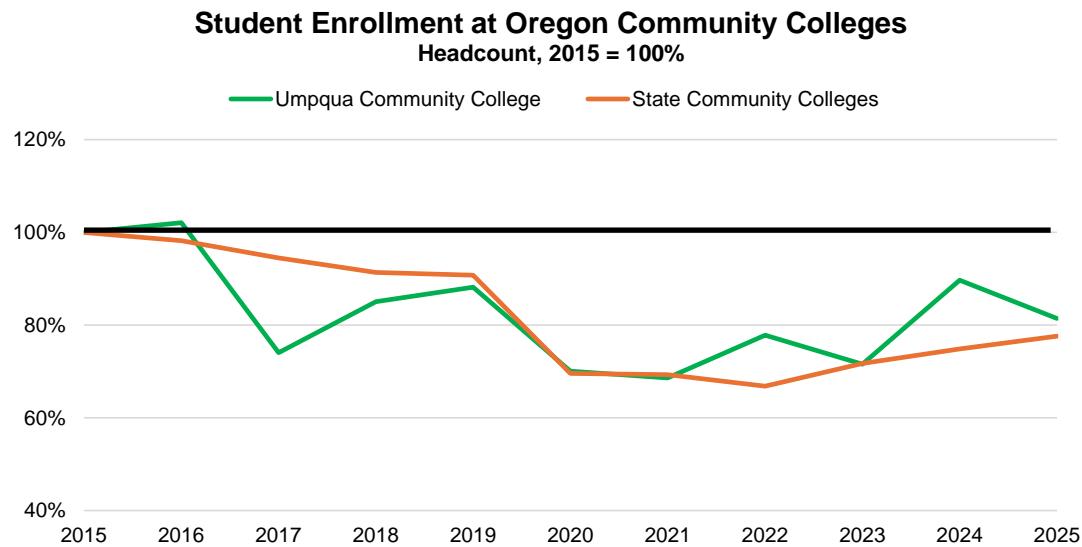


DOUGLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

February 2026

Graph of the Month: [Headcount enrollment](#) at Umpqua Community College has increased from the lows experienced during 2020-2022 along with the state. However, community college enrollment was down about 20% across Oregon, including at UCC in 2025 relative to 2015.



Source: Higher Education Coordinating Commission, [Oregon Public Institution Enrollment](#)

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

December 2024 to December 2025

Private Education & Health Services:	190 (+3%)	Retail Trade:	-140 (-3%)
Professional & Business Services:	100 (+4%)	Manufacturing:	-150 (-3%)
All Industries: 40 (+0%)			

Employment change from February 2020 ([seasonally adjusted](#)):
-850 (-2%)

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

News and Articles

QualityInfo: [Job Losses and Rising Unemployment: 2025 in Review](#) by Gail Krumenauer

QualityInfo: [Fall 2025 Hiring Among Oregon's Private Employers Drops to Lowest Level Since Spring 2020](#) by Anna Johnson

QualityInfo: [Employee Tenure \(Still\) Averages Four Years](#) by Nelson Gomes

Latest Douglas County Economic Data

December 2025 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate: [6.4%](#)

Change from previous year: [+1.0 pct. points](#)

Number of Southwestern Oregon private job vacancies on average in Fall 2025: [4,635](#)

Growth in vacancies from Fall 2024: [92%](#)

