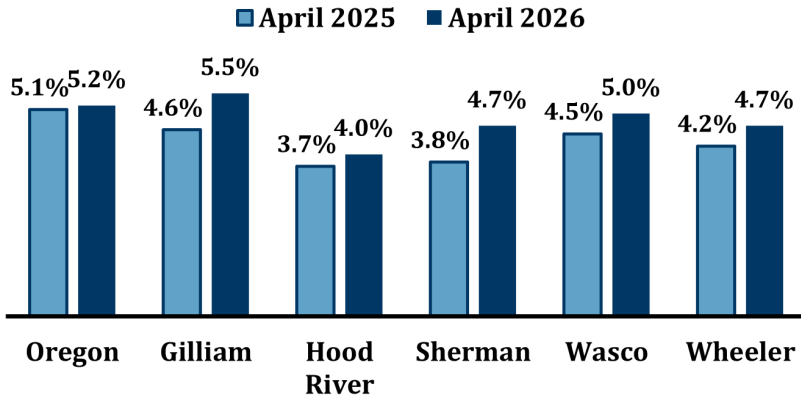




# Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

May 2026

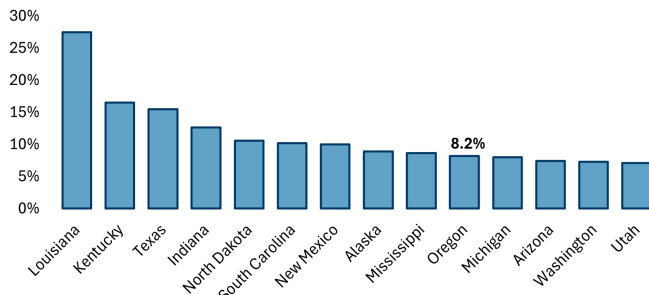
## Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



## Graph of the Month

### Oregon's Trade Profile, 2025

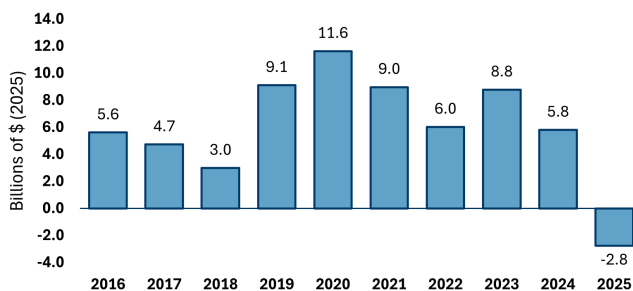
Exports as share of state gross domestic product, 2025



Sources: USA Trade Online, U.S. Census Bureau  
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Exports as a share of gross state product is a good indicator of trade's relative importance to a state's economy. In 2025, exports accounted for 8.2% of Oregon's state GDP, and Oregon ranked 10th across the nation. For many years, Oregon experienced a trade surplus, meaning the value of exports from the state was larger than the value of imports coming into the state. This changed in 2025 when Oregon saw a trade deficit of \$2.8 billion. The primary industry contributing to trade in Oregon is computer and electronic products. Compared to 2024, this industry saw a 21% decrease in total value of exported products and a 23% increase in the total value of imported products in 2025.

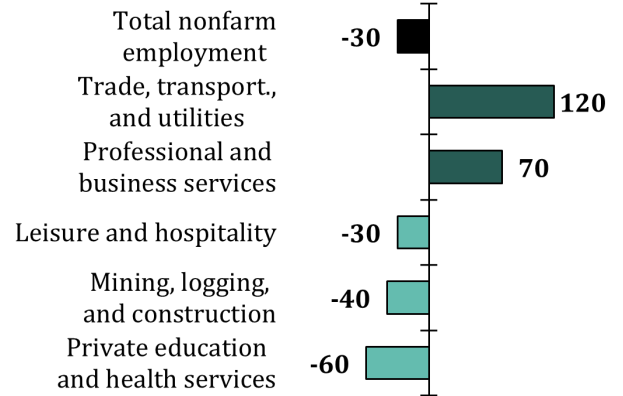
Annual Trade Surplus/Deficit in Oregon, 2016-2025



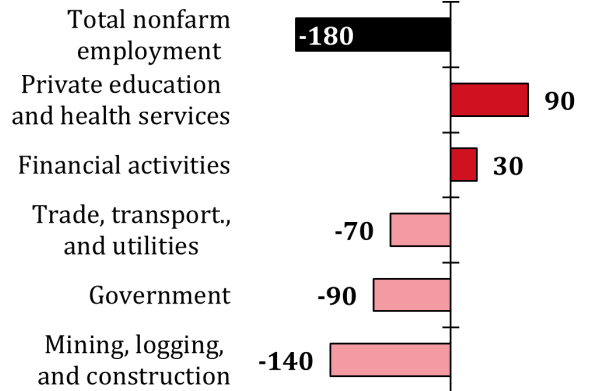
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## Select Industry Gains and Losses (Year-over-year net employment change, April 2026)

### Hood River County



### Wasco County



## Notable Over-the-Year Changes

### Gilliam

**Total nonfarm employment (-160)**  
Private education and health services (-10)  
Leisure and hospitality (-5)

### Sherman

**Total nonfarm employment (-40)**  
Government (-20)  
Trade, transportation, and utilities (-10)

### Wheeler

**Total nonfarm employment (+10)**  
Government (+10)  
Leisure and hospitality (-5)

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