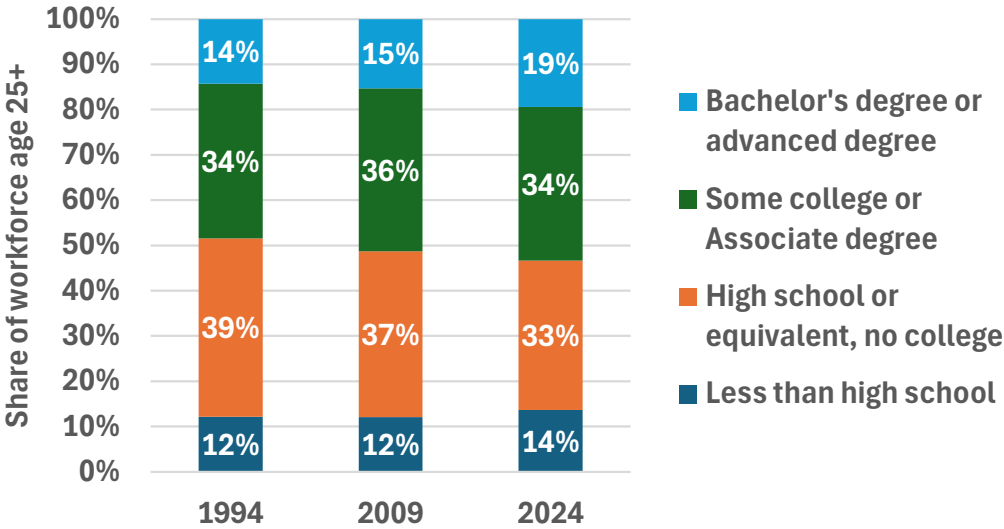


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Educational Attainment 1994-2024



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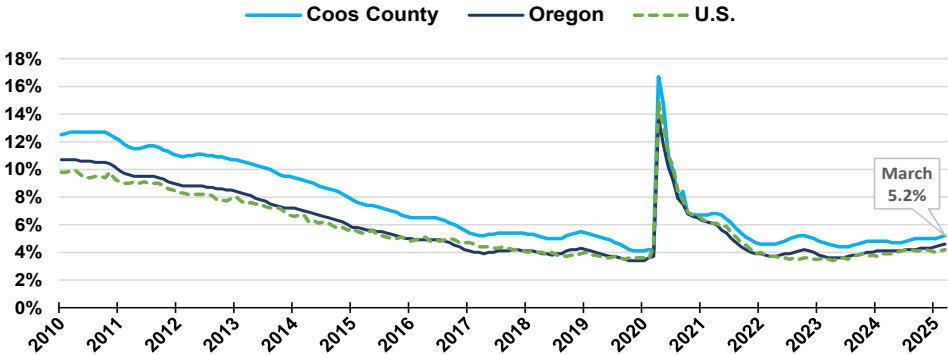
In 2024 more than half the workforce (53%) had some college level education. Roughly one in five workers hold a bachelor's or advanced degree. The share of the labor force with less than a high school diploma increased by 2 percentage points over this thirty year timespan.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators, Oregon Employment Department

Unemployment Rate at 5.2%

- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate March 2024 was 4.8%
- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has ranged from 4.7% to 5.2% over the year

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Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS

Industry Employment Change: March 2024 to March 2025

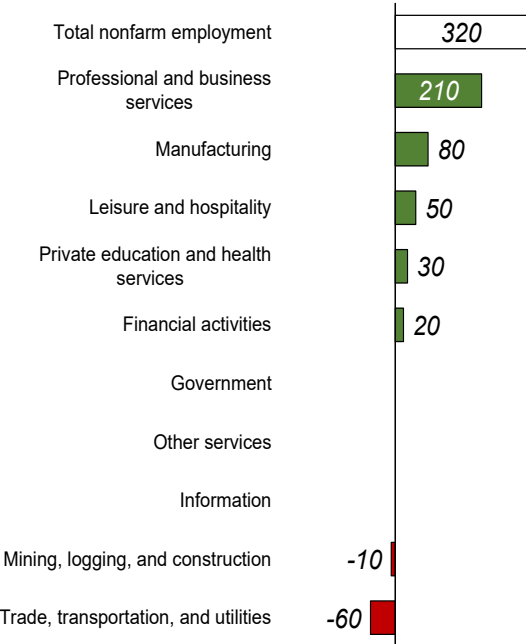
Coos County employment gained 320 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up 1.4% in the past year
- [Detailed March Employment Press Release](#)

