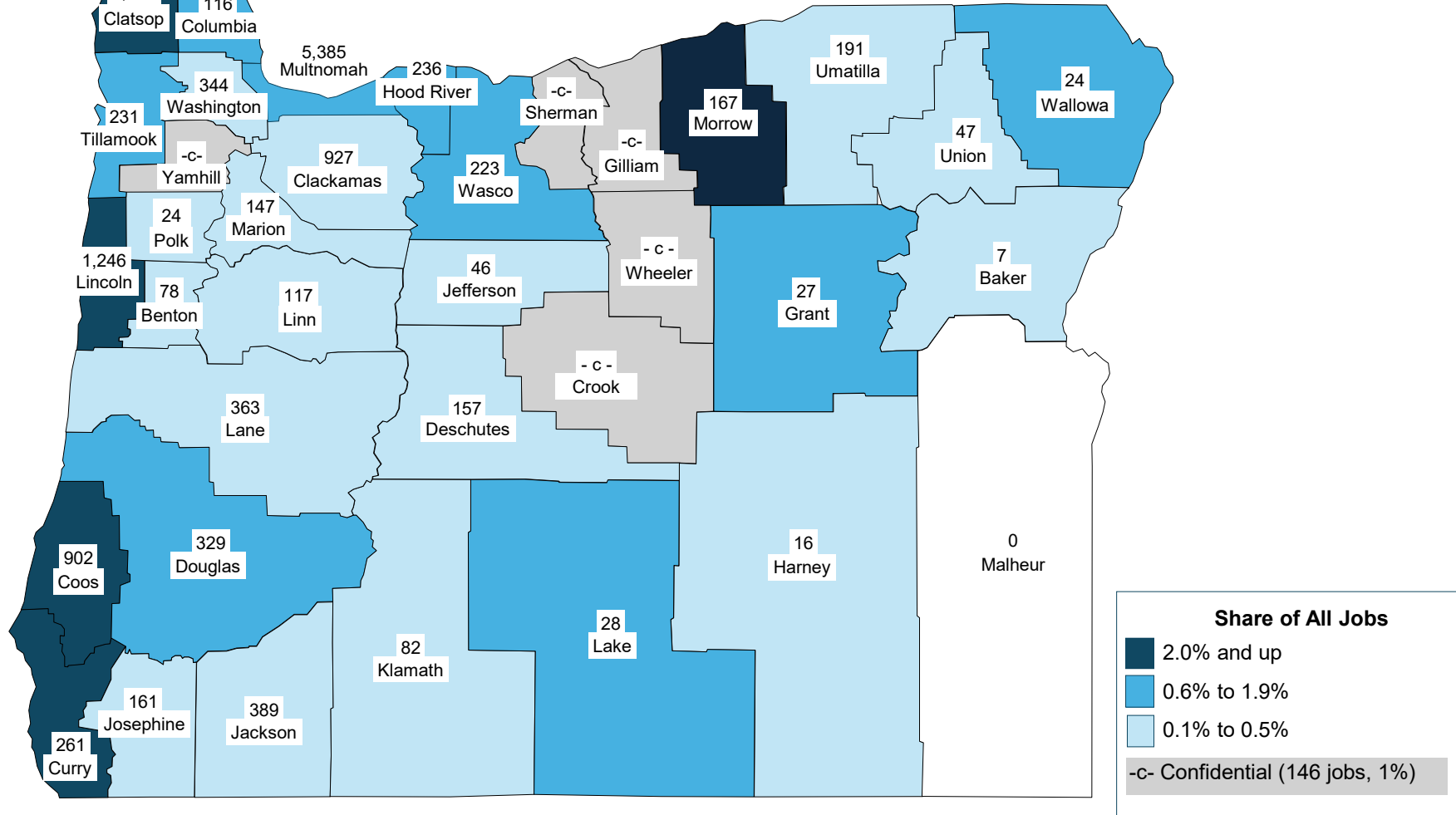
	Total Travel Spending	GDP (2017 dollars)
Clatsop	\$567	\$ 2,006
Tillamook	\$270	\$ 1,128
Lincoln	\$699	\$ 2,129
Lane	\$1,100	\$ 18,363
Douglas	\$299	\$ 4,022
Coos	\$336	\$ 2,513
Curry	\$226	\$ 718

All Figures in Millions of Dollars

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Dean Runyon, U.S.
Bureau of Economic Analysis

ACCORDING TO OED'S MARITIME REPORT: 1,246 MARITIME WORKERS IN LINCOLN

2024 Maritime Sector Covered Jobs and Nonemployers by County Oregon: 13,863 (0.6% of Total Employment)



Source: Oregon Employment Department (2024) and U.S. Census Bureau. Nonemployer Statistics (2023)

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) SURVEY? *PLEASE DO!*

BLS survey information is gathered to create data for businesses, jobseekers, workers and policy-makers about the economy including:

Employment*	Unemployment*	Occupational Wages*
Job vacancies*	Productivity	Occupational Employment*
Consumer spending patterns	Workplace injuries	Compensation
Long-term employment projections*	Employer-provided benefits	Price movements

** Collected and produced by Oregon Employment Department*

Your response is vital to ensuring accurate, complete, and unbiased data that is representative of the people and businesses in Oregon and the United States.

Your confidential responses are protected by federal and state law and strict security policies that prohibit us from releasing any information that could reveal the identity of you or your business without your consent.

Thank you for helping us track the Oregon economy!

Thank You!

Please scan the QR code for a short survey.



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