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Employment in Eastern Oregon: November 2025

The November seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in all six Eastern Oregon counties over the year. Rates are low compared to historic averages. The seasonally adjusted rate moved 0.7 percentage point higher in Harney County to reach 5.1% for the smallest increase. The largest increase came in Wallowa County where the seasonally adjusted rate rose 1.6 percentage points to reach 6.2%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 jobs since November 2024. Employment decreased by 30 jobs in the private sector and was unchanged in the public sector. There was a significant loss in retail trade (-90) and a significant gain in private education and health services (80). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 40 in November, where there was a loss of 20 in government. Baker County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in November and 5.7% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 4.6% in November 2024.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 60 jobs since November 2024. Employment decreased by 60 jobs in the private sector and was unchanged in the public sector. There were significant losses in manufacturing (-40), wholesale trade (-20), and retail trade (-20). There was a significant gain in construction (20). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment dropped by 10 in November, where there was a loss of 20 in federal government. Grant County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.9% in November and 7.6% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 6.4% in November 2024.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 170 jobs since November 2024. Employment increased by 130 jobs in the private sector and 40 jobs in the public sector. There were significant gains in leisure and hospitality (30), state government (20) and local government (20). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 30 in November, led by a gain of 20 in private education and health care. Harney County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in November and 4.9% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 4.4% in November 2024.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 250 jobs since November 2024. Employment decreased by 120 jobs in the private sector and 130 jobs in the public sector. There were significant losses in local government (-140), mining, logging and construction (-70) and manufacturing (-50). There was a significant gain in professional and business services (50). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 80 in November, led by gains of 30 in retail trade and private education and health care (20). Malheur County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in November and 4.8% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 4.1% in November 2024.

Union County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 50 jobs since November 2024. Employment decreased by 50 jobs in the private sector and there was no change in the public sector. There were significant losses in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-60), construction (-50) and manufacturing (-40). There was a significant increase in financial activities (160). Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment decreased by 10 in November. There were losses in construction (-30) and professional and business services (-30). Union County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in November and 5.7% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 4.8% in November 2024.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 jobs since November 2024. Employment increased by 10 jobs in the private sector and was unchanged in the public sector. There were significant gains in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (40), and financial activities (30). There was a loss of 30 in manufacturing. There was no change in seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment in November. There was a significant loss in leisure and hospitality (-70). Wallowa County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2% in November and 5.9% in September. The October unemployment rate is not available since underlying data was not collected due to the federal government shutdown that month. The rate is up from 4.6% in November 2024.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22.



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Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,893	NA	6,817	NA	76
Unemployed	365	NA	292	NA	73
Unemployment rate	5.3%	NA	4.3%	NA	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	NA	4.6%	NA	1.3
Employed	6,528	NA	6,525	NA	3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,580	5,580	5,610	0	-30
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5,560	5,520	5,590	40	-30
Total private	4,280	4,260	4,310	20	-30
Mining, logging, and construction	270	280	280	-10	-10
Mining and logging	10	10	10	0	0
Construction	260	270	270	-10	-10
Manufacturing	580	570	560	10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,140	1,130	1,230	10	-90
Wholesale trade	70	70	70	0	0
Retail trade	820	820	910	0	-90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	240	250	10	0
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	150	140	150	10	0
Professional and business services	310	310	320	0	-10
Private education and health services	1,090	1,080	1,010	10	80
Leisure and hospitality	500	510	510	-10	-10
Other services	190	190	200	0	-10
Government	1,300	1,320	1,300	-20	0
Federal government	190	200	210	-10	-20
State government	250	250	240	0	10
Local government	860	870	850	-10	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.



Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,085	NA	3,034	NA	51
Unemployed	215	NA	173	NA	42
Unemployment rate	7.0%	NA	5.7%	NA	1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.9%	NA	6.4%	NA	1.5
Employed	2,870	NA	2,861	NA	9
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,320	2,360	2,380	-40	-60
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,290	2,300	2,350	-10	-60
Total private	1,300	1,330	1,360	-30	-60
Mining, logging, and construction	250	260	230	-10	20
Mining and logging	120	120	120	0	0
Construction	130	140	110	-10	20
Manufacturing	20	20	60	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	320	330	360	-10	-40
Wholesale trade	30	30	50	0	-20
Retail trade	230	240	250	-10	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	60	60	60	0	0
Information	40	40	50	0	-10
Financial activities	80	80	70	0	10
Professional and business services	130	130	130	0	0
Private education and health services	210	210	200	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	180	190	190	-10	-10
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	1,020	1,030	1,020	-10	0
Federal government	220	240	200	-20	20
State government	150	150	160	0	-10
Local government	650	640	660	10	-10

