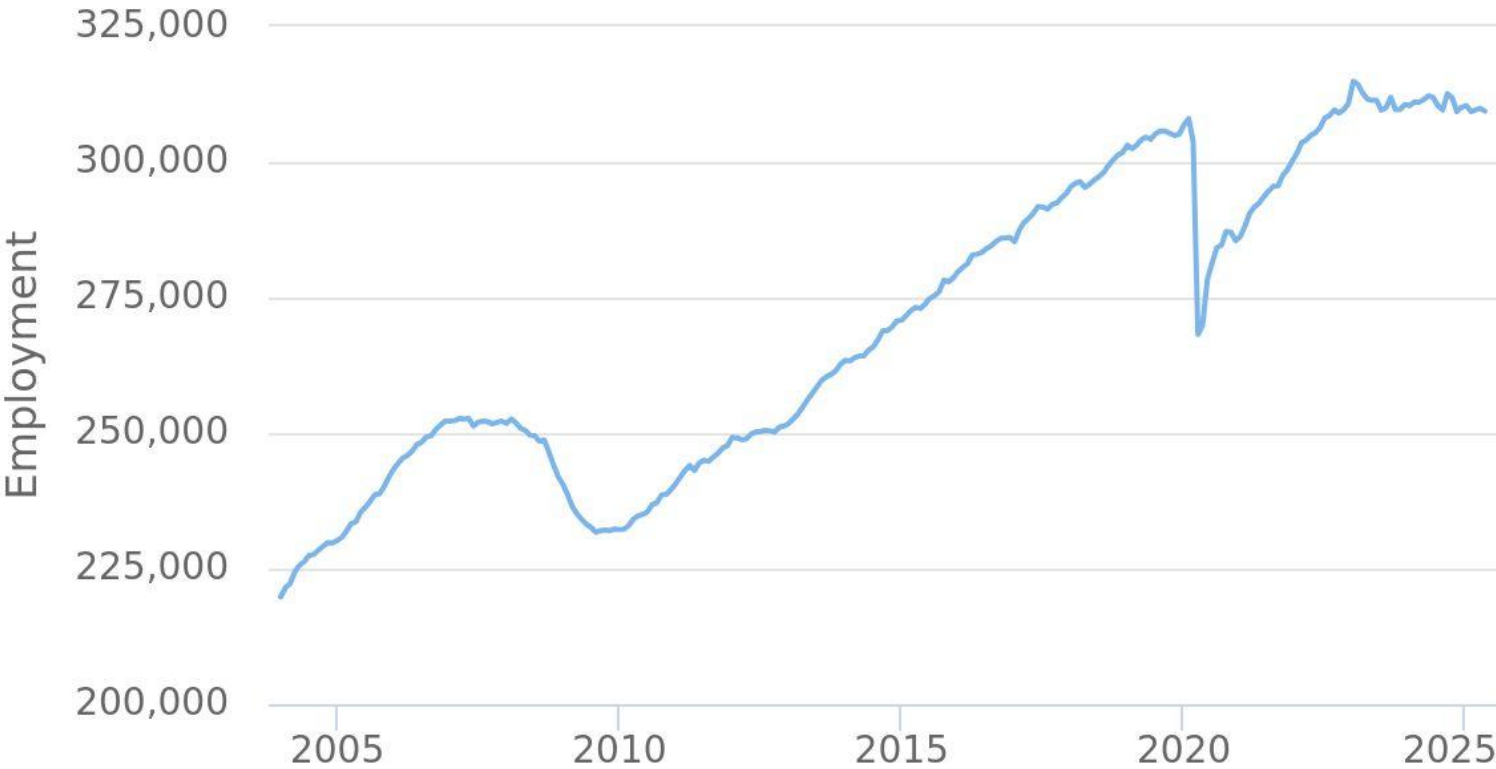


WASHINGTON COUNTY LABOR MARKET

WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT HAS FALLEN FROM RECENT HIGHS

