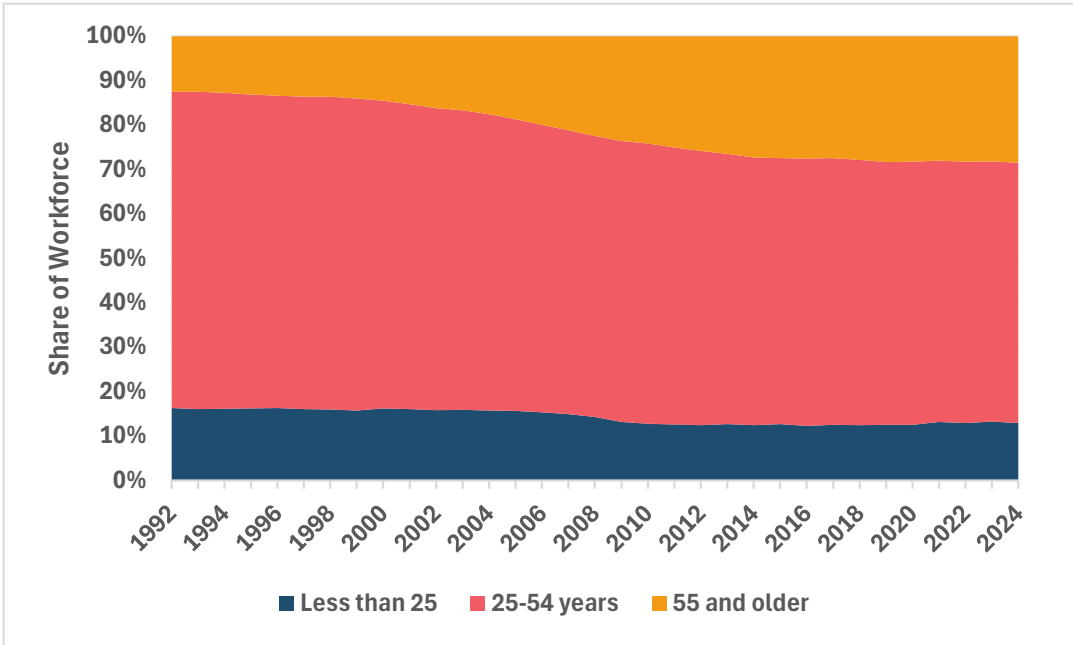


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Source: Oregon Employment Department & U.S. Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators

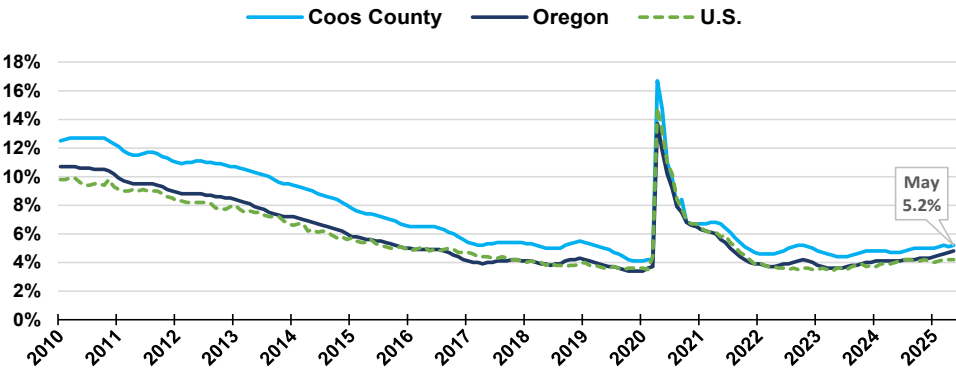
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This has real implications for the future of the workforce as those in the older age cohort retire. With younger workers comprising a smaller proportion of the workforce this could lead to increased turnover, upskilling needs, and strains on the healthcare system.

Unemployment Rate at 5.2%

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate May 2024 was 4.7%
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has ranged from 4.7% to 5.2% over the year

[More info on unemployment](#)



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Industry Employment Change: May 2024 to May 2025

