

## LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

October 2026

**Graph of the Month:** Similar sounding occupations can have very different outlooks, particularly in technology careers. Our [Occupation Profiles Report](#) can help differentiate key roles.

### Latest Lane County Economic Data

September 2026 unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted: **4.9%**

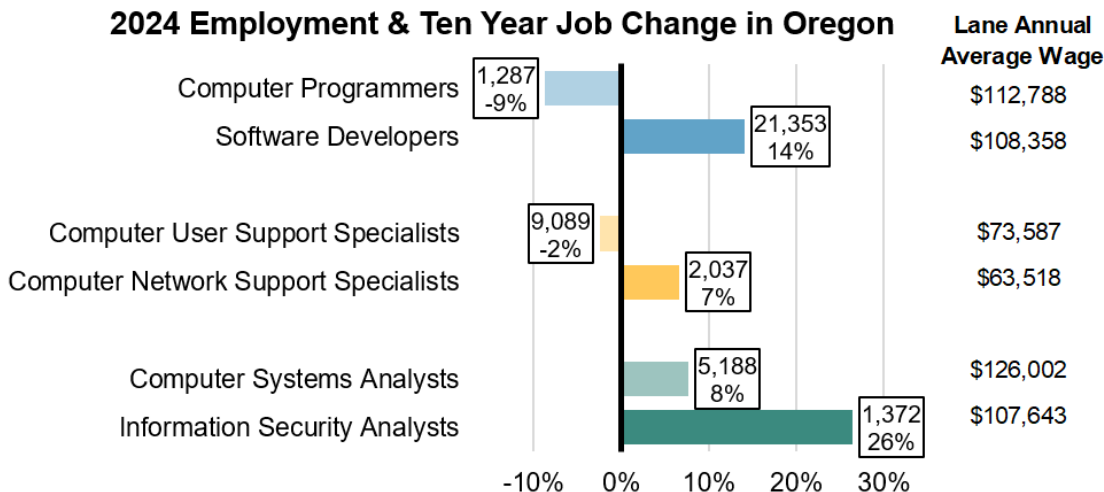
Change from previous year: **-0.4 pct. points**

Total Help Wanted Online job ads in August: **7,840**

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Closure:** Starbucks will close 250 stores nationally, including one in Eugene.
- **Expansion:** Bodhi Cafe & Bakery, a Corvallis-based eatery, opened a Eugene location.
- **New Firm:** Bao Family, a Chinese restaurant, opened in Eugene. The restaurant took over the former Viking Brewing location on Willamette.

### 2024 Employment & Ten Year Job Change in Oregon



Source: [Oregon Employment Department, Occupation Profiles Report](#)

### Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

September 2025 to September 2026

**Private Education and Health Services:** **1,200** (+4%)

**Trade, Transportation and Utilities:** **-700** (-3%)

**Financial Activities:** **-400** (-5%)

**Government:** **-1,000** (-4%)

**Total nonfarm employment, seasonally adjusted:**  
**-1,000** (-1%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics](#)

### News and Articles

QualityInfo: [Career Spotlight: Software Developers](#) by James Scanlan

QualityInfo: [The Diversity of Oregon's Industries](#) by Molly Hendrickson

QualityInfo: [Job Opening Trends in Help Wanted Online Ads](#) by Molly Hendrickson and Luke Coury

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