Washington County Total nonfarm employment

(seasonally adjusted)
Official Oregon Series



Source: Oregon Employment Department QualityInfo.org

Washington County employment has remained **relatively flat 2023-2025.**

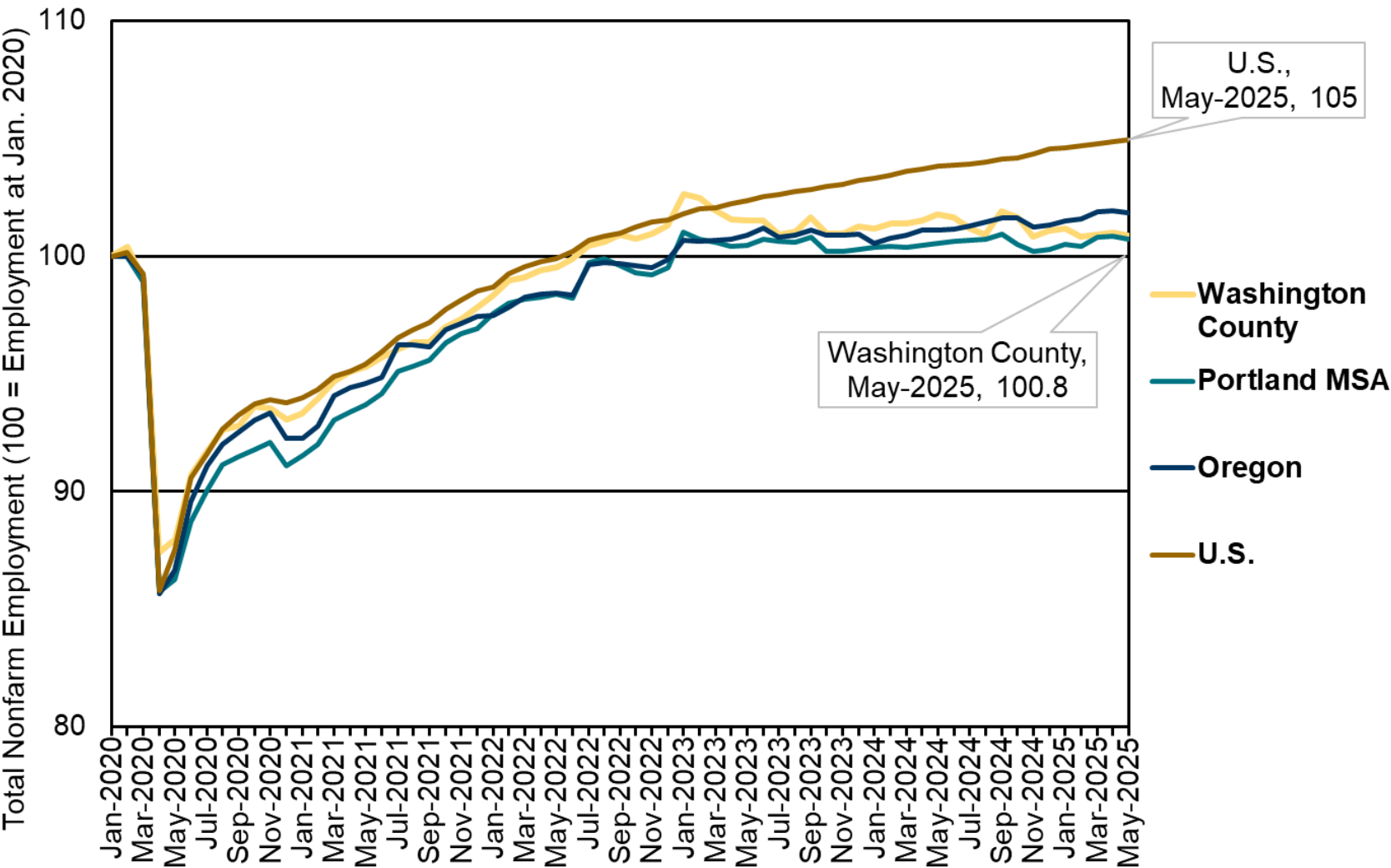
May 2023: 311,400
May 2025: 309,400

Statewide, employment has grown modestly.

May 2023: 1,987,000
May 2025: 2,006,200

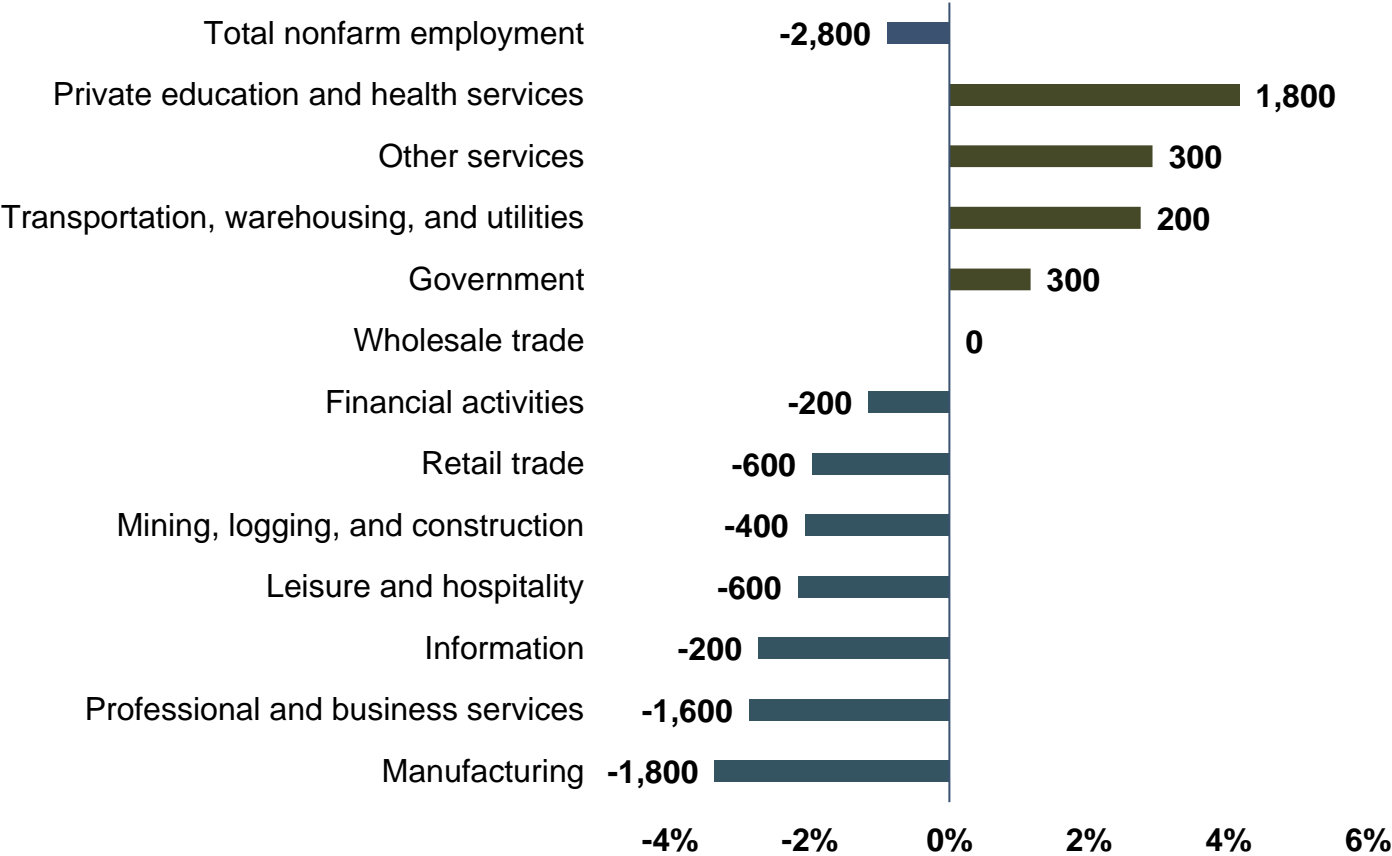
WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT SLUGGISH COMPARED WITH U.S.