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,739	NA	3,557	NA	182
Unemployed	173	NA	144	NA	29
Unemployment rate	4.6%	NA	4.0%	NA	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	NA	4.4%	NA	0.7
Employed	3,566	NA	3,413	NA	153
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,540	2,550	2,370	-10	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,550	2,520	2,380	30	170
Total private	1,370	1,370	1,240	0	130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	420	420	380	0	40
Wholesale trade	40	40	40	0	0
Retail trade	330	330	310	0	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	50	50	30	0	20
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	70	70	60	0	10
Professional and business services	90	100	90	-10	0
Private education and health services	270	250	250	20	20
Leisure and hospitality	310	310	280	0	30
Other services	70	70	60	0	10
Government	1,170	1,180	1,130	-10	40
Federal government	210	220	210	-10	0
State government	160	160	140	0	20
Local government	800	800	780	0	20

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	13,035	NA	12,922	NA	113
Unemployed	533	NA	457	NA	76
Unemployment rate	4.1%	NA	3.5%	NA	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	NA	4.1%	NA	0.8
Employed	12,502	NA	12,465	NA	37
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,410	12,390	12,660	20	-250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	12,320	12,240	12,560	80	-240
Total private	8,860	8,830	8,980	30	-120
Mining, logging, and construction	370	380	440	-10	-70
Manufacturing	1,090	1,080	1,140	10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,170	3,160	3,210	10	-40
Wholesale trade	540	550	510	-10	30
Retail trade	2,230	2,200	2,270	30	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	400	410	430	-10	-30
Information	70	70	70	0	0
Financial activities	250	250	260	0	-10
Professional and business services	420	430	370	-10	50
Private education and health services	1,940	1,920	1,970	20	-30
Leisure and hospitality	1,290	1,280	1,260	10	30
Other services	260	260	260	0	0
Government	3,550	3,560	3,680	-10	-130
Federal government	190	200	190	-10	0
State government	1,430	1,430	1,420	0	10
Local government	1,930	1,930	2,070	0	-140

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,033	NA	11,925	NA	108
Unemployed	610	NA	525	NA	85
Unemployment rate	5.1%	NA	4.4%	NA	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	NA	4.8%	NA	1.0
Employed	11,423	NA	11,400	NA	23
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,570	10,620	10,620	-50	-50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	10,550	10,560	10,600	-10	-50
Total private	7,970	8,040	8,020	-70	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	550	580	610	-30	-60
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	520	550	570	-30	-50
Manufacturing	1,170	1,170	1,210	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,990	1,990	2,080	0	-90
Wholesale trade	210	210	240	0	-30
Retail trade	1,450	1,460	1,450	-10	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	330	320	390	10	-60
Information	70	70	70	0	0
Financial activities	480	480	320	0	160
Professional and business services	570	600	570	-30	0
Private education and health services	1,820	1,830	1,850	-10	-30
Leisure and hospitality	980	980	990	0	-10
Other services	340	340	320	0	20
Government	2,600	2,580	2,600	20	0
Federal government	230	240	220	-10	10
State government	430	430	450	0	-20
Local government	1,940	1,910	1,930	30	10

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,685	NA	3,538	NA	147
Unemployed	207	NA	149	NA	58
Unemployment rate	5.6%	NA	4.2%	NA	1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	NA	4.6%	NA	1.6
Employed	3,478	NA	3,389	NA	89
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,760	2,900	2,750	-140	10
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,830	2,830	2,820	0	10
Total private	1,940	2,070	1,930	-130	10
Mining, logging, and construction	250	260	250	-10	0
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	200	210	190	-10	10
Manufacturing	120	130	150	-10	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	490	520	460	-30	30
Wholesale and retail trade	370	380	380	-10	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	120	140	80	-20	40
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	120	130	90	-10	30
Professional and business services	140	140	160	0	-20
Private education and health services	390	390	400	0	-10
Leisure and hospitality	270	340	270	-70	0
Other services	130	130	120	0	10
Government	820	830	820	-10	0
Federal government	90	100	100	-10	-10
State government	110	110	120	0	-10
Local government	620	620	600	0	20

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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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