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Employment in Clatsop County: March 2026

Seasonally Adjusted Payroll Employment Decreased by 30 in March

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0% in March, down from 5.1% in February, and above the rate of 4.5% in March 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in March, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 in March to 19,530 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. An increase of 90 jobs was expected for the month, and the county added 60 jobs. The private sector gained 100 jobs while total government employment decreased by 40. Leisure and hospitality added 130 jobs (+2.9%). Professional and business services lost 50 jobs (-5.1%). Local education lost 30 jobs (-2.5%).

March's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 220 jobs (+1.2%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Nondurable goods manufacturing had the largest gain, adding 150 jobs over the year (+10.9%). Food services and drinking places added 140 jobs (+4.9%). The largest decline was in professional and business services which lost 110 jobs (-10.6%). Local government added 80 jobs (+3.6%). Federal government employment decreased by 50 (-29.4%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 20, and April county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Wednesday, May 27.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2026	February 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	19,892	19,700	19,646	192	246
Unemployed	1,064	1,088	1,056	-24	8
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%	-0.2	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.0%	5.1%	4.5%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	18,828	18,612	18,590	216	238
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,920	18,860	18,700	60	220
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,530	19,560	19,300	-30	230
Total private	16,150	16,050	15,950	100	200
Mining, logging, and construction	1,040	1,020	1,070	20	-30
Mining and logging	60	60	50	0	10
Construction	980	960	1,020	20	-40
Manufacturing	1,950	1,970	1,790	-20	160
Durable goods	420	420	410	0	10
Wood product manufacturing	250	250	230	0	20
Nondurable goods	1,530	1,550	1,380	-20	150
Food manufacturing	570	600	470	-30	100
Paper manufacturing	880	870	820	10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,390	3,380	3,430	10	-40
Wholesale trade	190	190	190	0	0
Retail trade	2,880	2,860	2,910	20	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	320	330	330	-10	-10
Information	130	120	130	10	0
Financial activities	680	670	650	10	30
Professional and business services	930	980	1,040	-50	-110
Private education and health services	2,840	2,850	2,810	-10	30
Leisure and hospitality	4,620	4,490	4,490	130	130
Accommodation and food services	4,390	4,260	4,250	130	140
Accommodation	1,380	1,360	1,380	20	0
Food services and drinking places	3,010	2,900	2,870	110	140
Other services	570	570	540	0	30
Government	2,770	2,810	2,750	-40	20
Federal government	120	140	170	-20	-50
State government	360	360	370	0	-10
Local government	2,290	2,310	2,210	-20	80
Local education	1,160	1,190	1,110	-30	50
Local government excluding educational services	1,130	1,120	1,100	10	30

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>March 2026</u>	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>March 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.4	4.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.5	4.9
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.9	5.0	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.4	4.6	4.0
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.2	5.3	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.8	7.0	6.3
Medford (Jackson County)	5.8	5.8	5.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.1	4.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.0	4.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.6	4.8
Benton	4.4	4.6	4.0
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	4.3
Clatsop	5.0	5.1	4.5
Columbia	6.1	6.1	5.2
Coos	5.7	5.8	5.2
Crook	5.8	5.9	5.2
Curry	6.4	6.6	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.3
Douglas	6.2	6.3	5.7
Gilliam	5.5	5.7	4.6
Grant	7.1	7.3	6.5
Harney	4.6	4.7	4.5
Hood River	4.0	4.1	3.7
Jackson	5.8	5.8	5.2
Jefferson	5.5	5.6	4.6
Josephine	6.8	7.0	6.3
Klamath	7.2	7.4	6.3
Lake	5.8	6.0	5.4
Lane	5.2	5.3	4.6
Lincoln	5.9	6.0	5.3
Linn	5.4	5.5	4.9
Malheur	4.5	4.6	4.3
Marion	5.0	5.0	4.4
Morrow	4.5	4.6	4.7
Multnomah	5.1	5.2	4.5
Polk	4.9	4.9	4.3
Sherman	4.9	5.1	3.9
Tillamook	5.3	5.4	4.7
Umatilla	5.2	5.3	4.9
Union	5.3	5.5	5.2
Wallowa	6.0	6.1	4.9
Wasco	5.0	5.1	4.5
Washington	5.0	5.1	4.2
Wheeler	4.7	4.8	4.3
Yamhill	4.9	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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