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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): 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. In the meantime, we will highlight data that we continue to produce and share as it becomes available. One such topic is federal government employment.

Federal Government Jobs in Linn County

Linn County had an average of 382 federal government jobs covered by unemployment benefits during the first half of 2025. That accounted for about 0.8% of all jobs in Linn County. Federal employment comprises 1.5% of Oregon total employment. 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. In Benton the average annual wage for federal government was \$93,033 in 2024. That was 62% higher than the average annual wage for all jobs in Linn County. Linn County's federal government average annual wage was roughly \$5,500 or 5.5% less than the statewide average wage in federal government.

[Read more about federal government jobs in Oregon.](#)

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the next update on local trends on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and the statewide trends on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as federal services return.

Albany MSA (Linn County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	63,088	63,020	62,075	68	1,013
Unemployed	3,758	3,574	3,014	184	744
Unemployment rate	6.0%	5.7%	4.9%	0.3	1.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>
Employed	59,330	59,446	59,061	-116	269
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,630	47,910	47,790	-280	-160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>47,700</i>	<i>47,700</i>	<i>47,950</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-250</i>
Total private	41,040	40,750	41,360	290	-320
Mining, logging, and construction	3,780	3,790	3,940	-10	-160
Mining and logging	380	370	470	10	-90
Construction	3,400	3,420	3,470	-20	-70
Manufacturing	8,420	8,370	8,410	50	10
Durable goods	6,230	6,210	6,190	20	40
Wood product manufacturing	2,020	2,020	2,050	0	-30
Primary metal manufacturing	2,480	2,480	2,410	0	70
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,160	2,220	30	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,310	10,240	10,540	70	-230
Wholesale trade	1,800	1,810	1,870	-10	-70
Retail trade	5,290	5,290	5,330	0	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,220	3,140	3,340	80	-120
Information	290	290	290	0	0
Financial activities	1,500	1,500	1,560	0	-60
Professional and business services	3,330	3,300	3,590	30	-260
Private education and health services	7,870	7,730	7,660	140	210
Health care and social assistance	7,190	7,090	7,140	100	50
Leisure and hospitality	4,220	4,220	3,960	0	260
Other services	1,320	1,310	1,410	10	-90
Government	6,590	7,160	6,430	-570	160
Federal government	360	380	400	-20	-40
State government	730	730	720	0	10
Local government	5,500	6,050	5,310	-550	190
Local education	3,250	3,770	3,140	-520	110
Local government excluding educational services	2,250	2,280	2,170	-30	80

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: Official Oregon Series. 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.

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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