

# **ECONOMIST PROFESSION & LABOR MARKET INFORMATION**

**PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

# 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!**

## WHAT IS THE OREGON EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT?

The Oregon Employment Department is responsible for:

- Administration of the state's unemployment insurance program
- Operation of a statewide employment service through a system of public employment offices
- Statistical research and reporting to assist job development in both the public and private sector
- Provides oversight, certification, and technical assistance to providers of child care

## WHAT DOES A WORKFORCE ANALYST DO?

I am responsible for:

- Deliver economic data and analysis through presentations, reports in response to information requests, articles based on research, and region-specific monthly newsletters
- Distribute a broad array of workforce and economic data to development partners, workforce boards, and businesses to guide strategy and decision-making
- Supply local workforce data to government, news media, and Employment Department staff to assist them with providing services to customers
- Collaborate with local education and workforce partners to help students understand workforce trends and business needs
- Act as a specialist in Southwest and South Central Oregon labor markets

# WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

# UNPACKING KLAMATH COUNTY & OREGON'S LABOR MARKET

KLAMATH COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT  
JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



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**Date:** 3/31/2026

**Request:** Please provide data for Jackson and Josephine counties including:  
Employment and GDP by industry with a focus on healthcare

**Information:** See tabs below for data requested including:

1. Employment
2. Real GDP
3. Healthcare
4. Establishment Size

## East Cascades

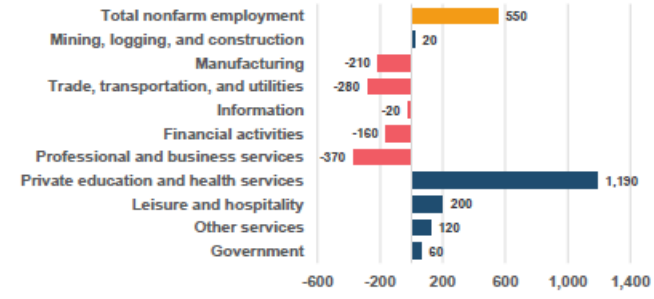
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### Work from Home Workforce: Klamath and Lake Counties

Jeff McAllister Jan 6  
The COVID-19 pandemic profoundly reshaped the nature of work across many sectors of the economy. Employers that were once hesitant to institute work ...

### Special Topic: Industry Employment Change, 2020-2025



How has the industry employment mix changed in the five year period following the COVID pandemic? Josephine County added 550 jobs to nonfarm payrolls (2%) with 490 originating in the private sector and 60 in the public sector.

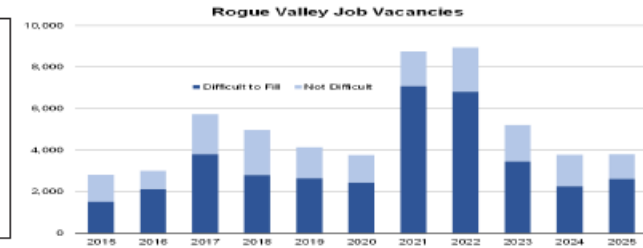
Private education and health services drove gains, adding 1,190 jobs or an increase of 22%. Professional and business services lost 370 jobs or 18%. In the public sector both federal (20) and state (70) employers added jobs while local government payrolls declined by 40 jobs.

Source: Oregon Employment Department

### 2025 Job Vacancies

The number of vacancies in 2025 was similar to pre-pandemic levels.

- 27% of vacancies were open for 60 days or more
- 91% of these vacancies were difficult to fill



Source: Oregon Employment Department

### Rogue Valley Job Vacancies by Industry, 2025

Industry	Vacancies	Average Wage
All Industries	3,787	\$24.97
Health care and social assistance	1,145	\$35.15
Leisure and hospitality	435	\$16.58
Other services	406	\$18.70
Retail trade	267	\$18.65
Construction	262	\$28.65
Financial activities	251	\$19.54
Manufacturing	237	\$23.53
Management, administrative, and waste services	208	\$23.55
Natural resources and mining	186	\$19.35
Wholesale trade	120	\$24.11
Professional, scientific, and technical services	115	\$23.49
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	106	\$20.04
Private educational services	30	N/A

Source: Oregon Employment Department

Health care and social assistance represented 30% of all vacancies with 1,145. Leisure and hospitality had 435 (11%) and other services had 406 (11%). Private education services had the least with 30 (<1%).