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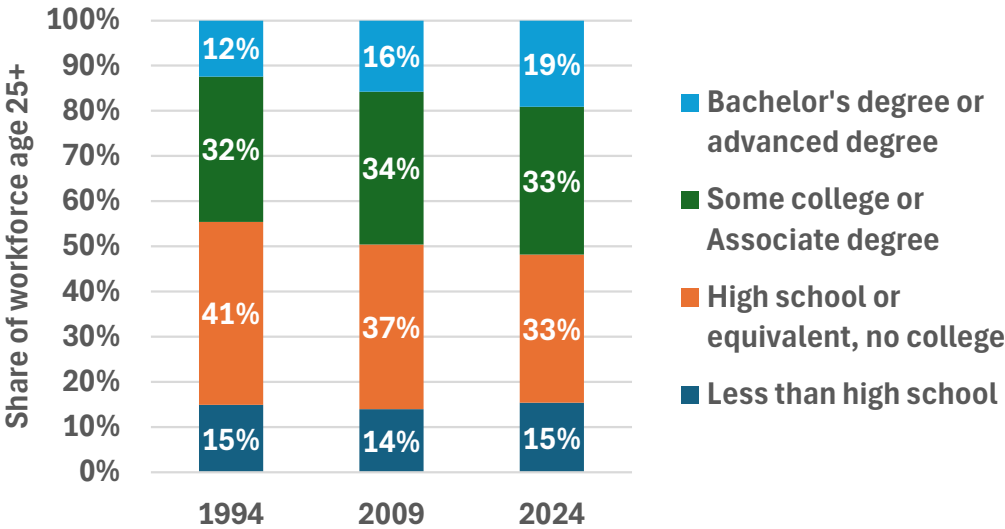
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Educational attainment is an indicator for qualifications in the labor market. In 1994, less than half (44%) of Curry County's workforce had attended college. Over one in ten workers held a bachelor's or advanced degree.

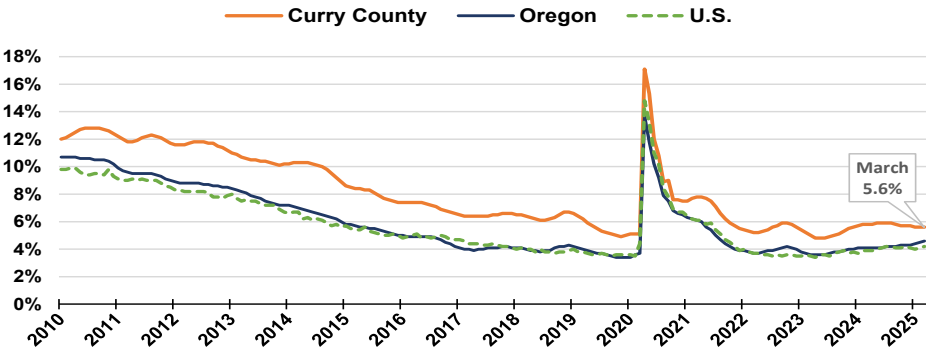
In 2024 more than half the workforce (52%) had some college level education. Roughly one in five workers hold a bachelor's or advanced degree. The share of the labor force with less than a high school diploma remained stable over this thirty year timespan.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators, Oregon Employment Department

