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Employment in Eastern Oregon: June 2025

The June seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in all six Eastern Oregon counties. Harney and Wallowa counties' June 2025 rates were their third lowest June rates since comparable statistics began in 1990. In Baker County, it was the fourth lowest June rate. The seasonally adjusted rate moved 0.1 percentage point higher in Harney County to reach 4.6% for the smallest increase. The largest increase came in Union County where the seasonally adjusted rate rose 0.9 percentage point to reach 5.5%.

Between June 2024 and June 2025, unadjusted unemployment rates increased in all six Eastern Oregon counties. Harney County's June 2025 unadjusted rate is its fourth lowest unadjusted June unemployment rate since comparable statistics began in 1990. In Baker County, the June 2025 rate ties for its fifth lowest June rate. Harney County's raw rate rose by 0.4 percentage point to reach 4.3% for the smallest increase. The largest increase came in Wallowa County, where the raw rate increased by 1.4 percentage points to reach 5.0%.

Baker County's nonfarm payroll employment has increased by 50 jobs since June 2024. Employment increased by 40 jobs in the private sector and added 10 jobs in the public sector. Construction led gains, up 40 jobs. Manufacturing and financial activities led losses, down 20 jobs each. Total nonfarm employment increased by 30 jobs over the month led by a gain of 20 jobs in leisure and hospitality. Local government led losses, down 20 jobs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 5.1%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.6 percentage point to 5.2%.

Grant County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 70 jobs over the year. The private sector added 30 jobs while the public sector increased by 40. State government added 50 jobs to lead gains, followed by construction, up 40. Manufacturing dropped 40 jobs to lead losses, followed by professional and business services, down 20. Over the month, total nonfarm employment increased by 70 jobs. Mining and logging, leisure and hospitality, federal government, and state government added 20 jobs each to lead gains. Losses were confined to professional and business services, and private education and health services, down 10 each. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 6.7%. The raw unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage point to 6.2%.

Harney County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 20 jobs, and the public sector cut 10. Losses were led by retail trade and federal government, down 30 jobs each. Gains were led by private education and health services, and local government, up 20 jobs each. Total nonfarm employment decreased by 60 jobs over the month, led by a loss of 70 jobs in local government. Goods-producing and federal government each added 10 jobs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.6%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3%.

Malheur County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 210 jobs over the year. The private sector rose by 10, and the public sector added 200 jobs. Local government added 140 jobs to lead gains, followed by gains of 80 jobs in private education and health services and 60 in manufacturing. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities led losses, down 40 jobs. Total nonfarm employment increased by 80 jobs over the month, led by a gain of 40 jobs in local government. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 4.4%. The raw unemployment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points to 5.3%.

Union County's nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 30 jobs over the year. The private sector dropped 90 jobs, and the public sector increased by 60 jobs. Retail trade dropped 60 jobs to lead losses, followed by leisure and hospitality, down 50. Private education and health services led gains, up 90 jobs. Total nonfarm employment decreased by 10 jobs over the month, with local government and private education and health services leading losses, down 60 and 40 jobs, respectively. Construction led gains, up 30. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 5.5%. The raw unemployment rate rose by 0.5 percentage point to 5.6%.

Wallowa County's nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 jobs from June 2024 to June 2025. The private sector dropped 50 jobs, and the public sector increased by 60. Local government led gains, up 60 jobs. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities led losses, down 40. Total nonfarm employment increased by 130 jobs over the month led by a gain of 90 jobs in leisure and hospitality. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 5.3%. The raw unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage point to 5.0%.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 19, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for July on Wednesday, August 13.



Baker County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			Change From		
	June	May	June	May	June
	2025	2025	2024	2025	2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	6,819	6,773	6,745	46	74
Unemployed	354	314	300	40	54
Unemployment rate	5.2%	4.6%	4.4%	0.6	8.0
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.1%	4.9%	4.7%	0.2	0.4
Employed	6,465	6,459	6,445	6	20
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	5,630	5,600	5,580	30	50
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	5,510	5,520	5,460	-10	50
Total private	4,360	4,310	4,320	50	40
Mining, logging, and construction	300	280	260	20	40
Mining and logging	20	10	20	10	0
Construction	280	270	240	10	40
Manufacturing	560	550	580	10	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,220	1,220	1,200	0	20
Wholesale trade	70	70	70	0	0
Retail trade	900	900	890	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	240	0	10
Information	60	60	60	0	0
Financial activities	140	140	160	0	-20
Professional and business services	350	340	340	10	10
Private education and health services	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	530	510	530	20	0
Other services	200	210	190	-10	10
Government	1,270	1,290	1,260	-20	10
Federal government	210	210	220	0	-10
State government	250	250	230	0	20
Local government	810	830	810	-20	0

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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.