Normalized Total Nonfarm Employment Trend
(Seasonally-Adjusted)



After initial strength, Washington County Employment has stalled for two years.

Year-over-Year Change in Industry Employment
May 2024 to May 2025



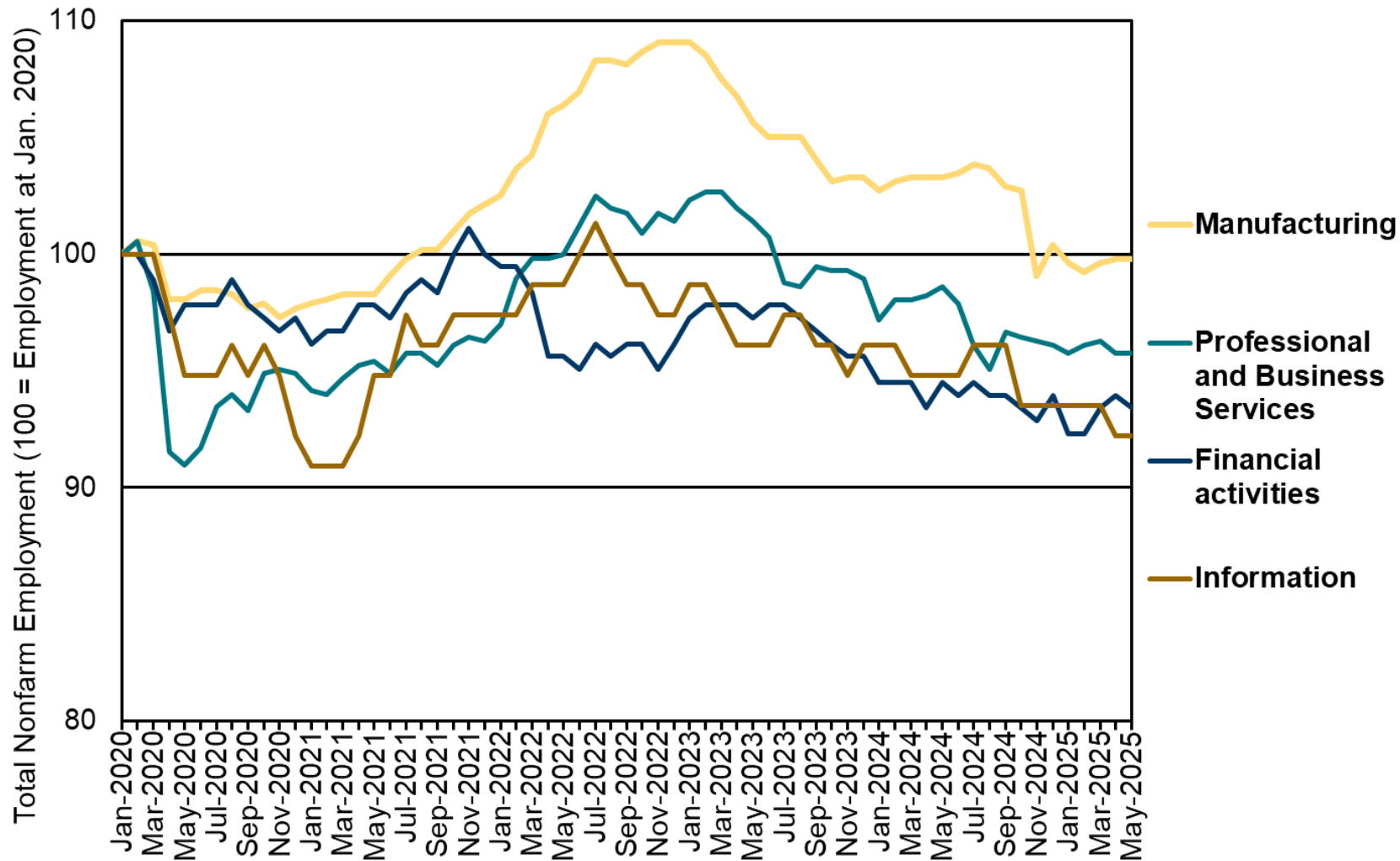
Employment is down 1% year-over-year, with largest losses seen in manufacturing and in professional and business services.