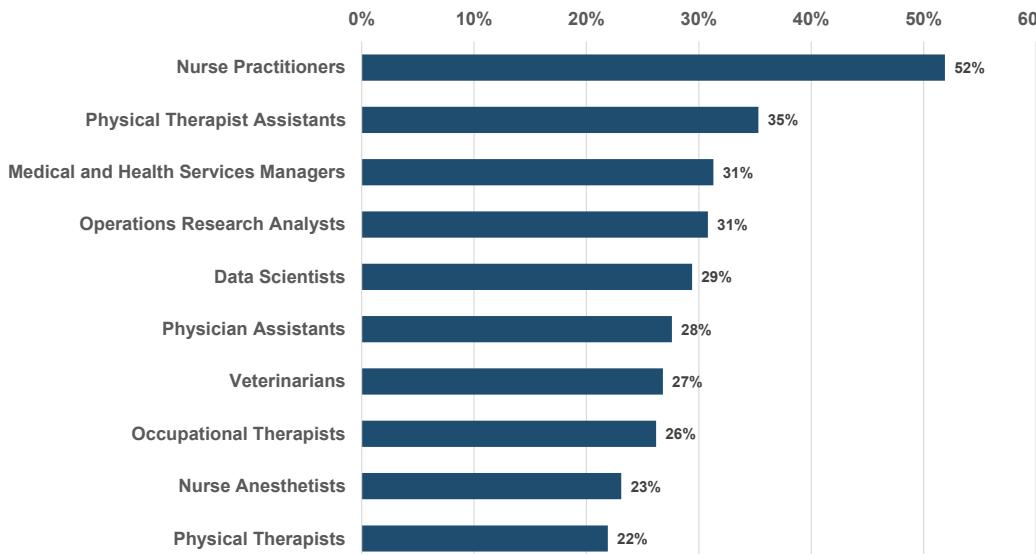
Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Expansion:** Umpqua Community College in Roseburg opened an Advanced Manufacturing and Forestry Hub.
- **Closure:** Ray's Food Place in Drain will close.
- **Rehire:** Round Table Pizza will reopen in Roseburg.

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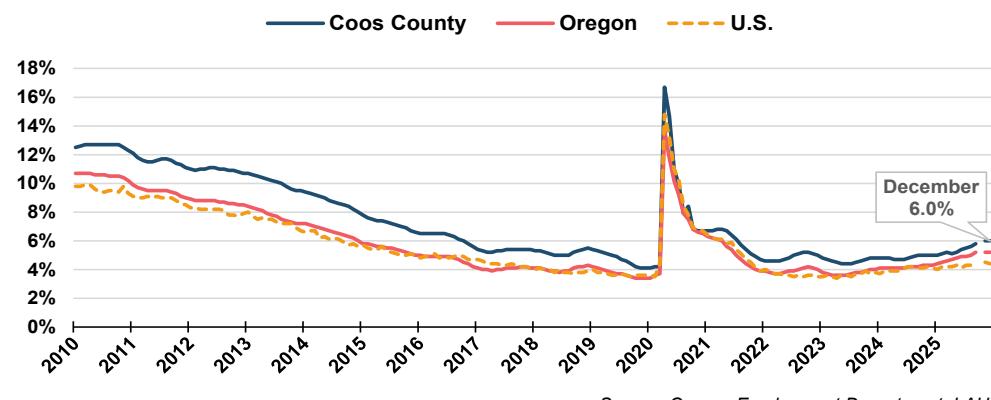
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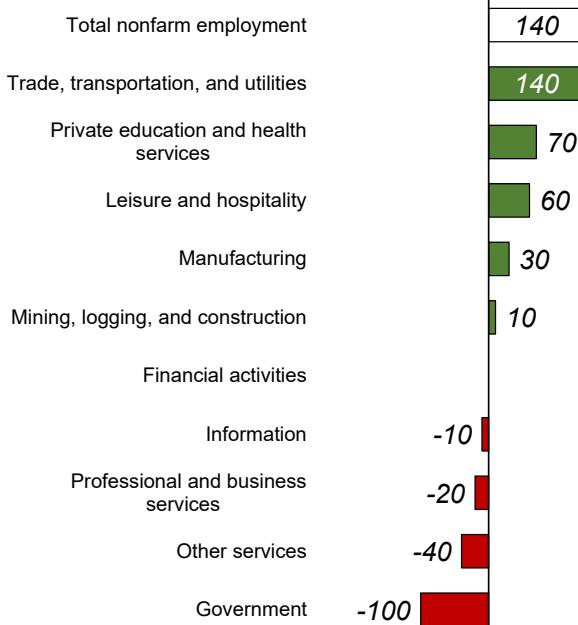
Unemployment Rate at 6.0%

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December 2024 was 5.0%
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[More info on unemployment](#)



Source: Oregon Employment Department, LAUS



Industry Employment Change: December 2024 to 2025

Coos County employment gained 140 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up 0.6% over the year
- [Detailed December Employment Press Release](#)

