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Employment in Columbia 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. Columbia County's monthly jobs and unemployment rate for September are unavailable at this time.

Quarterly Employment and Wages

In the meantime, the Oregon Employment Department released the latest Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). The most current QCEW data provides employment trends and wages by industry through June 2025. The monthly employment numbers originally scheduled for release today would have included information for September 2025. The newest QCEW data shows that covered employment in Columbia County totaled 12,471 in the second quarter of 2025, an increase of 259 jobs (2.1%) from the second quarter of 2024. The private sector gained 214 jobs over the year (2.1%). The private education and health services sector gained 184 jobs between the second quarters of 2024 and 2025 (11.3%). Meanwhile, trade, transportation, and utilities shrank by 58 jobs (-2.5%) over the year.

Next News Releases

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

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