

## Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators

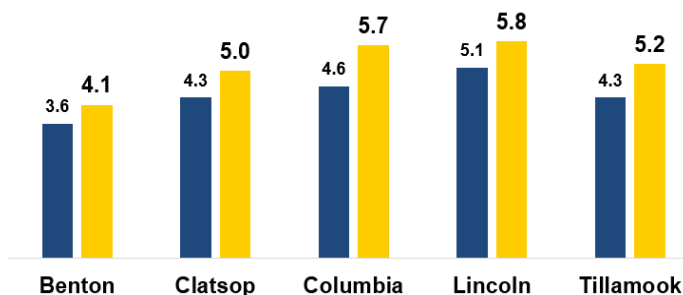
For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties October 2025 (August 2025 Data)

**The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics suspended production of monthly employment and unemployment reports for the nation, states, and metropolitan areas as of Oct. 1, 2025. Other labor market information continues to be available on QualityInfo.org.**

While we wait for new employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics to be released, we will be taking another look at the employment numbers for August, as well as recently published job vacancy information and federal government employment in Oregon. The 'Key Takeaways' section is reposted from September's newsletter.

### Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)

■ Aug-2024 ■ Aug-2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Key Takeaways

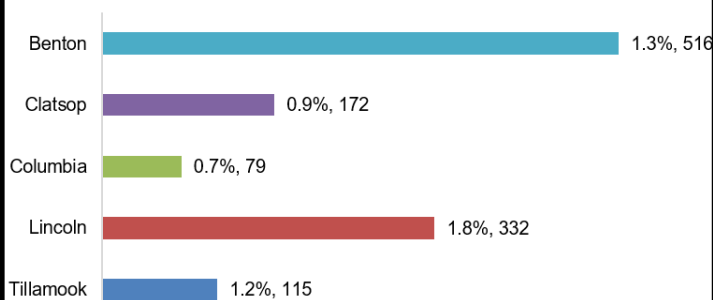
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased across Northwest Oregon in all five counties and remained above levels seen one year ago. Three of the five counties saw over-the-year job losses, with Columbia and Benton counties seeing a gain over the year. A variety of industries saw job gains across the region, including private education and health services and leisure and hospitality. However, Clatsop and Lincoln counties each saw decreases in leisure and hospitality employment.

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### Northwest Federal Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 2024



Civilian federal government employment represented roughly 1% of total nonfarm employment in Northwest Oregon in the fourth quarter of 2024. Percentages ranged from 0.7% in Columbia County to 1.8% in Lincoln County.

Summer job vacancies in Northwest Oregon increased by 37% compared with this time last year. Job vacancies at the state level decreased by 12%. Jobs paying under \$20 an hour decreased by 16%, while vacancies for jobs paying \$30 and up increased by 15%.

To learn more about federal government employment or summer job vacancies, visit [QualityInfo.org](http://QualityInfo.org).

### Oregon Private Job Vacancies by Geography, Summer 2025

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

Multi-area or unknown regions excluded

Source: Oregon Employment Department