Healthcare continues its long trend of employment growth.

Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

KNOWLEDGE AND PRODUCTION SECTOR EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

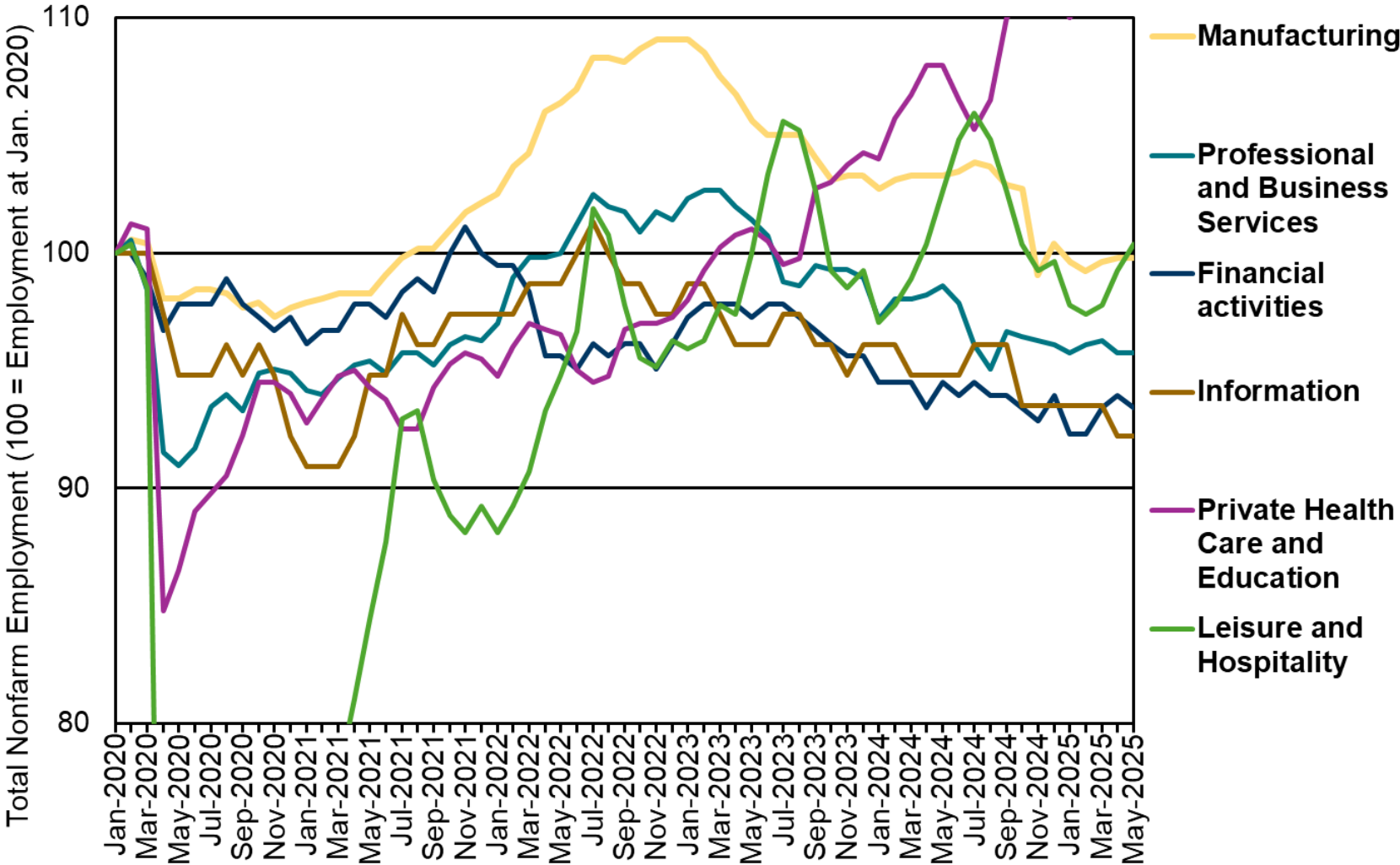
Normalized Industry Employment Trend (Not Seasonally-Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics (CES)

