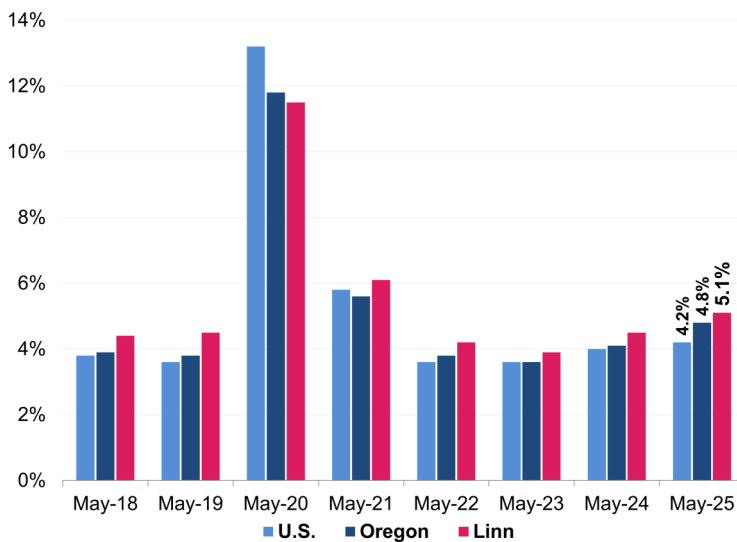


Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in May, up from its April rate of 5.0%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.8%, up from its April rate of 4.7%. Employment grew by 280 jobs (+0.6%) over the year to May.

The largest employment gains were in professional and business services (410 jobs, +13.1%), followed by leisure and hospitality (250 jobs, +6.3%). Several sectors experienced losses, with the largest declines in trade, transportation, and utilities (460 fewer jobs, -4.4%) and other services (90 fewer jobs, -6.5%). Employment is now 3.1%, or 1,460 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

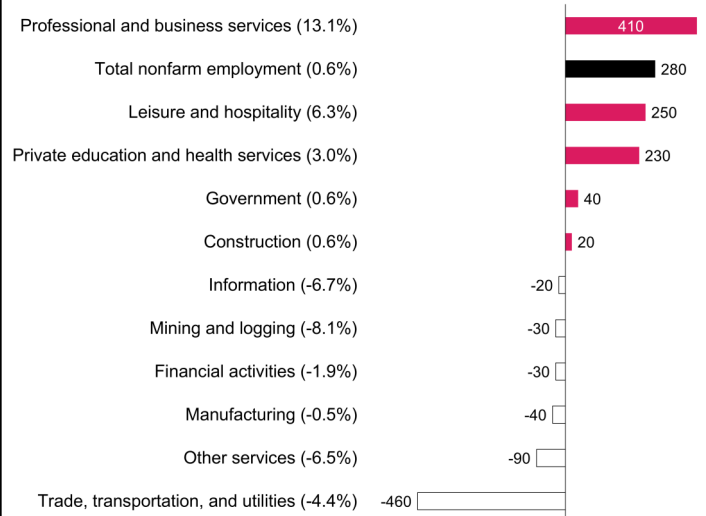
THE SHARE OF WORKFORCE BY AGE — Linn County's workforce is aging. The number of Linn workers ages 55 and over more than tripled in the 30 years from 1993 to 2023, increasing from 3,700 to over 10,694. The share of workers ages 55 and over more than doubled in the same period from 12% to 26%. The aging workforce trend is driven by the Baby Boomer generation, now all 55 and older, remaining in the labor force longer than previous generations. As many plan to retire in the next decade, fewer Gen Z workers will be available to replace them, requiring employers and workforce planners to strategize for increased turnover and future labor needs. Read more about Oregon's Aging Workforce [here](#).

