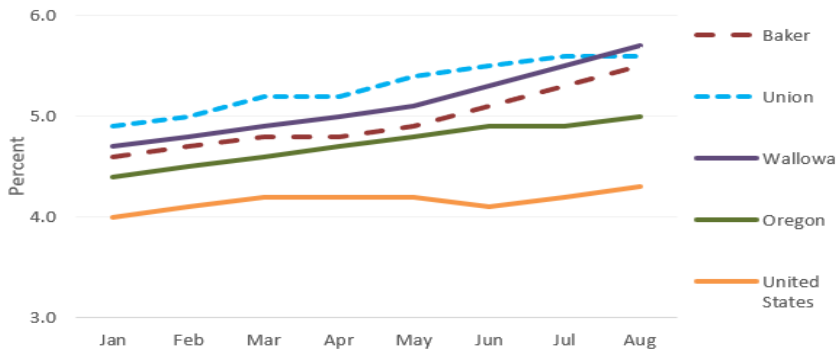


## Federal Government Shutdown Pauses Employment Reports

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) suspended the monthly employment and unemployment reports for the nation, states, and metropolitan areas as of Oct. 1, 2025. Eastern Oregon’s monthly jobs and unemployment rate for September are unavailable at this time. In the meantime, we will highlight data that we continue to produce and share as it becomes available.

2025 YTD Unemployment Rate



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

## Unemployment Rate News

Baker County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has gradually increased year-to-date. It stayed at 4.8% for both March and April before reaching a 2025 high of 5.5% in August.

Union County experienced a similar rate trend, holding at 5.2% for March and April, and then again at 5.6% for July and August.

Wallowa County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate started the year at 4.7% and consistently rose month-to-month to an August rate of 5.7%.

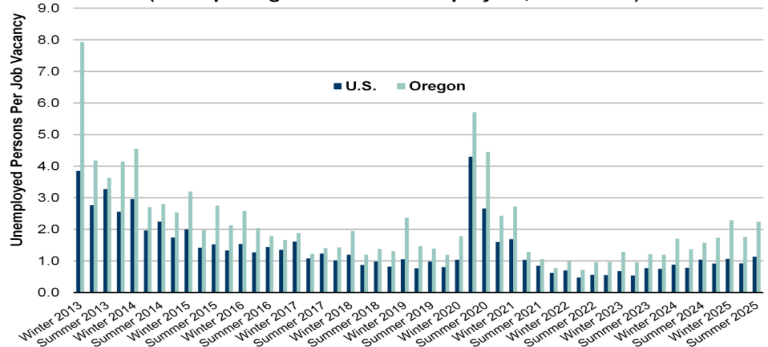
## Job Vacancy Survey News

Results from the [Summer 2025 Job Vacancy Survey](#) are out now.

According to the survey, the ratio of unemployed persons to job vacancies in Oregon was at 2.2 for Summer 2025. This was an increase from the previous quarter’s ratio of 1.8 and continues an upward trend since 2022.

In other news from the survey, the statewide average hourly wage decreased by \$1.62 per hour from the previous quarter. Employers reported difficulty filling 57% of summer vacancies, which was a 1% decrease from Spring 2025.

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



Source: Oregon Employment Department

## Oregon Private Job Vacancies (Summer 2025)

Average Hourly Wage	\$26.76
Full-time Positions	81%
Permanent Positions	93%
Requiring Education Beyond High School	37%
Requiring Previous Experience	62%
Difficult to Fill	57%

Geography	Vacancies
Oregon Statewide	53,642
Portland Metro	12,443
Clackamas	8,122
Mid-Valley	7,194
East Cascades	6,698
Lane	4,878
Rogue Valley	4,447
Northwest Oregon	3,812
Eastern Oregon	2,696
Southwestern Oregon	2,224

Unknown/multiple regions excluded

Source: Oregon Employment Department

## News and Articles

[Federal Government Jobs in Oregon](#) by Anna Johnson and Gail Krumenauer

[Summer 2025 Hiring Among Oregon’s Private Employers](#) by Anna Johnson

[Oregon’s Per Capita Personal Income 2024](#) by Molly Hendrickson

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