LOCAL SERVICE SECTORS OFF THE CHART

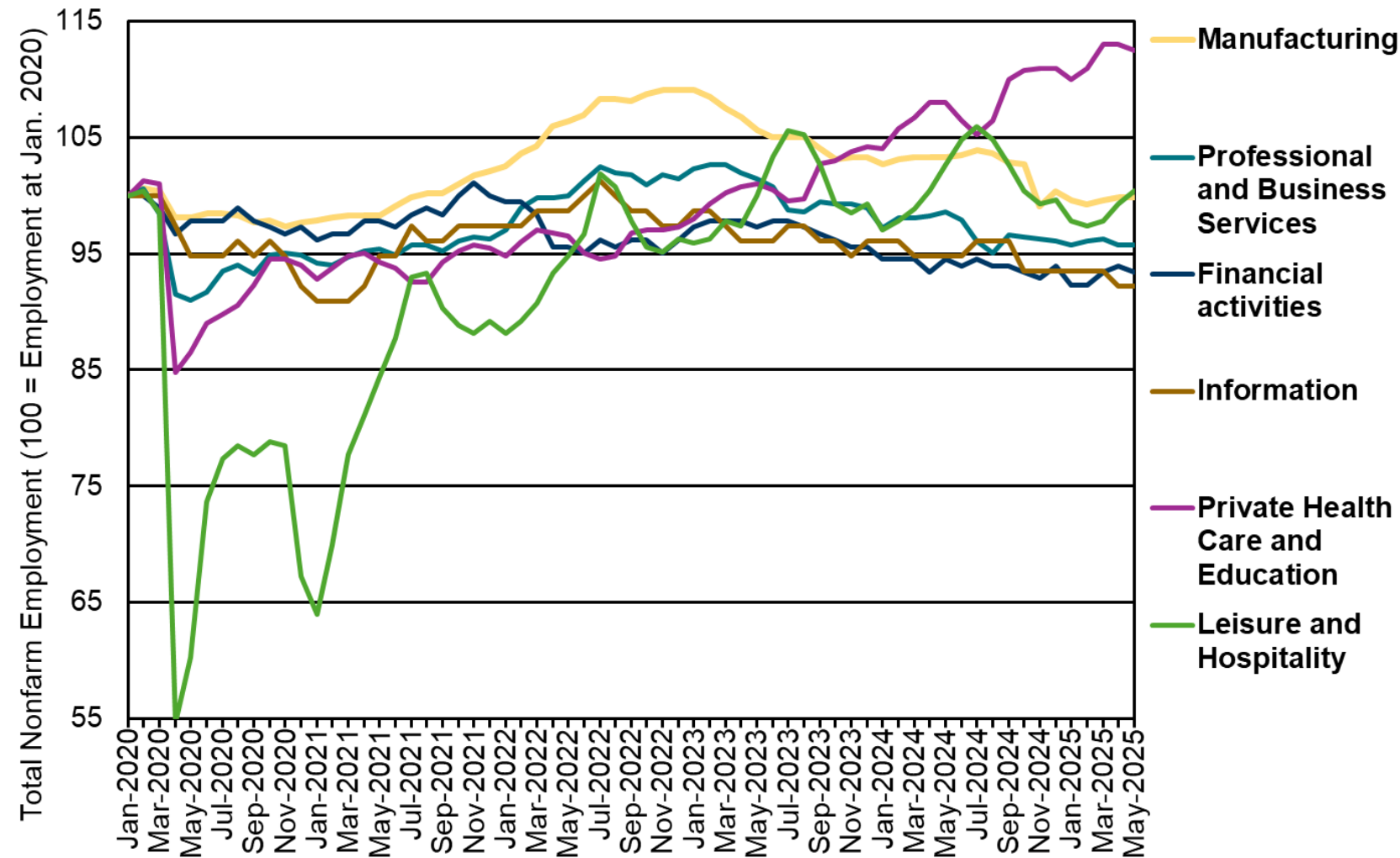
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HEALTHCARE AND LEISURE SHOW STRENGTH

Normalized Industry Employment Trend
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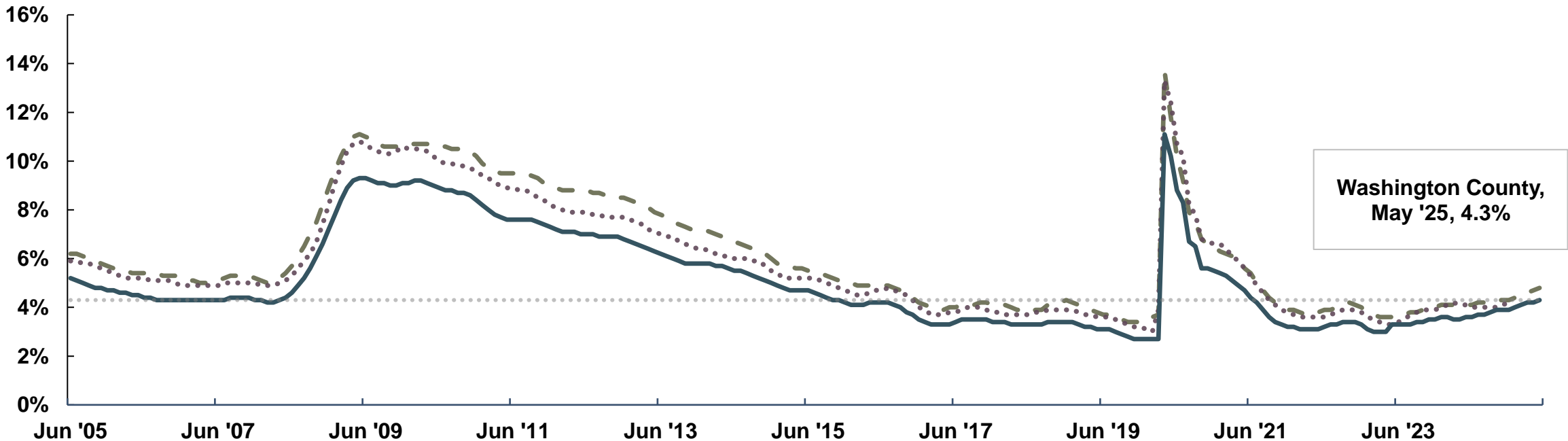
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UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN LOW FOR A DECADE, ASIDE FROM THE PANDEMIC

Unemployment has steadily increased for two years. Historically, 4.3% is low.