Unemployment Rate Over-the-Year Comparison



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Changes in Jobs per Industry Linn County, May 2024 to May 2025



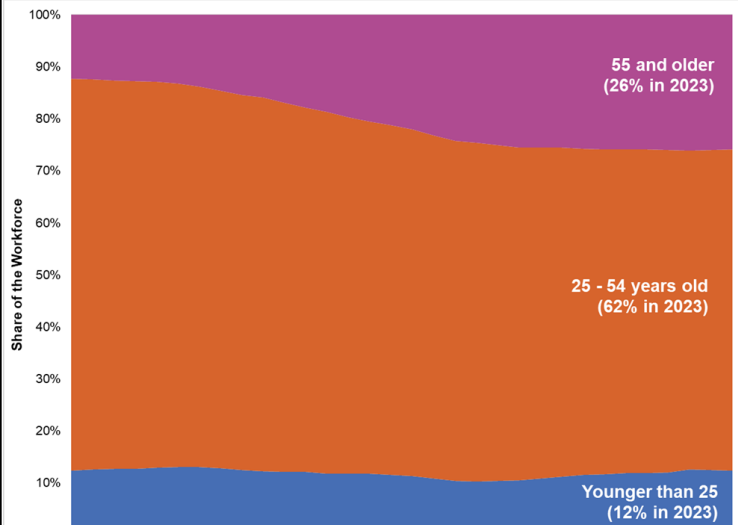
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Share of Workforce By Age in Linn County (1992—2023)



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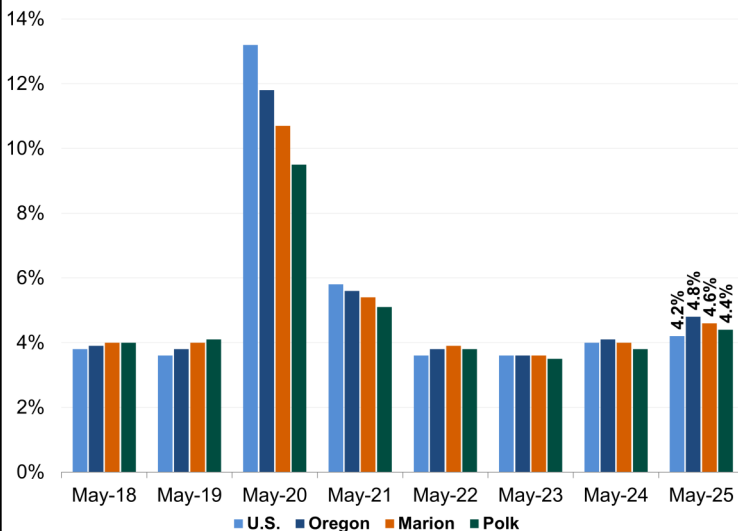
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The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in May, up from its April rate of 4.4%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.8%, up from its April rate of 4.7%. Employment gains were (3,900 jobs, +2.1%) over the year to May.

Job gains were concentrated in private education and health services (2,800 jobs, +7.8%) and professional and business services (1,300 jobs, +7.0%). Sectors with the largest declines were construction (500 fewer jobs, -3.7%) and trade, transportation, and utilities (400 fewer jobs, -1.3%). Employment is up 7.6% or 13,300 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

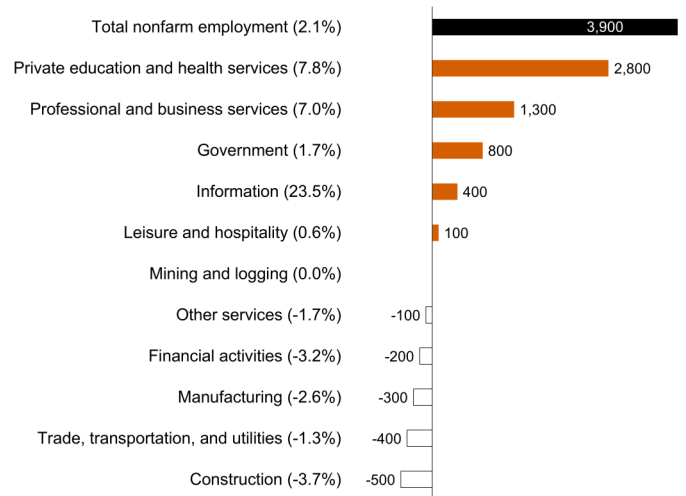
SHARE OF WORKFORCE BY AGE — Salem MSA's workforce is aging. The number of Salem MSA workers aged 55 and over more than tripled in the 30 years from 1993 to 2023, increasing from 11,700 to over 43,200. The share of workers ages 55 and over more than doubled in the same period from 11% to 26%. The aging workforce trend is driven by the Baby Boomer generation, now all 55 and older, remaining in the labor force longer than previous generations. As many plan to retire in the next decade, fewer Gen Z workers will be available to replace them, requiring employers and workforce planners to strategize for increased turnover and future labor needs. Read more about Oregon's Aging Workforce [here](#).

