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Employment in Lincoln County: December 2025

Seasonally adjusted employment unchanged in December

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2% in December, unchanged from November. It was up from 5.1% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in December, and the national rate was 4.4%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment was unchanged in December at 18,780 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 240 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment decreased by 240, with a loss of 180 jobs in the private sector and a decrease of 60 jobs in government. Leisure and hospitality lost 180 jobs. Local government employment decreased by 50.

December's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 100 jobs over the year, a decrease of 0.5%. The largest gain occurred in retail trade, which rose by 100 jobs over the year in December. Accommodation and food services lost 90 jobs. Local government, excluding education and tribal employment, added 90 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department is awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,449	20,827	20,248	-378	201
Unemployed	1,244	1,181	1,046	63	198
Unemployment rate	6.1%	5.7%	5.2%	0.4	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.2%	5.1%	0.0	1.1
Employed	19,205	19,646	19,202	-441	3
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,310	18,550	18,410	-240	-100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,780	18,780	18,880	0	-100
Total private	14,210	14,390	14,300	-180	-90
Mining, logging, and construction	870	870	950	0	-80
Mining and logging	120	120	120	0	0
Construction	750	750	830	0	-80
Manufacturing	800	860	800	-60	0
Durable goods	90	90	90	0	0
Nondurable goods	710	770	710	-60	0
Food manufacturing	240	260	160	-20	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,310	3,250	3,210	60	100
Retail trade	2,830	2,780	2,730	50	100
Food and beverage retailers	830	830	760	0	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	320	310	280	10	40
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	890	900	930	-10	-40
Professional and business services	1,030	1,030	1,030	0	0
Private education and health services	2,350	2,340	2,330	10	20
Leisure and hospitality	4,440	4,620	4,500	-180	-60
Accommodation and food services	4,190	4,360	4,280	-170	-90
Accommodation	1,700	1,770	1,710	-70	-10
Food services and drinking places	2,490	2,590	2,570	-100	-80
Other services	420	420	450	0	-30
Government	4,100	4,160	4,110	-60	-10
Federal government	300	310	330	-10	-30
State government	350	350	380	0	-30
Local government	3,450	3,500	3,400	-50	50
Indian tribal	950	950	980	0	-30
Local education	1,040	1,080	1,050	-40	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,460	1,470	1,370	-10	90

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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>November 2025</u>	<u>December 2024</u>
United States	4.4	4.5	4.1
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	4.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.6	5.6	4.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.5	4.5	3.8
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.2	5.2	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.2	7.3	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.9	5.9	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.0	4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.1	5.1	4.2
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.9	5.9	4.6
Benton	4.5	4.5	3.8
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.0
Clatsop	5.3	5.4	4.3
Columbia	6.1	6.1	4.7
Coos	6.0	6.0	5.0
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.9	6.9	5.7
Deschutes	4.9	4.9	4.1
Douglas	6.4	6.4	5.4
Gilliam	5.6	5.5	4.6
Grant	7.9	7.9	6.4
Harney	5.0	5.1	4.4
Hood River	4.2	4.2	3.5
Jackson	5.9	5.9	5.0
Jefferson	5.8	5.9	4.6
Josephine	7.2	7.3	6.0
Klamath	7.5	7.5	5.9
Lake	6.4	6.4	4.9
Lane	5.2	5.2	4.4
Lincoln	6.2	6.2	5.1
Linn	5.6	5.6	4.7
Malheur	4.9	4.9	4.1
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.2
Morrow	4.9	4.9	4.0
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.2
Polk	5.0	5.0	4.1
Sherman	5.2	5.3	4.0
Tillamook	5.5	5.5	4.4
Umatilla	5.6	5.6	4.7
Union	5.7	5.8	4.8
Wallowa	6.3	6.2	4.6
Wasco	5.3	5.4	4.3
Washington	5.1	5.1	3.9
Wheeler	4.8	4.7	4.0
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	4.0

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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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