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Employment in Clatsop County: January 2026

Seasonally Adjusted Employment Increased by 160 in January

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in January, down from 5.3% in December, and above the rate of 4.4% in January 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in January, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 160 in January to 19,610 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A decrease of 380 jobs was expected for the month, and the county lost 220 jobs. The private sector lost 230 jobs while total government employment increased by 10. Leisure and hospitality lost 100 jobs (-2.2%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 60 jobs (-1.7%). Local government added 10 jobs (+0.5%).

January's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 110 jobs (+0.6%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Nondurable goods manufacturing had the largest gain, adding 120 jobs over the year (+8.6%). Private education and health services added 80 jobs (+2.9%). The largest decline was in professional and business services which lost 130 jobs (-11.9%). Local government added 60 jobs (+2.7%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, April 15, and February county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, April 21.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	19,467	19,519	19,642	-52	-175
Unemployed	1,131	1,022	1,108	109	23
Unemployment rate	5.8%	5.2%	5.6%	0.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	5.3%	4.4%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	18,336	18,497	18,534	-161	-198
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,760	18,980	18,650	-220	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,610	19,450	19,490	160	120
Total private	15,990	16,220	15,920	-230	70
Mining, logging, and construction	1,030	1,050	1,070	-20	-40
Mining and logging	60	60	60	0	0
Construction	970	990	1,010	-20	-40
Manufacturing	1,920	1,960	1,790	-40	130
Durable goods	410	410	400	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	230	0	20
Nondurable goods	1,510	1,550	1,390	-40	120
Food manufacturing	570	610	500	-40	70
Paper manufacturing	860	860	790	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,420	3,480	3,460	-60	-40
Wholesale trade	200	200	180	0	20
Retail trade	2,880	2,920	2,910	-40	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	340	360	370	-20	-30
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	670	670	660	0	10
Professional and business services	960	950	1,090	10	-130
Private education and health services	2,850	2,870	2,770	-20	80
Leisure and hospitality	4,470	4,570	4,410	-100	60
Accommodation and food services	4,230	4,330	4,160	-100	70
Accommodation	1,350	1,410	1,380	-60	-30
Food services and drinking places	2,880	2,920	2,780	-40	100
Other services	550	550	540	0	10
Government	2,770	2,760	2,730	10	40
Federal government	140	140	160	0	-20
State government	370	370	370	0	0
Local government	2,260	2,250	2,200	10	60
Local education	1,140	1,130	1,120	10	20
Local government excluding educational services	1,120	1,120	1,080	0	40

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: 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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>January 2026</u>	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>January 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.4	4.0
State of Oregon	5.2	5.3	4.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.6	5.6	4.8
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.6	4.5	3.9
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.3	5.2	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.1	7.2	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.9	5.9	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.1	5.0	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.1	4.3
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.8	5.9	4.6
Benton	4.6	4.5	3.9
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.1
Clatsop	5.2	5.3	4.4
Columbia	6.1	6.1	4.9
Coos	5.9	6.0	5.0
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.7	6.9	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.9	4.1
Douglas	6.4	6.4	5.5
Gilliam	5.7	5.6	4.7
Grant	7.6	7.9	6.5
Harney	4.9	5.0	4.5
Hood River	4.1	4.2	3.5
Jackson	5.9	5.9	5.1
Jefferson	5.7	5.8	4.6
Josephine	7.1	7.2	6.0
Klamath	7.5	7.5	6.0
Lake	6.2	6.4	5.0
Lane	5.3	5.2	4.5
Lincoln	6.1	6.2	5.2
Linn	5.6	5.6	4.8
Malheur	4.7	4.9	4.1
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.3
Morrow	4.8	4.9	4.0
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.3
Polk	5.0	5.0	4.2
Sherman	5.1	5.2	3.9
Tillamook	5.4	5.5	4.4
Umatilla	5.5	5.6	4.7
Union	5.6	5.7	4.9
Wallowa	6.2	6.3	4.7
Wasco	5.2	5.3	4.4
Washington	5.1	5.1	4.0
Wheeler	4.8	4.8	4.0
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	4.2

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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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