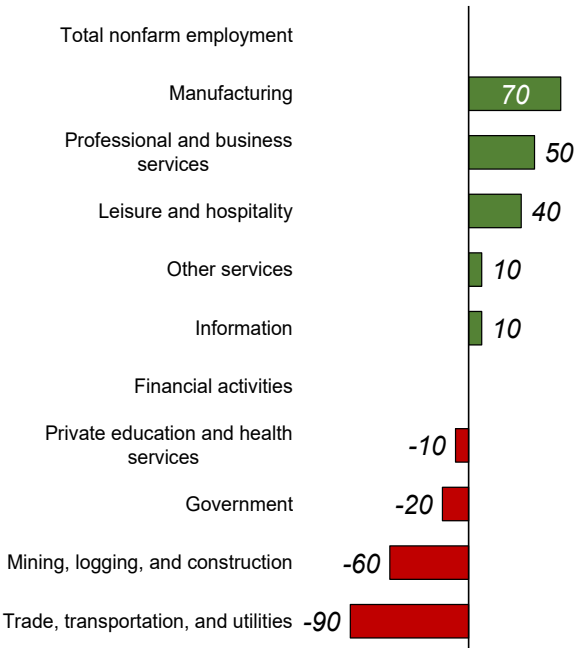
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- Payroll employment remained stable the past year
- [Detailed May Employment Press Release](#)

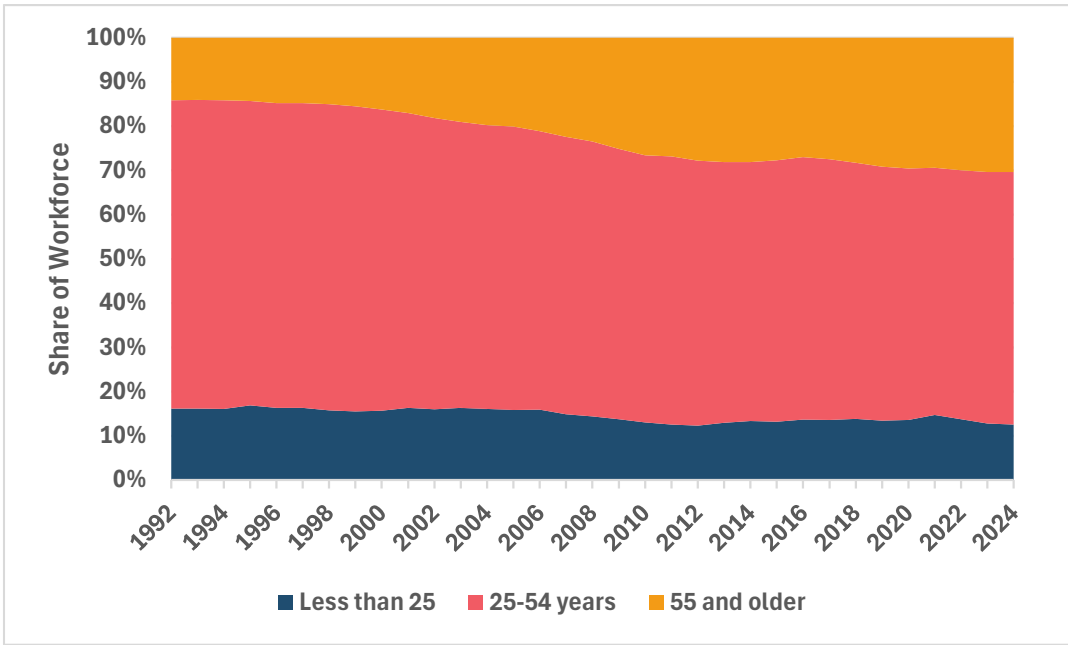
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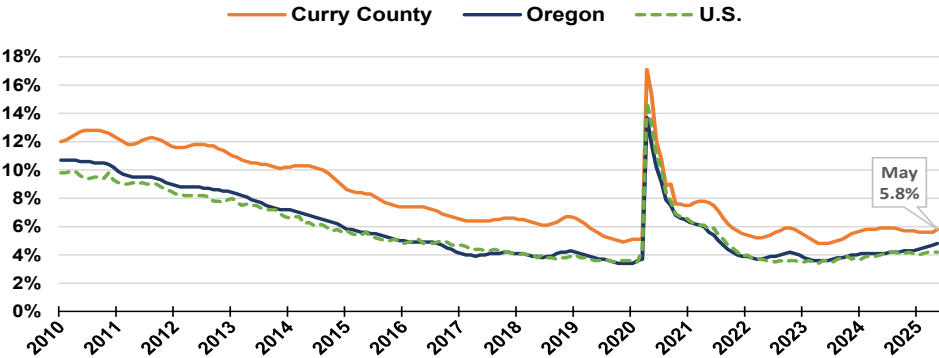
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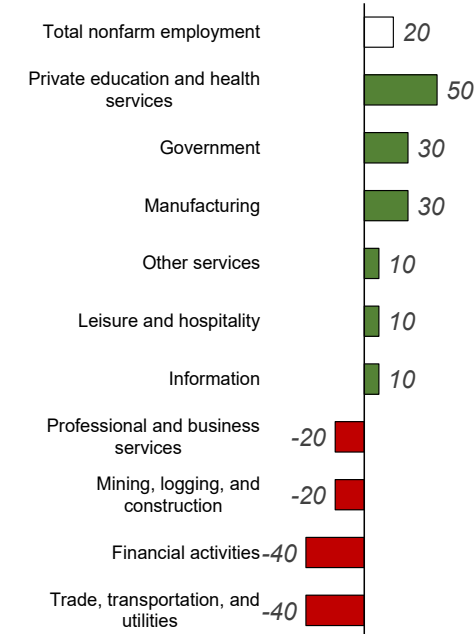
Unemployment Rate at 5.8%

