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Employment in Lincoln County: January 2026

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in January

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.1% in January, down from 6.2% in December. It was up from 5.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in January, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased in January by 30 to 18,370 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 280 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment decreased by 250, with a loss of 220 jobs in the private sector and a decrease of 30 jobs in government. Leisure and hospitality lost 120 jobs (-2.7%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 70 jobs (-2.1%). Local government employment decreased by 20 (-0.6%).

January's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 430 jobs over the year, a decrease of 2.4%. The largest gain occurred in retail trade, which rose by 100 jobs over the year in January (+3.8%). Leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services each lost 140 jobs (-3.2% and -14.3%, respectively). Local government lost 40 jobs (-1.2%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, April 15, and February county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, April 21.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025	December 2025	January 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,340	20,303	20,846	37	-506
Unemployed	1,388	1,248	1,363	140	25
Unemployment rate	6.8%	6.1%	6.5%	0.7	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.1%	6.2%	5.2%	-0.1	0.9
Employed	18,952	19,055	19,483	-103	-531
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	17,720	17,970	18,150	-250	-430
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,370	18,340	18,830	30	-460
Total private	13,680	13,900	14,050	-220	-370
Mining, logging, and construction	890	890	930	0	-40
Mining and logging	120	120	130	0	-10
Construction	770	770	800	0	-30
Manufacturing	770	760	830	10	-60
Durable goods	90	80	90	10	0
Nondurable goods	680	680	740	0	-60
Food manufacturing	220	230	180	-10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,200	3,270	3,130	-70	70
Retail trade	2,730	2,780	2,630	-50	100
Food and beverage retailers	840	850	760	-10	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	320	280	-20	20
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	870	880	920	-10	-50
Professional and business services	840	860	980	-20	-140
Private education and health services	2,310	2,310	2,290	0	20
Leisure and hospitality	4,290	4,410	4,430	-120	-140
Accommodation and food services	4,040	4,150	4,200	-110	-160
Accommodation	1,660	1,690	1,710	-30	-50
Food services and drinking places	2,380	2,460	2,490	-80	-110
Other services	410	420	440	-10	-30
Government	4,040	4,070	4,100	-30	-60
Federal government	300	300	320	0	-20
State government	350	360	350	-10	0
Local government	3,390	3,410	3,430	-20	-40
Indian tribal	950	950	980	0	-30
Local education	1,030	1,040	1,060	-10	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,420	1,390	-10	20

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>January 2026</u>	<u>December 2025</u>	<u>January 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.4	4.0
State of Oregon	5.2	5.3	4.8
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.6	5.6	4.8
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.6	4.5	3.9
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.3	5.2	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.1	7.2	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	5.9	5.9	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.1	5.0	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.1	4.3
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.8	5.9	4.6
Benton	4.6	4.5	3.9
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.1
Clatsop	5.2	5.3	4.4
Columbia	6.1	6.1	4.9
Coos	5.9	6.0	5.0
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.7	6.9	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.9	4.1
Douglas	6.4	6.4	5.5
Gilliam	5.7	5.6	4.7
Grant	7.6	7.9	6.5
Harney	4.9	5.0	4.5
Hood River	4.1	4.2	3.5
Jackson	5.9	5.9	5.1
Jefferson	5.7	5.8	4.6
Josephine	7.1	7.2	6.0
Klamath	7.5	7.5	6.0
Lake	6.2	6.4	5.0
Lane	5.3	5.2	4.5
Lincoln	6.1	6.2	5.2
Linn	5.6	5.6	4.8
Malheur	4.7	4.9	4.1
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.3
Morrow	4.8	4.9	4.0
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.3
Polk	5.0	5.0	4.2
Sherman	5.1	5.2	3.9
Tillamook	5.4	5.5	4.4
Umatilla	5.5	5.6	4.7
Union	5.6	5.7	4.9
Wallowa	6.2	6.3	4.7
Wasco	5.2	5.3	4.4
Washington	5.1	5.1	4.0
Wheeler	4.8	4.8	4.0
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	4.2

(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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