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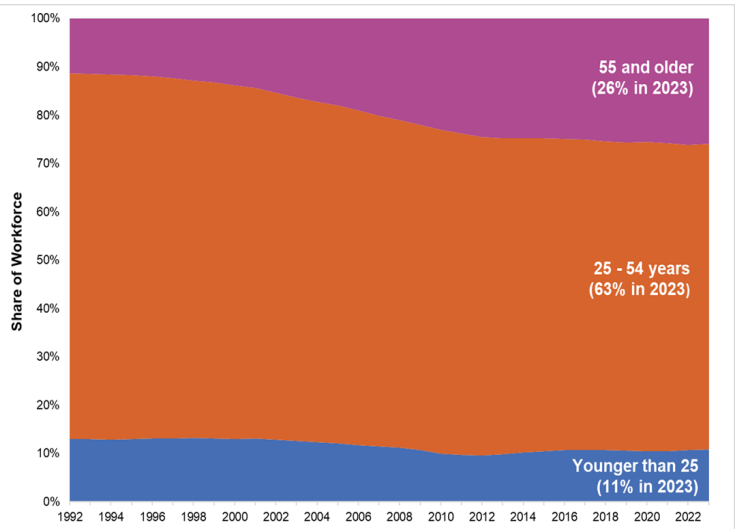
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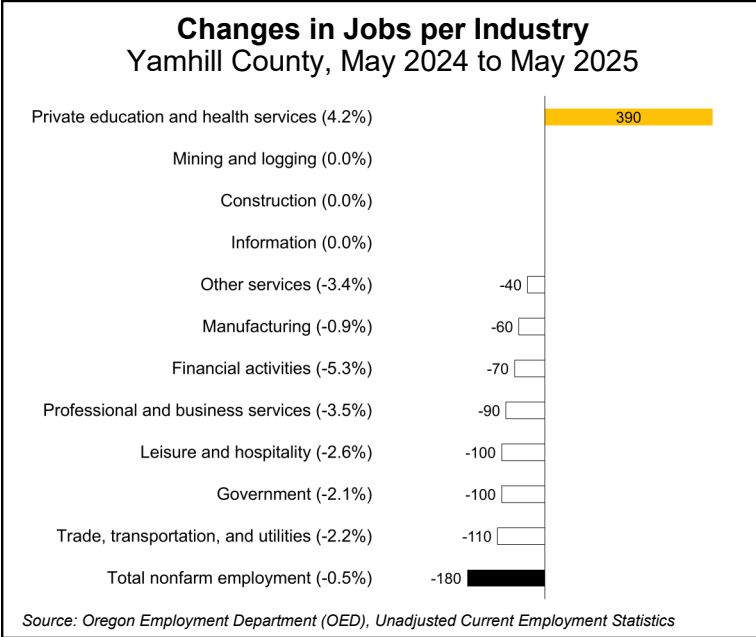
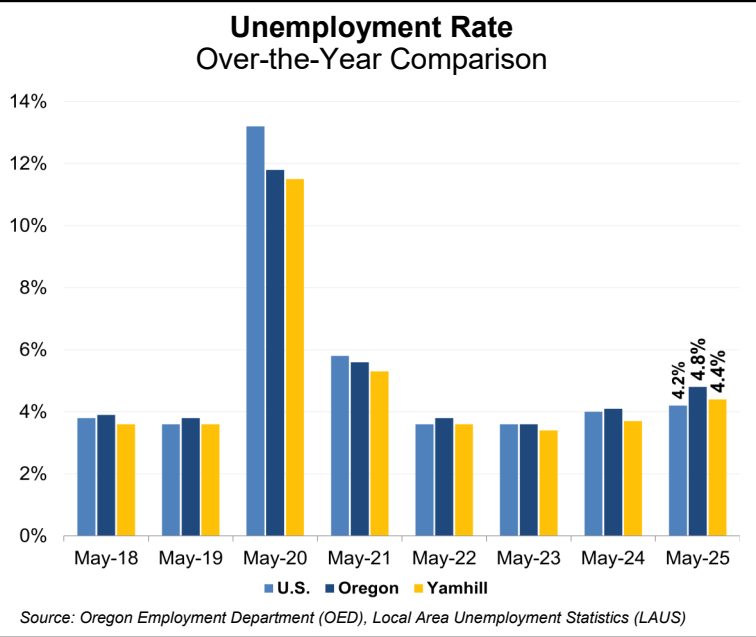
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Yamhill County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in May, up from its April rate of 4.3%. Oregon’s statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.8%, up from its April rate of 4.7%. From the previous year, total nonfarm employment declined by 180 jobs.