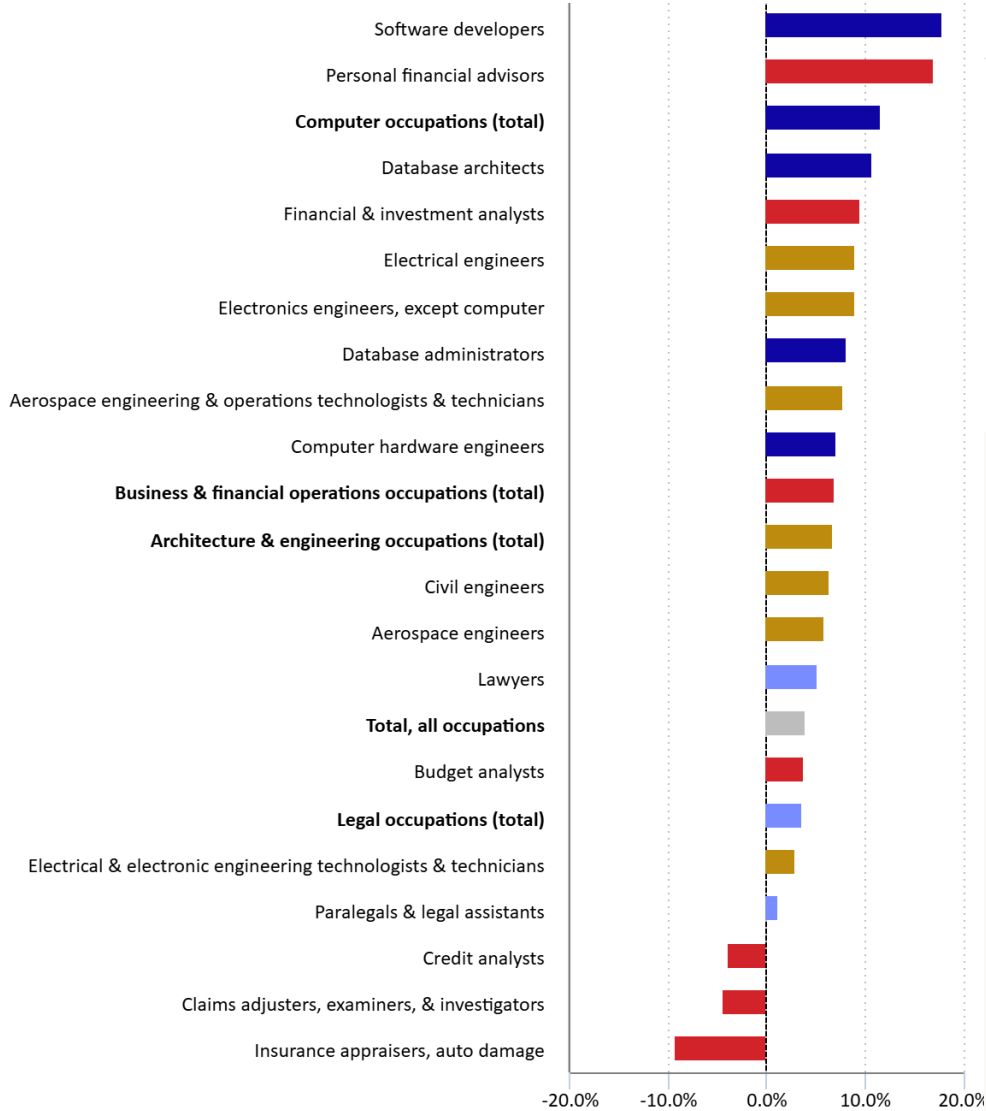
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# WHAT ABOUT AI?

## Employment projections for selected occupations susceptible to potential artificial intelligence impacts, 2023–33



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## Anthropic is tracking which jobs are most exposed to AI. These 10 professions top the list.

By Megan Cerullo

Updated on: March 9, 2026 / 10:58 AM EDT / CBS News

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### Anthropic Economic Index

Understanding AI's effects on the economy

- US usage
- State usage
- Global usage
- Country usage
- Job explorer



### Anthropic Economic Index Report

See the analysis behind the numbers and what these patterns reveal about AI's economic impact.

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### Usage Index

Understand if a state uses Claude more (>1) or less (<1) than expected, based on its population.

- Leading (top 25%)
- Upper middle (50-75%)
- Lower middle (25-50%)
- Emerging (bottom 25%)

### Augmentation vs. automation

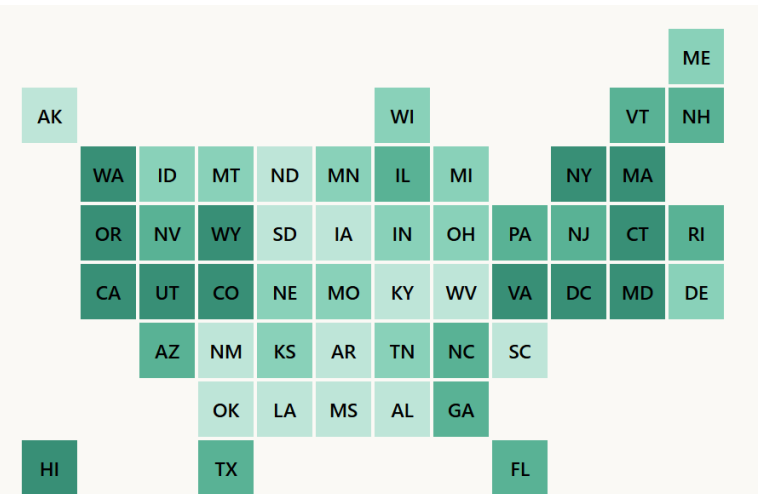
See how people prefer to work with Claude —collaborating together or fully delegating tasks.