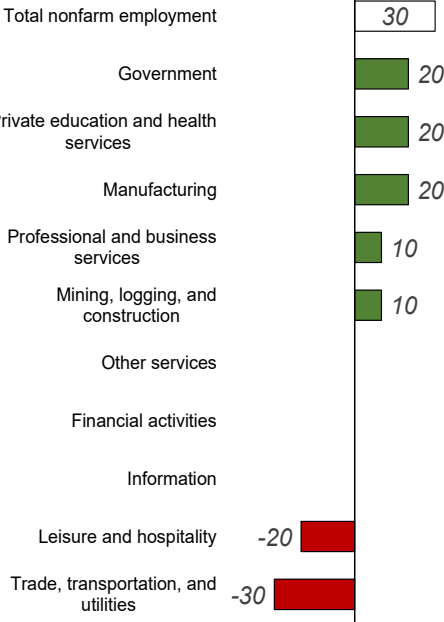
Unemployment Rate at 5.6%

- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March 2024 was 5.8%
- Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has ranged from 5.6% to 5.9% over the year

[More info on unemployment](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Industry Employment Change: March 2024 to March 2025

Curry County employment gained 30 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up 0.5% over the year
- [Detailed March Employment Press Release](#)

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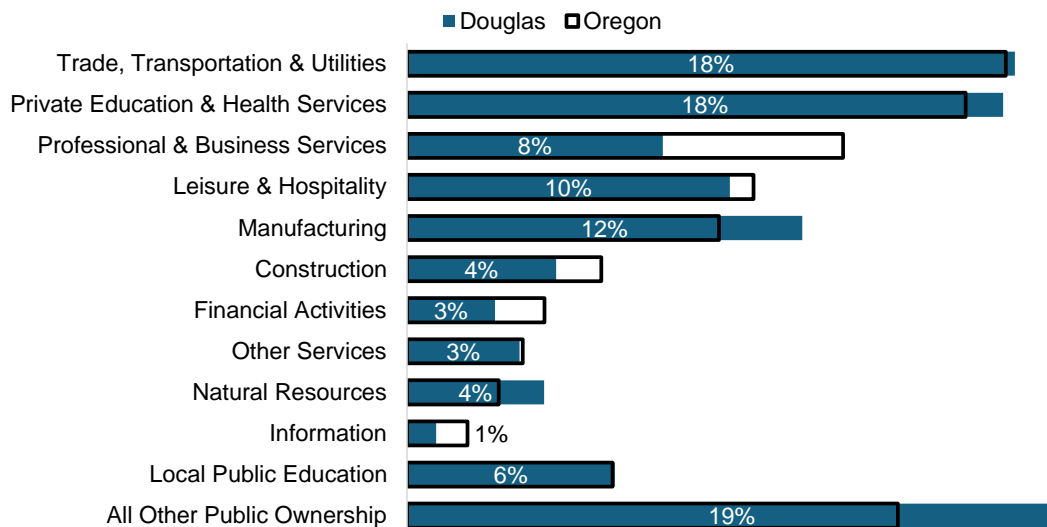
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# DOUGLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

April 2025

**Graph of the Month:** [2024 annual employment data](#) has just been released, a perfect time to look at how our employment differs from the state. Douglas had comparatively more jobs in health care and manufacturing, and fewer in professional services, construction and financial activities in 2024.

## Percentage of Employment by Industry, 2024



Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Workforce Indicators](#)

## Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

March 2024 to March 2025

**Government:** 210 (+3%)

**Manufacturing:** -80 (-2%)

**Private Education and Health Services:** 100 (+2%)

**Retail Trade:** -170 (-4%)

**All Industries:** -100 (0%)

**Employment change from February 2020 ([seasonally adjusted](#)):**  
-630 (-2%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

## News and Articles

QualityInfo: [Douglas County Building Permits Drop in 2024](#) by Brian Rooney

QualityInfo: [Oregon's Wood Product Manufacturing Industry Is Still Important, Especially in Rural Areas](#) by Brian Rooney

QualityInfo: [A Look at New Skills Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) by Sarah Cunningham

## Latest Douglas County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [5.7%](#)  
(seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+0.5 pct. points](#)

Average number of Southwestern Oregon job vacancies with private employers in Winter 2024: [2,421](#)

Ratio of Oregon unemployed persons to private job vacancies: [2.5:1](#)

Ratio in the U.S.: [1:1](#)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **New Establishment:** Starbucks will open a location in Tri-City.
- **New Firm:** Volante of Roseburg, a senior living community, will open in Roseburg.

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