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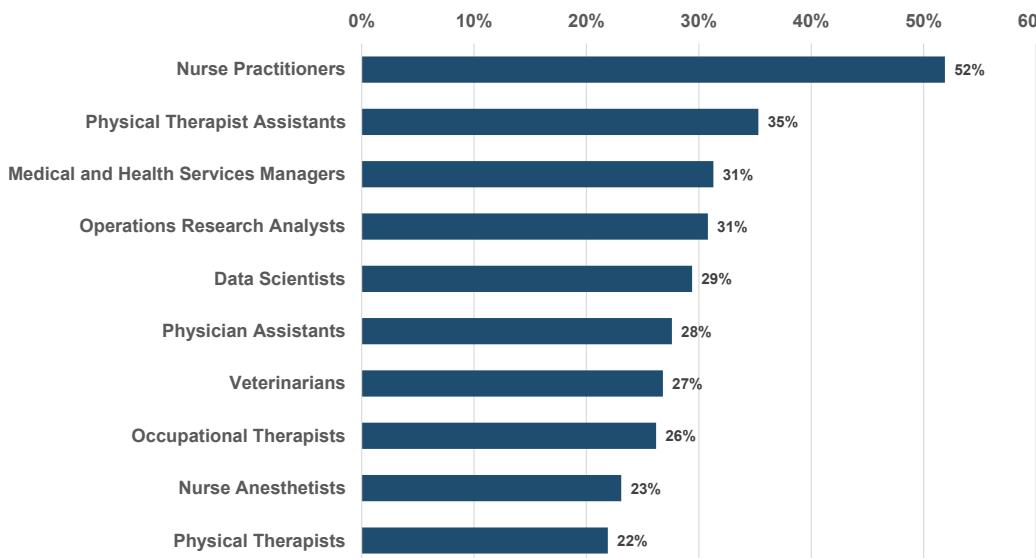
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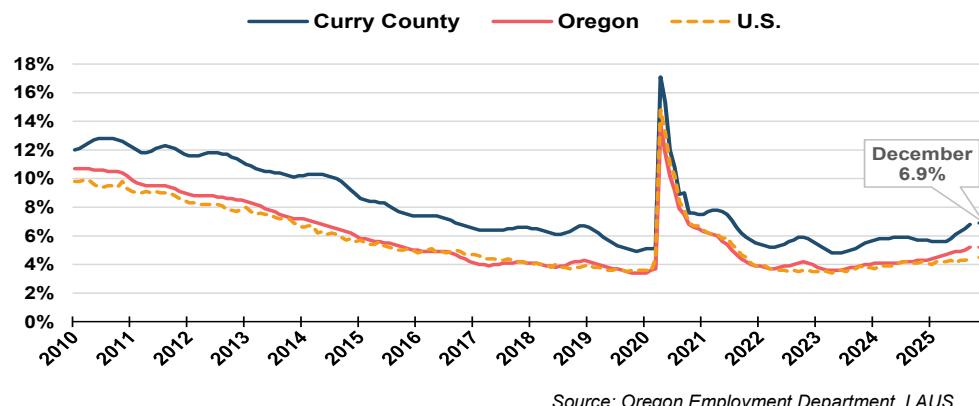
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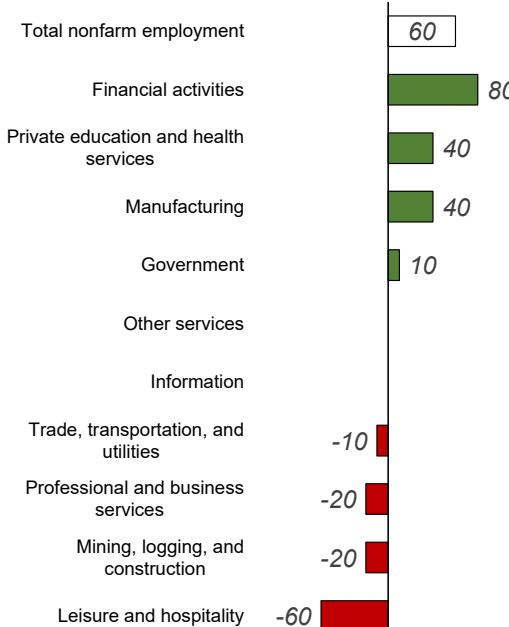
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Industry Employment Change: December 2024 to 2025

Curry County employment gained 60 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up 0.9% over the year
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