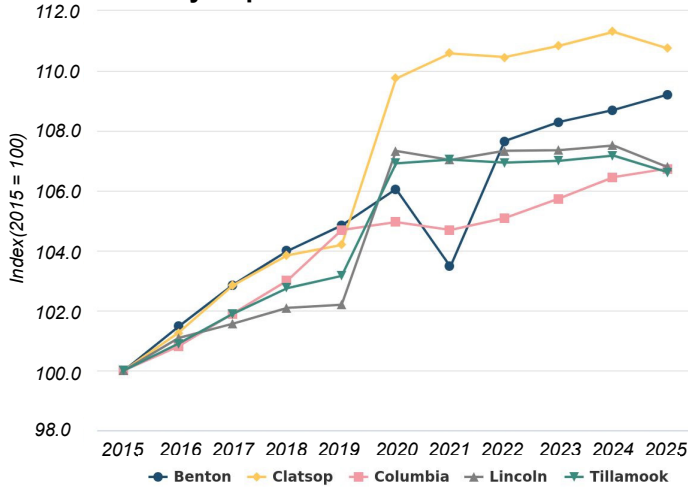


## Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators

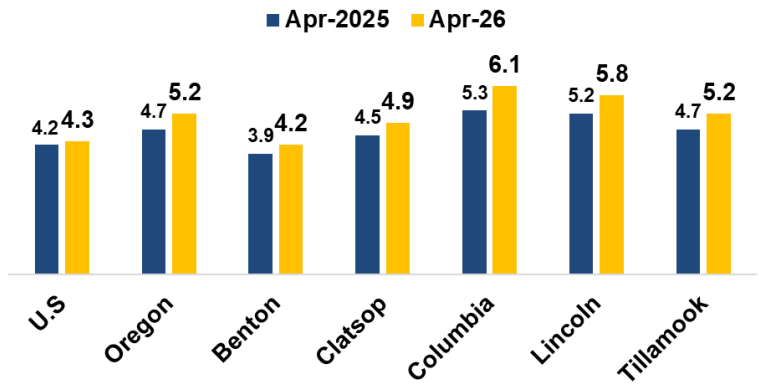
For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties May 2026 (April 2026 Data)

### County Population Growth Since 2015



Source: Oregon Employment Department, PSU Population Research Center

### Local Area Unemployment Rates (Preliminary Estimates, Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Oregon Employment Department Local Area Unemployment Statistics

### Graph of the Month

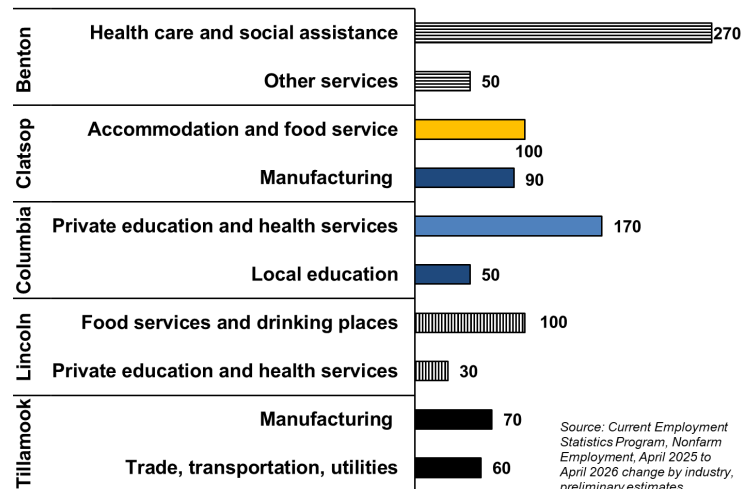
Population trends indicate that all five counties in the Northwest region experienced population growth between 2015 and 2025. Clatsop County recorded the strongest relative growth, with population gains accelerating in 2020. This trend is consistent with the coastal counties of Lincoln and Tillamook. Although Columbia County experienced slower population growth over the decade, its population converged with Lincoln and Tillamook counties by 2025. For additional details, read Population Trends in Northwest Oregon.

### Key Takeaways

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased across Northwest Oregon in all five counties and remained above levels seen one year ago. Three of the five counties experienced job gains, with Lincoln and Benton counties seeing a loss over the year.

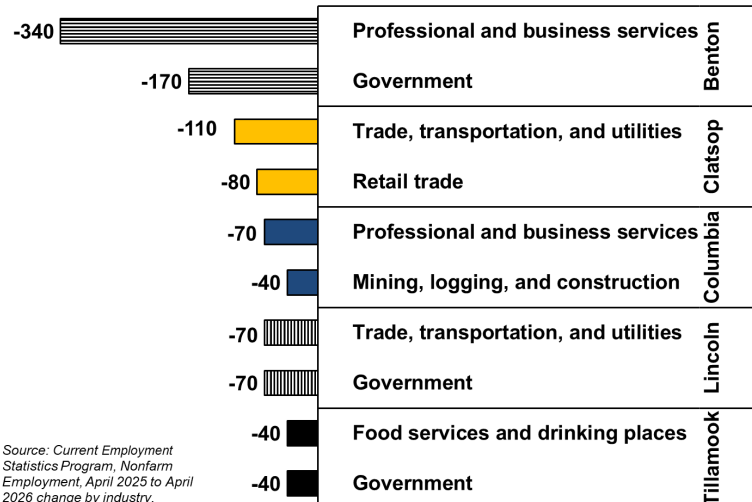
Jobs increased in a variety of industries, particularly in private education and health services, reflecting statewide trends. Job losses were concentrated in government, professional and business services, and trade, transportation, and utilities.

### Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, April 2025 to April 2026 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

### Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



Source: Current Employment Statistics Program, Nonfarm Employment, April 2025 to April 2026 change by industry, preliminary estimates.

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