Industries adding the most jobs over the previous year were private education and health services (+4.2%, 390 jobs). Job losses were concentrated in trade, transportation, and utilities (-2.2%, 110 fewer jobs), government (-2.1%, 100 fewer jobs), and leisure and hospitality (-2.6%, 100 fewer jobs). Employment is 1,280 jobs (+3.6%) above the pre-pandemic level in February 2020.

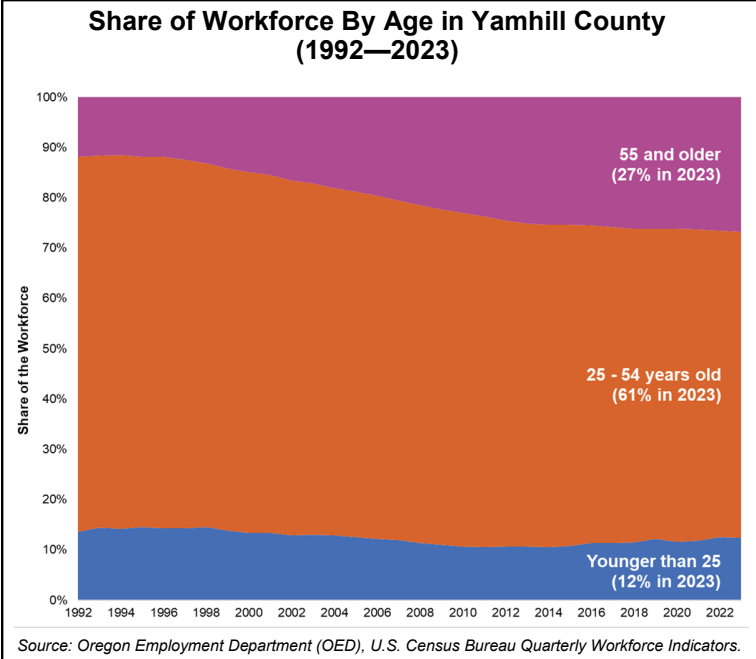
SHARE OF WORKFORCE BY AGE — Yamhill County’s workforce is aging. The number of Yamhill workers ages 55 and over more than tripled in the 30 years from 1993 to 2023, increasing from 2,200 to over 8,800. The share of workers ages 55 and over more than doubled in the same period from 12% to 27%. The aging workforce trend is driven by the Baby Boomer generation, now all 55 and older, remaining in the labor force longer than previous generations. As many plan to retire in the next decade, fewer Gen Z workers will be available to replace them, requiring employers and workforce planners to strategize for increased turnover and future labor needs. Read more about Oregon’s Aging Workforce [here](#).



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