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## **Employment in Lincoln County: February 2026**

### **Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased in February**

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.0% in February, down from 6.1% in January. It was up from 5.2% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in February, and the national rate was 4.4%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased in February by 30 to 18,360 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 100 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 70, with a gain of 50 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 20 jobs in government. Leisure and hospitality added 50 jobs (+1.2%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 20 jobs (-0.6%). Local education added 30 jobs (+2.9%).

February's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 380 jobs over the year, a decrease of 2.1%. The largest gain occurred in retail trade, which rose by 80 jobs over the year in February (+3.1%). Accommodation and food services lost 160 jobs (-3.7%). Local government excluding tribal and education added 60 jobs (-4.4%).

### **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Friday, May 1, and March county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, May 5.

## Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	January 2026	February 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	20,398	20,378	20,685	20	-287
Unemployed	1,345	1,388	1,277	-43	68
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.8%	6.2%	-0.2	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.0%	6.1%	5.2%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	19,053	18,990	19,408	63	-355
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	17,810	17,740	18,190	70	-380
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,360	18,390	18,750	-30	-390
Total private	13,760	13,710	14,110	50	-350
Mining, logging, and construction	890	880	930	10	-40
Mining and logging	130	120	130	10	0
Construction	760	760	800	0	-40
Manufacturing	770	780	810	-10	-40
Durable goods	90	90	100	0	-10
Nondurable goods	680	690	710	-10	-30
Food manufacturing	230	220	150	10	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,170	3,190	3,110	-20	60
Retail trade	2,700	2,710	2,620	-10	80
Food and beverage retailers	830	830	760	0	70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	310	310	280	0	30
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	870	870	910	0	-40
Professional and business services	850	840	980	10	-130
Private education and health services	2,300	2,300	2,330	0	-30
Leisure and hospitality	4,380	4,330	4,500	50	-120
Accommodation and food services	4,110	4,070	4,270	40	-160
Accommodation	1,680	1,670	1,720	10	-40
Food services and drinking places	2,430	2,400	2,550	30	-120
Other services	430	420	440	10	-10
Government	4,050	4,030	4,080	20	-30
Federal government	290	290	320	0	-30
State government	350	350	350	0	0
Local government	3,410	3,390	3,410	20	0
Indian tribal	940	950	970	-10	-30
Local education	1,060	1,030	1,090	30	-30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,410	1,350	0	60

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>February 2026</u>	<u>January 2026</u>	<u>February 2025</u>
United States	4.4	4.3	4.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	4.9
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.5	5.6	4.9
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.6	4.6	4.0
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.3	5.3	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	7.1	6.1
Medford (Jackson County)	5.8	5.9	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.1	5.1	4.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.1	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.6	5.8	4.7
Benton	4.6	4.6	4.0
Clackamas	5.0	5.0	4.2
Clatsop	5.1	5.2	4.4
Columbia	6.1	6.1	5.1
Coos	5.8	5.9	5.1
Crook	5.9	5.9	5.1
Curry	6.6	6.7	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.2
Douglas	6.3	6.4	5.6
Gilliam	5.7	5.7	4.6
Grant	7.3	7.6	6.5
Harney	4.7	4.9	4.5
Hood River	4.1	4.1	3.6
Jackson	5.8	5.9	5.1
Jefferson	5.6	5.7	4.6
Josephine	7.0	7.1	6.1
Klamath	7.4	7.4	6.1
Lake	6.0	6.2	5.2
Lane	5.3	5.3	4.5
Lincoln	6.0	6.1	5.2
Linn	5.5	5.6	4.9
Malheur	4.6	4.7	4.2
Marion	5.1	5.1	4.3
Morrow	4.6	4.8	4.5
Multnomah	5.2	5.2	4.4
Polk	4.9	5.0	4.3
Sherman	5.1	5.1	3.9
Tillamook	5.4	5.4	4.6
Umatilla	5.3	5.5	4.9
Union	5.5	5.6	5.0
Wallowa	6.1	6.2	4.8
Wasco	5.1	5.2	4.4
Washington	5.1	5.1	4.1
Wheeler	4.8	4.8	4.4
Yamhill	5.0	5.0	4.3

(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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