### Top industries

Track which jobs are using Claude the most.

### Use cases

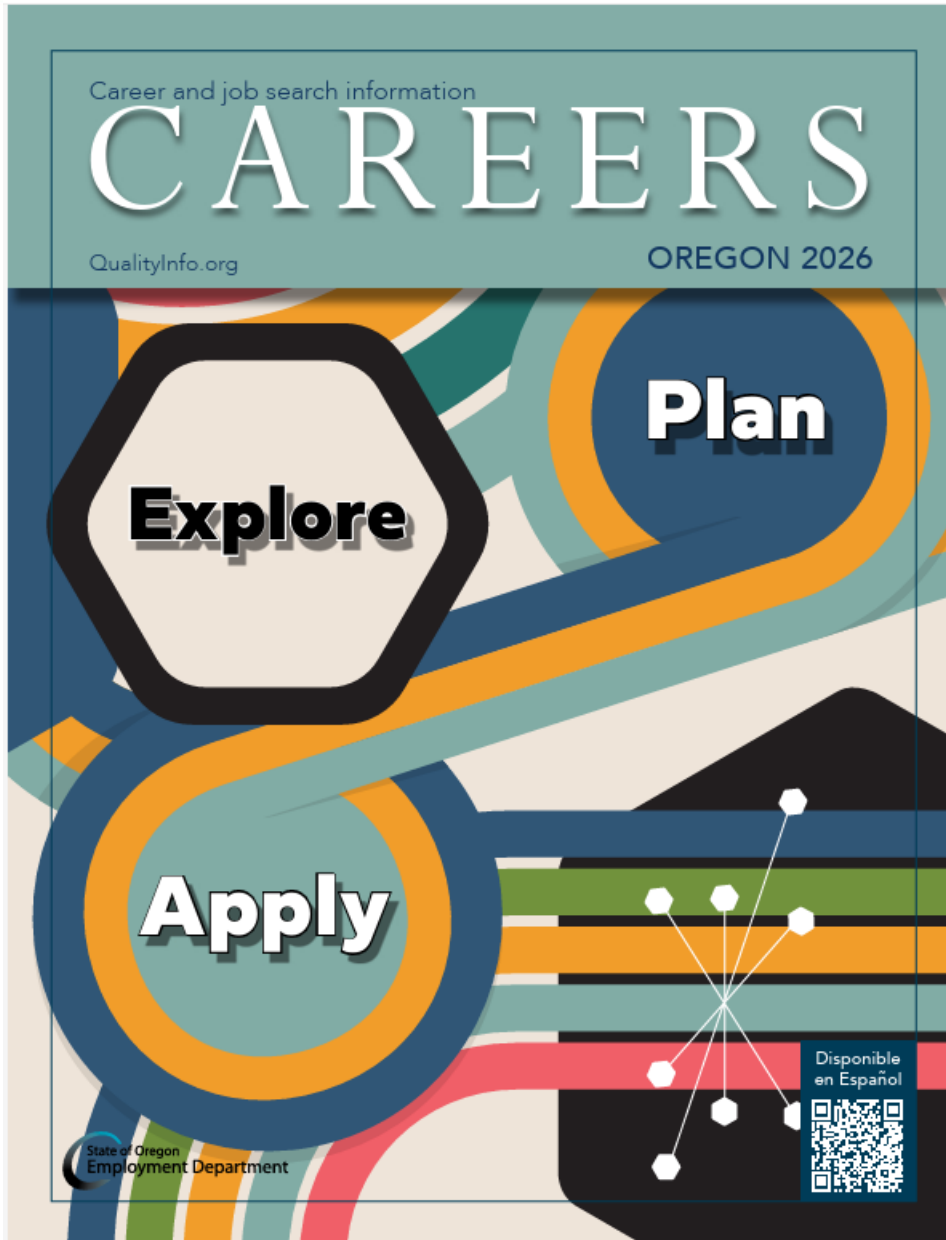
See how Claude usage breaks down across work, personal, and coursework contexts.



Explore the map to see how people are using Claude.ai in each state

1. Washington, D.C.	4.30	6. Colorado	1.49
2. Massachusetts	1.60	7. Virginia	1.29
3. Washington	1.58	8. Utah	1.26
4. New York	1.57	9. Wyoming	1.16
5. California	1.55	10. Maryland	1.06

Hover over chart to view data.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# Thank You!

*Please scan the QR code for a brief survey*



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