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Employment in Lincoln County: March 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment decreased by 20 in March

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in March, down from 6.0% in February. It was up from 5.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in March, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased in March by 20 to 18,340 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 170 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 150, with a gain of 150 jobs in the private sector and no change in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality added 130 jobs (+3.0%). Local education lost 20 jobs (-1.9%).

March's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 280 jobs over the year, a decrease of 1.5%. The largest gain occurred in food manufacturing, which rose by 70 jobs over the year in March (+43.8%). Professional and business services lost 120 jobs (-12.2%). Local government excluding tribal and education added 50 jobs (+3.7%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 20, and April county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Wednesday, May 27.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	March 2026	February 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,483	20,397	20,796	86	-313
Unemployed	1,248	1,344	1,268	-96	-20
Unemployment rate	6.1%	6.6%	6.1%	-0.5	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	6.0%	5.3%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	19,235	19,053	19,528	182	-293
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	17,960	17,810	18,240	150	-280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,340	18,360	18,640	-20	-300
Total private	13,910	13,760	14,150	150	-240
Mining, logging, and construction	900	890	920	10	-20
Mining and logging	130	130	130	0	0
Construction	770	760	790	10	-20
Manufacturing	770	770	800	0	-30
Durable goods	90	90	100	0	-10
Nondurable goods	680	680	700	0	-20
Food manufacturing	230	230	160	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,180	3,170	3,140	10	40
Retail trade	2,700	2,690	2,650	10	50
Food and beverage retailers	830	830	770	0	60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	310	280	-10	20
Information	100	100	100	0	0
Financial activities	880	870	920	10	-40
Professional and business services	860	850	980	10	-120
Private education and health services	2,290	2,300	2,300	-10	-10
Leisure and hospitality	4,510	4,380	4,570	130	-60
Accommodation and food services	4,250	4,110	4,320	140	-70
Accommodation	1,700	1,680	1,750	20	-50
Food services and drinking places	2,550	2,430	2,570	120	-20
Other services	420	430	420	-10	0
Government	4,050	4,050	4,090	0	-40
Federal government	290	290	320	0	-30
State government	350	350	360	0	-10
Local government	3,410	3,410	3,410	0	0
Indian tribal	960	940	970	20	-10
Local education	1,040	1,060	1,080	-20	-40
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,410	1,410	1,360	0	50

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>March 2026</u>	<u>February 2026</u>	<u>March 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.4	4.2
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.0
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.5	4.9
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.9	5.0	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.4	4.6	4.0
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.2	5.3	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.8	7.0	6.3
Medford (Jackson County)	5.8	5.8	5.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.1	4.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	5.0	5.0	4.5
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.6	4.8
Benton	4.4	4.6	4.0
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	4.3
Clatsop	5.0	5.1	4.5
Columbia	6.1	6.1	5.2
Coos	5.7	5.8	5.2
Crook	5.8	5.9	5.2
Curry	6.4	6.6	5.6
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.3
Douglas	6.2	6.3	5.7
Gilliam	5.5	5.7	4.6
Grant	7.1	7.3	6.5
Harney	4.6	4.7	4.5
Hood River	4.0	4.1	3.7
Jackson	5.8	5.8	5.2
Jefferson	5.5	5.6	4.6
Josephine	6.8	7.0	6.3
Klamath	7.2	7.4	6.3
Lake	5.8	6.0	5.4
Lane	5.2	5.3	4.6
Lincoln	5.9	6.0	5.3
Linn	5.4	5.5	4.9
Malheur	4.5	4.6	4.3
Marion	5.0	5.0	4.4
Morrow	4.5	4.6	4.7
Multnomah	5.1	5.2	4.5
Polk	4.9	4.9	4.3
Sherman	4.9	5.1	3.9
Tillamook	5.3	5.4	4.7
Umatilla	5.2	5.3	4.9
Union	5.3	5.5	5.2
Wallowa	6.0	6.1	4.9
Wasco	5.0	5.1	4.5
Washington	5.0	5.1	4.2
Wheeler	4.7	4.8	4.3
Yamhill	4.9	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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