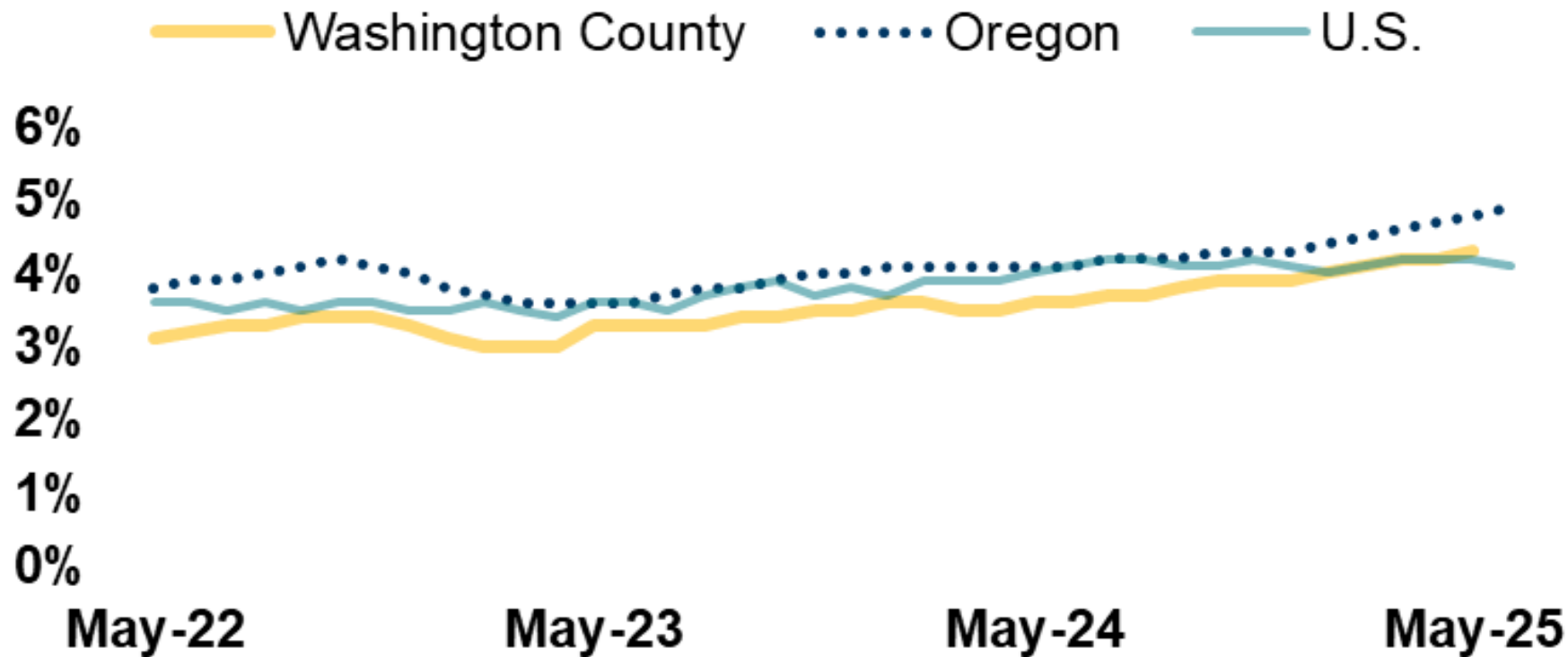
Unemployment Rate, Past 20 Years.

— Oregon Portland MSA — Washington County



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Oregon's Unemployment Rate is Above the Nation's



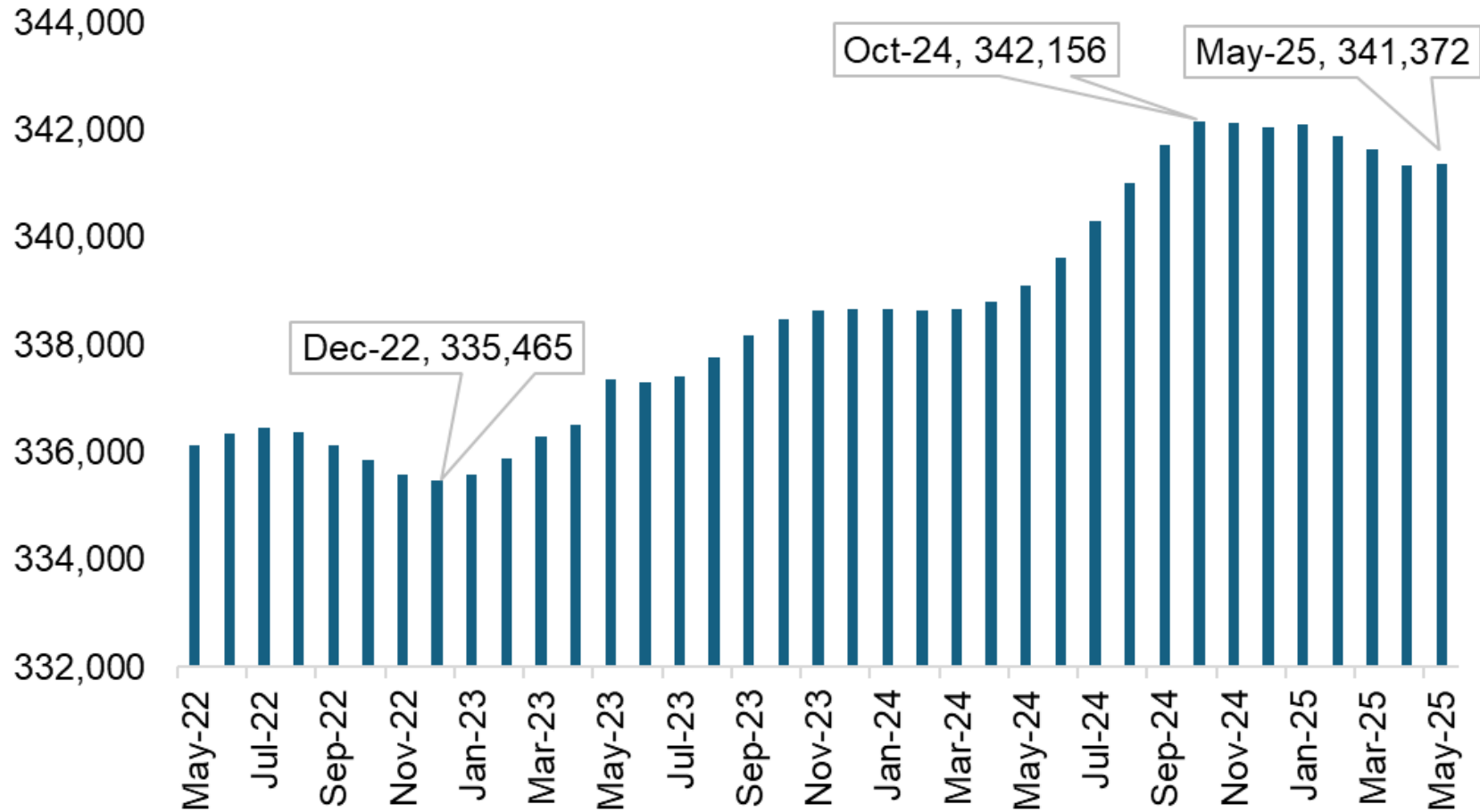
In June 2025, the **State's** UR was estimated at **4.9%**, which is *statistically higher* than the **Nation's 4.1%**.

