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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): September 2025**

### **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. 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. One such topic is federal government employment.

#### **Federal Government Jobs in Benton County**

Benton County had an average of 484 federal government jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the first half of 2025. That accounted for about 1.2% of all jobs in Benton County. Federal employment comprises 1.5% of Oregon total employment. The federal government share of all jobs was much higher in some rural counties. The top 10 counties by share of all jobs in federal government were rural areas. More than 15% of all jobs in Sherman County were in federal government. The next-largest shares were in Grant (9%), Harney (8%), and Lake (8%) counties.

Federal government jobs also tend to pay relatively high wages. Looking at annual average wages, jobs on federal government payrolls in Oregon paid nearly \$98,500 in 2024. That was 38% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Oregon. In Benton the average annual wage for federal government was \$93,503 in 2024. That was 39% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Benton County. Benton County's federal government average annual wage was roughly \$5,000 or 5% less than the statewide average wage in federal government. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

#### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the next update on local trends on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and the statewide trends on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as federal services return.

**Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**

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	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	48,090	48,117	47,482	-27	608
Unemployed	2,325	2,300	1,915	25	410
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%	0.0	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Employed	45,765	45,817	45,567	-52	198
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	41,700	41,710	41,530	-10	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,160</i>	<i>44,020</i>	<i>44,010</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>150</i>
Total private	28,440	28,290	28,270	150	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,440	1,440	1,510	0	-70
Manufacturing	2,480	2,480	2,550	0	-70
Durable goods	2,020	2,020	2,080	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,670	4,680	4,600	-10	70
Information	590	590	660	0	-70
Financial activities	1,560	1,550	1,530	10	30
Professional and business services	4,510	4,480	4,500	30	10
Private education and health services	7,260	7,170	7,250	90	10
Health care and social assistance	6,970	6,890	6,910	80	60
Leisure and hospitality	4,470	4,450	4,200	20	270
Other services	1,460	1,450	1,470	10	-10
Government	13,260	13,420	13,260	-160	0
Federal government	470	470	550	0	-80
State government	330	330	350	0	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,460	12,620	12,360	-160	100
Local education	10,880	11,030	10,810	-150	70

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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