Grant County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	June May 2025 2025			Change From	
		•	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status	2020	2020	2024	2020	2024
Civilian labor force	3,200	3,113	3,120	87	80
Unemployed	199	208	151	-9	48
Unemployment rate	6.2%	6.7%	4.8%	-0.5	1.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	6.7%	6.5%	6.0%	0.2	0.7
Employed	3,001	2,905	2,969	96	32
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,520	2,450	2,450	70	70
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	2,430	2,450	2,360	-20	70
Total private	1,410	1,380	1,380	30	30
Mining, logging, and construction	250	220	200	30	50
Mining and logging	120	100	110	20	10
Construction	130	120	90	10	40
Manufacturing	60	60	100	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	360	360	320	0	40
Wholesale trade	50	50	40	0	10
Retail trade	250	250	240	0	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	60	60	40	0	20
Information	50	50	50	0	0
Financial activities	70	70	80	0	-10
Professional and business services	120	130	140	-10	-20
Private education and health services	200	210	200	-10	0
Leisure and hospitality	230	210	220	20	10
Other services	70	70	70	0	0
Government	1,110	1,070	1,070	40	40
Federal government	270	250	270	20	0
State government	190	170	140	20	50
Local government	650	650	660	0	-10

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Harney County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				Change From	
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,571	3,601	3,582	-30	-11
Unemployed	153	151	138	2	15
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.2%	3.9%	0.1	0.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.6%	4.5%	4.5%	0.1	0.1
Employed	3,418	3,450	3,444	-32	-26
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,410	2,470	2,440	-60	-30
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	2,370	2,420	2,400	-50	-30
Total private	1,330	1,330	1,350	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	400	400	430	0	-30
Wholesale trade	50	50	50	0	0
Retail trade	310	310	340	0	-30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40	40	40	0	0
Information	10	10	10	0	0
Financial activities	70	70	70	0	0
Professional and business services	100	110	90	-10	10
Private education and health services	270	270	250	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	290	290	310	0	-20
Other services	60	60	70	0	-10
Government	1,080	1,140	1,090	-60	-10
Federal government	220	210	250	10	-30
State government	140	140	140	0	0
Local government	720	790	700	-70	20

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Malheur County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			Change From		
	June	May	June	May	June
	2025	2025	2024	2025	2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	13,198	12,909	13,125	289	73
Unemployed	694	528	555	166	139
Unemployment rate	5.3%	4.1%	4.2%	1.2	1.1
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	0.1	0.4
Employed	12,504	12,381	12,570	123	-66
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	12,720	12,640	12,510	80	210
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	12,670	12,540	12,460	130	210
Total private	8,920	8,900	8,910	20	10
Mining, logging, and construction	440	430	440	10	0
Manufacturing	1,170	1,160	1,110	10	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,080	3,090	3,140	-10	-60
Wholesale trade	450	460	460	-10	-10
Retail trade	2,270	2,270	2,280	0	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	360	360	400	0	-40
Information	80	80	80	0	0
Financial activities	250	240	270	10	-20
Professional and business services	410	420	440	-10	-30
Private education and health services	1,920	1,930	1,840	-10	80
Leisure and hospitality	1,300	1,280	1,320	20	-20
Other services	270	270	270	0	0
Government	3,800	3,740	3,600	60	200
Federal government	220	210	210	10	10
State government	1,440	1,430	1,390	10	50
Local government	2,140	2,100	2,000	40	140

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Union County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				Change From	
	June 2025	May 2025	June 2024	May 2025	June 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	12,140	12,036	12,018	104	122
Unemployed	679	612	518	67	161
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.1%	4.3%	0.5	1.3
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.5%	5.4%	4.6%	0.1	0.9
Employed	11,461	11,424	11,500	37	-39
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	10,730	10,740	10,760	-10	-30
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	10,580	10,600	10,610	-20	-30
Total private	8,110	8,070	8,200	40	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	670	640	680	30	-10
Mining and logging	30	30	40	0	-10
Construction	640	610	640	30	0
Manufacturing	1,200	1,200	1,210	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	2,020	2,020	2,060	0	-40
Wholesale trade	240	240	230	0	10
Retail trade	1,390	1,390	1,450	0	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	390	390	380	0	10
Information	80	80	90	0	-10
Financial activities	340	330	370	10	-30
Professional and business services	570	560	600	10	-30
Private education and health services	1,900	1,940	1,810	-40	90
Leisure and hospitality	1,020	1,000	1,070	20	-50
Other services	310	300	310	10	0
Government	2,620	2,670	2,560	-50	60
Federal government	270	270	270	0	0
State government	450	440	430	10	20
Local government	1,900	1,960	1,860	-60	40

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Wallowa County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

			Change From		
	June	May	June	May	June
	2025	2025	2024	2025	2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	3,851	3,690	3,768	161	83
Unemployed	194	193	134	1	60
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.2%	3.6%	-0.2	1.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.3%	5.1%	4.6%	0.2	0.7
Employed	3,657	3,497	3,634	160	23
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	2,960	2,830	2,950	130	10
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	2,770	2,790	2,760	-20	10
Total private	2,140	2,010	2,190	130	-50
Mining, logging, and construction	230	230	260	0	-30
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	180	180	200	0	-20
Manufacturing	160	150	170	10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	500	480	530	20	-30
Wholesale and retail trade	460	440	450	20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	40	40	80	0	-40
Information	30	30	30	0	0
Financial activities	130	120	130	10	0
Professional and business services	160	160	150	0	10
Private education and health services	390	390	390	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	400	310	390	90	10
Other services	140	140	140	0	0
Government	820	820	760	0	60
Federal government	110	100	130	10	-20
State government	130	120	110	10	20
Local government	580	600	520	-20	60

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