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May 2024 was 5.9%
- The 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: May 2024 to May 2025

Curry County employment gained 20 jobs over the year

- Payroll employment up 0.3% over the year
- [Detailed May Employment Press Release](#)

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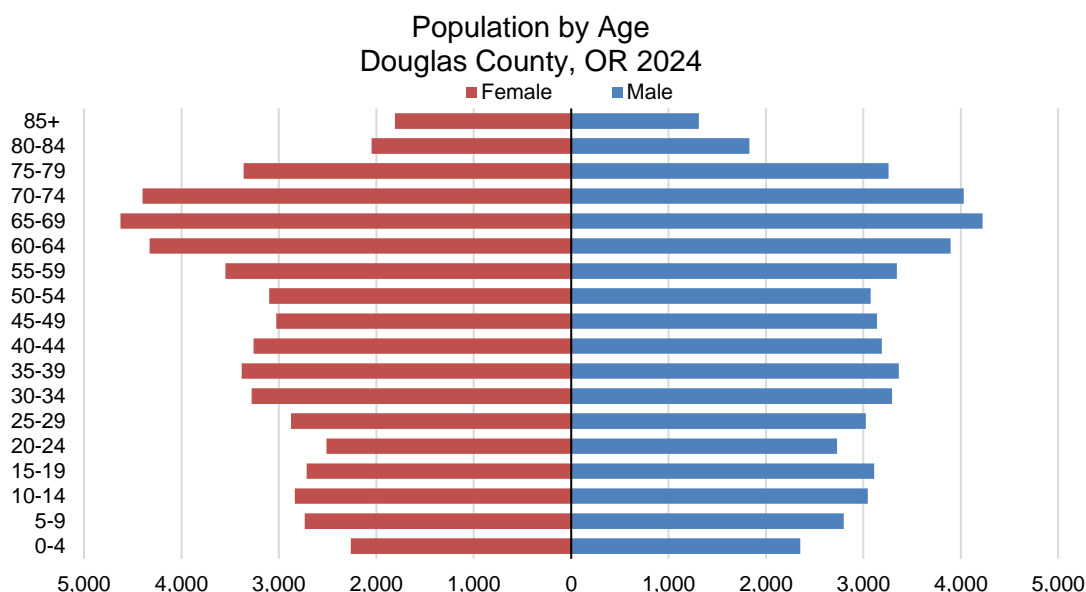
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DOUGLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

June 2025

Graph of the Month: The population of Douglas County is slightly older than the state and nation. The three five-year cohorts after age sixty make up the largest groups in the local population, in contrast to Oregon where the groups aged 30-44 are the largest.



Source: [Population Research Center at Portland State University](#)

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

May 2024 to May 2025

Private Education and Health Services: **280** (+4%)

Leisure and Hospitality: **-160** (-4%)

Government: **150** (+2%)

Retail Trade: **-200** (-4%)

All Industries: **-390** (-1%)

Employment change from February 2020 ([seasonally adjusted](#)): **-980** (-2%)

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

News and Articles

QualityInfo: [Oregon Economic Update: Uncertainty](#) by Amy Vander Vliet

QualityInfo: [Oregon's Minimum Wage Jobs](#) by Anna Johnson

QualityInfo: [Oregon's Natural Population Continued to Decrease in 2024](#) by Luke Courty

Latest Douglas County Economic Data

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

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

Douglas County population change, 2020-2024: [-72](#) (-0.1%)

Net migration 2020-2024: [3,696](#)

Natural change (births minus deaths) 2020-2024: [-3,768](#)

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

- **Closure:** Rite Aid will close stores, including a location in Roseburg.
- **New Firm:** Elkton Lodge Hall and General Store opened in Elkton.
- **New Firm:** Olive and Madrone, a charcuterie business, will open in Roseburg.

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