In May 2025, Washington County's UR of **4.3%** was higher than the U.S.'s **4.2%** for the **first time since April 2009**. (not statistically significant).

Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION: DECLINING RECENTLY

Labor Force is Declining in Washington County



Recently, the County's labor force has shrunk.

In comparison, the State's labor force is relatively flat, and the Nation's has grown.

323,000 CLF pre-pandemic.

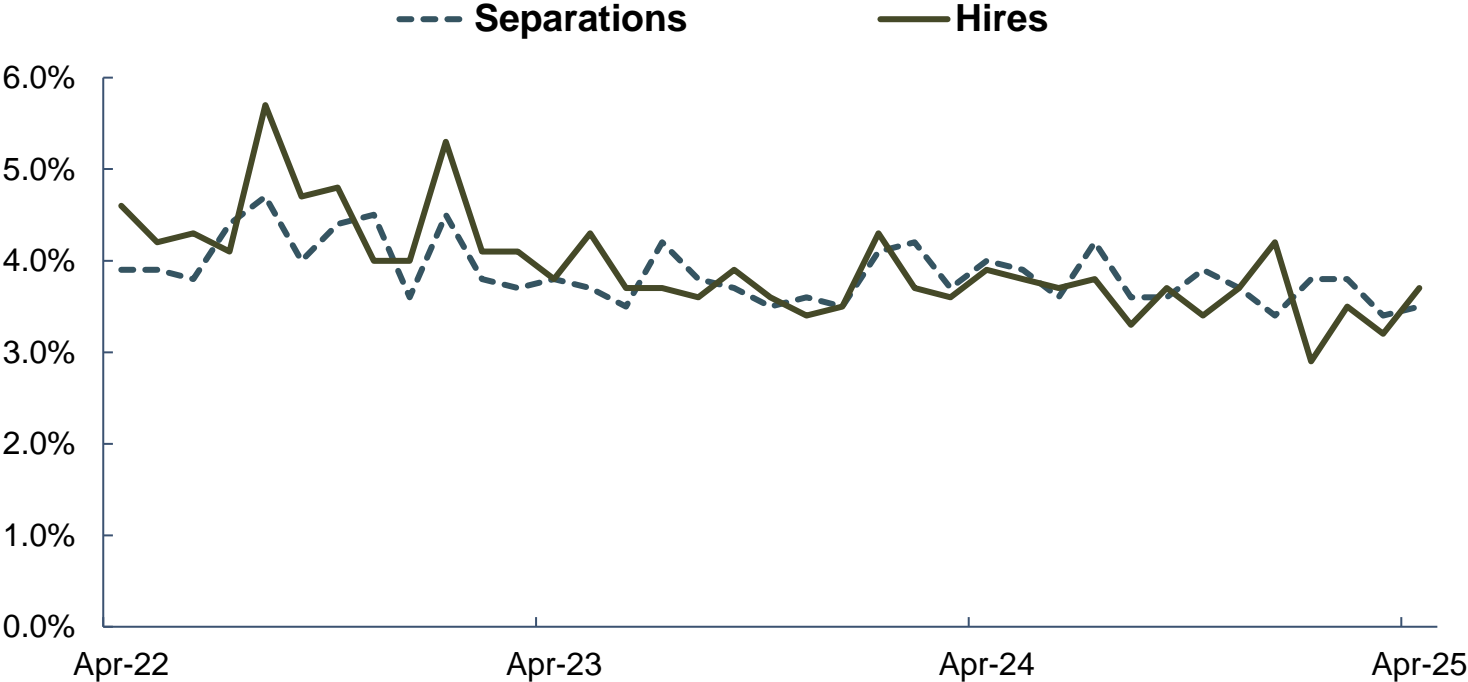
Declining CLF, declining employment, and increasing UR might suggest an increase in **discouraged workers**.

Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS, Seasonally Adjusted Civilian Labor Force

Hiring and Separations Drift Lower
(Oregon, Rates, Seasonally Adjusted)

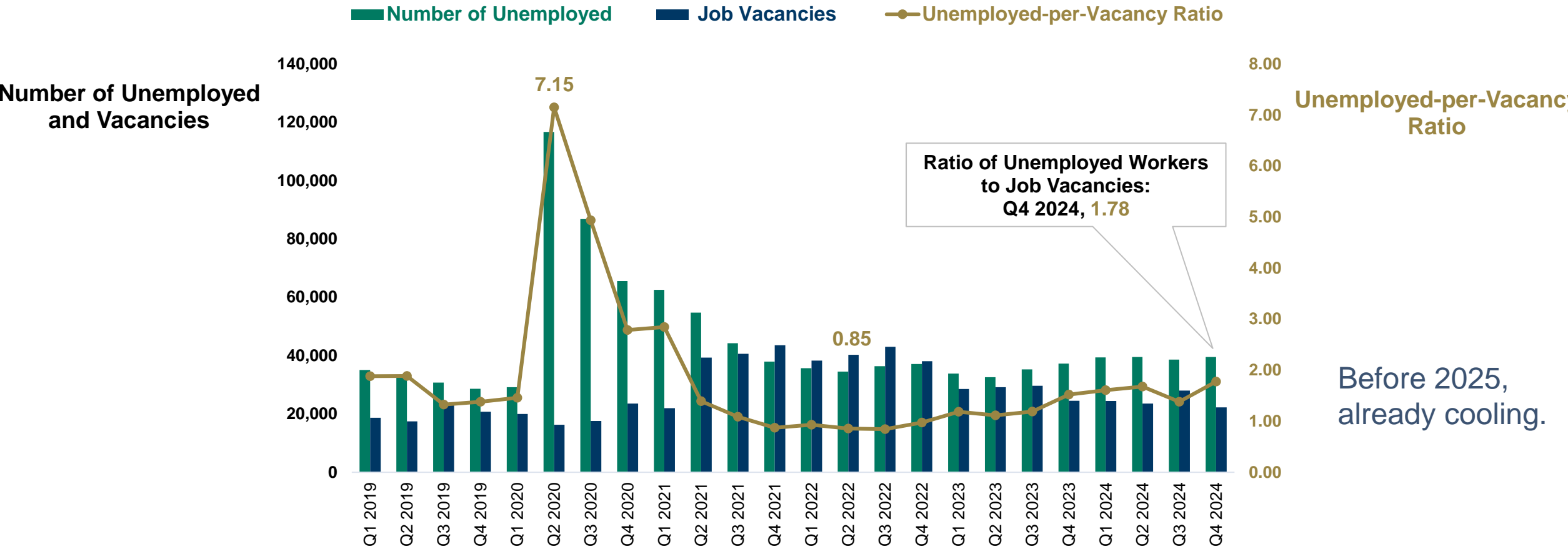
Oregon’s labor market
churn has cooled.

Separations: 4.7%
Hires: 5.7%



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Bureau Labor of Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)

Portland Tri-County Job Market Loosening



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics (not seasonally adjusted)

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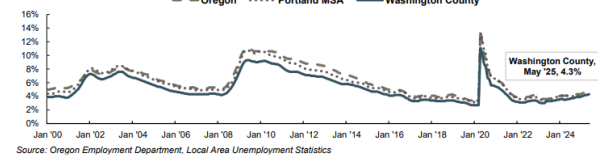
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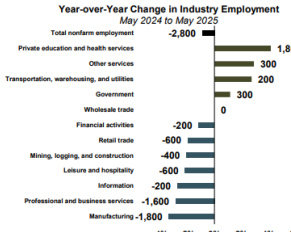
Graph of the Month: Oregon's seasonally
adjusted separation and hires rates both slowed over the
past three years. Both rates peaked in August 2022,
with separations at 4.7% and hires at 5.7%.

- In April 2025, the separation rate stood at 3.5%,
down from 3.9% in April 2022, while the hires rate
fell to 3.7% from 4.6%.
- Compared with February 2020, the separation rate
declined by 1.3 percentage points (from 4.8% to
3.5%), while the hires rate decreased by 0.7 per-
centage point (from 4.4% to 3.7%).

**Unemployment in Washington County at its highest
since June 2021—up to 4.3% from 3.6% last year.**
January 2000 to May 2025, seasonally adjusted



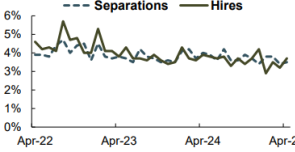
**Employment in Washington County reached 309,700
in May 2025, a ~2,800 decrease from May 2024.**



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

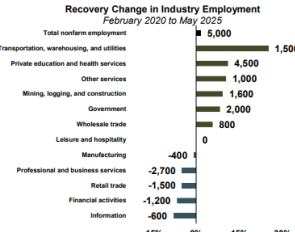
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**Hiring and Separations Drift Lower
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, Bureau Labor of
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**Employment in Washington County has increased by
+5,000 from February 2020 to May 2025.**



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

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