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Employment in the Rogue Valley: 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. Oregon's monthly jobs and unemployment rate for September are unavailable at this time.

Federal Government Jobs in Oregon

Oregon had an average of 29,000 federal government jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the first half of 2025. That accounted for about 1.5% of all jobs in the state. The federal government share of all jobs was much higher in some rural counties. The top 10 counties by share of all jobs in federal government were rural areas. More than 15% of all jobs in Sherman County were in federal government. The next-largest shares were in Grant (9%), Harney (8%), and Lake (8%) counties.

Federal government jobs also tend to pay relatively high wages. Looking at annual average wages, jobs on federal government payrolls in Oregon paid nearly \$98,500 in 2024. That was 38% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Oregon. During 2024, there 1,950 federal government jobs in Jackson County with an average annual wage of \$87,866 and 304 in jobs in Josephine County with an average annual wage of \$83,577. Federal jobs represented about 2.1% of total payroll jobs and 3.2% of total wages in Jackson County in 2024. In Josephine County, federal government employment accounted for 1.0% of payroll jobs and 1.6% of total wages. [Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#) Find out more about [Federal jobs in the Rogue Valley.](#)

Next Press Releases

We will publish the latest Oregon Job Vacancy Survey report on Oct. 23, and the next update on statewide trends on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as federal services return.

To file a claim for unemployment benefits or get more information about unemployment programs, visit unemployment.oregon.gov.

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