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## Employment in Douglas County

### Douglas County's Payroll Employment Rose Slightly Over the Year

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed at 6.3% in February compared with the revised January rate of 6.4%. Over the year, Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 5.6% in February 2025. The Oregon rate was 5.2% and the U.S. rate was 4.4% in February.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment fell by 70 jobs in February after a loss of 100 in January and loss of 70 in December.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in February, there were losses in manufacturing (-30); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-30); and private education and health services (-20). Gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (40); mining, logging, and construction (30); professional and business services (20); and other services (20).

Government rose by 60 jobs in February, mostly from gains in local education (40) and non-education and tribal local government (20).

When comparing February 2026 with February 2025, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 60 jobs, or 0.2%. There were private-sector over-the-year gains in private education and health services (90), leisure and hospitality (90), and construction (50). Losses were estimated in manufacturing (-200), and retail trade and financial activities (-60).

Government rose 90 jobs over the year in February due to gains in local education (80), Indian tribal (20), and federal government (10). State and non-education and tribal local government each lost 10 jobs.

### Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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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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### Douglas 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	46,867	46,673	46,467	194	400
Unemployed	3,153	3,303	3,034	-150	119
Unemployment rate	6.7%	7.1%	6.5%	-0.4	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.3%	6.4%	5.6%	-0.1	0.7
Employed	43,714	43,370	43,433	344	281
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,110	38,000	38,060	110	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>38,440</i>	<i>38,510</i>	<i>38,380</i>	<i>-70</i>	<i>60</i>
Total private	30,160	30,110	30,200	50	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	2,550	2,520	2,460	30	90
Mining and logging	850	840	810	10	40
Construction	1,700	1,680	1,650	20	50
Manufacturing	4,260	4,290	4,460	-30	-200
Durable goods	3,800	3,850	3,980	-50	-180
Wood product manufacturing	2,530	2,560	2,630	-30	-100
Nondurable goods	460	440	480	20	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,860	6,880	6,880	-20	-20
Wholesale trade	900	890	880	10	20
Retail trade	4,500	4,500	4,560	0	-60
Food and beverage retailers	1,040	1,050	1,070	-10	-30
General merchandise retailers	1,150	1,160	1,110	-10	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,460	1,490	1,440	-30	20
Information	300	300	340	0	-40
Financial activities	1,230	1,220	1,290	10	-60
Professional and business services	2,880	2,860	2,880	20	0
Private education and health services	7,210	7,230	7,120	-20	90
Leisure and hospitality	3,600	3,560	3,510	40	90
Food services and drinking places	2,890	2,870	2,790	20	100
Other services	1,270	1,250	1,260	20	10
Government	7,950	7,890	7,860	60	90
Federal government	1,430	1,420	1,420	10	10
State government	700	710	710	-10	-10
Local government	5,820	5,760	5,730	60	90
Indian tribal	1,140	1,140	1,120	0	20
Local education	3,200	3,160	3,120	40	80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,480	1,460	1,490	20	-10

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.

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