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## **Employment in Clatsop County: February 2026**

### **Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate Decreased in February**

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in February, down from 5.2% in January, and above the rate of 4.4% in February 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in February, and the national rate was 4.4%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 20 in February to 19,570 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. An increase of 150 jobs was expected for the month, and the county added 170 jobs. The private sector gained 100 jobs while total government employment increased by 70. Leisure and hospitality added 50 jobs (+1.1%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 20 jobs (-0.6%). Local education added 70 jobs (+6.3%).

February's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 260 jobs (+1.4%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Nondurable goods manufacturing had the largest gain, adding 170 jobs over the year (+12.3%). Private education and health services added 70 jobs (+2.5%). The largest decline was in trade, transportation, and utilities which lost 80 jobs (-2.3%). Local government added 100 jobs (+4.5%).

#### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Friday, May 1, and March county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, May 5.

## Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	January 2026	February 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	19,701	19,465	19,550	236	151
Unemployed	1,089	1,130	1,070	-41	19
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.8%	5.5%	-0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.2%	4.4%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	18,612	18,335	18,480	277	132
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	18,870	18,700	18,610	170	260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,570	19,550	19,300	20	270
Total private	16,060	15,960	15,860	100	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,020	1,020	1,060	0	-40
Mining and logging	60	60	60	0	0
Construction	960	960	1,000	0	-40
Manufacturing	1,970	1,970	1,780	0	190
Durable goods	420	410	400	10	20
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	230	0	20
Nondurable goods	1,550	1,560	1,380	-10	170
Food manufacturing	600	610	480	-10	120
Paper manufacturing	870	880	790	-10	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,380	3,400	3,460	-20	-80
Wholesale trade	190	190	190	0	0
Retail trade	2,860	2,860	2,900	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	330	350	370	-20	-40
Information	130	120	130	10	0
Financial activities	670	670	650	0	20
Professional and business services	980	960	1,000	20	-20
Private education and health services	2,850	2,830	2,780	20	70
Leisure and hospitality	4,490	4,440	4,450	50	40
Accommodation and food services	4,260	4,220	4,200	40	60
Accommodation	1,360	1,370	1,370	-10	-10
Food services and drinking places	2,900	2,850	2,830	50	70
Other services	570	550	550	20	20
Government	2,810	2,740	2,750	70	60
Federal government	140	140	170	0	-30
State government	360	370	370	-10	-10
Local government	2,310	2,230	2,210	80	100
Local education	1,190	1,120	1,130	70	60
Local government excluding educational services	1,120	1,110	1,080	10	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>February 2026</u>	<u>January 2026</u>	<u>February 2025</u>
United States	4.4	4.3	4.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	4.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.5	5.6	4.9
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.6	4.6	4.0
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.3	5.3	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	7.1	6.1
Medford (Jackson County)	5.8	5.9	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.1	5.1	4.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.1	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.6	5.8	4.7
Benton	4.6	4.6	4.0
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.2
Clatsop	5.1	5.2	4.4
Columbia	6.1	6.1	5.1
Coos	5.8	5.9	5.1
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.6	6.7	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.2
Douglas	6.3	6.4	5.6
Gilliam	5.7	5.7	4.6
Grant	7.3	7.6	6.5
Harney	4.7	4.9	4.5
Hood River	4.1	4.1	3.6
Jackson	5.8	5.9	5.1
Jefferson	5.6	5.7	4.6
Josephine	7.0	7.1	6.1
Klamath	7.4	7.4	6.1
Lake	6.0	6.2	5.2
Lane	5.3	5.3	4.5
Lincoln	6.0	6.1	5.2
Linn	5.5	5.6	4.9
Malheur	4.6	4.7	4.2
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.3
Morrow	4.6	4.8	4.5
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.4
Polk	4.9	5.0	4.3
Sherman	5.1	5.1	3.9
Tillamook	5.4	5.4	4.6
Umatilla	5.3	5.5	4.9
Union	5.5	5.6	5.0
Wallowa	6.1	6.2	4.8
Wasco	5.1	5.2	4.4
Washington	5.1	5.1	4.1
Wheeler	4.8	4.8	4.4
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	4.3

(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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