Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators
August 2026 (July 2026 data)

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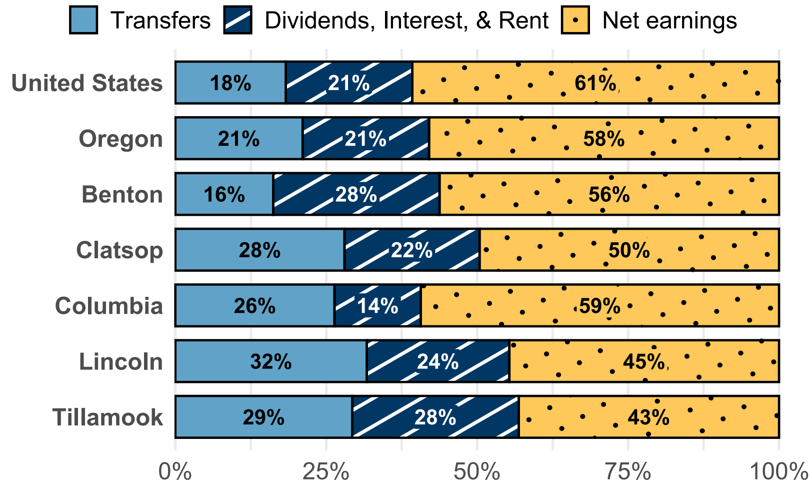
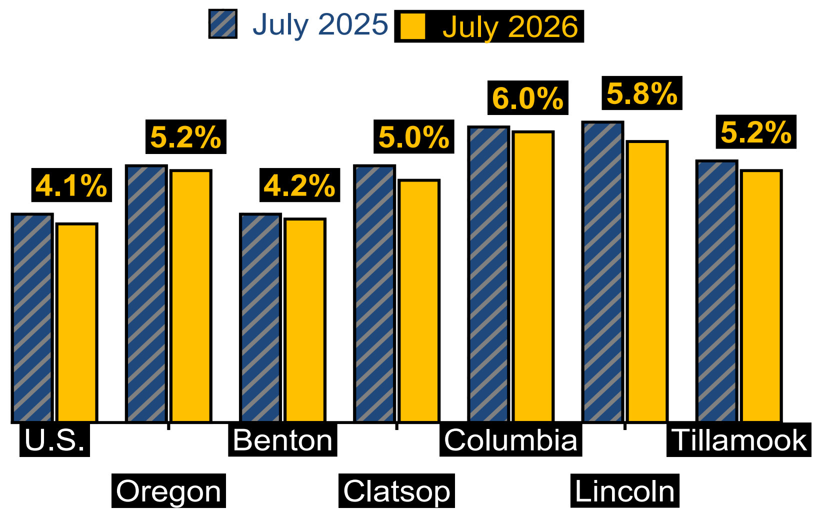
For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, & Tillamook Counties

Share of Personal Income by Source



Source: OED, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, "CAINC4" 2024 Annual

Local Area Unemployment Rates



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Graph of the Month

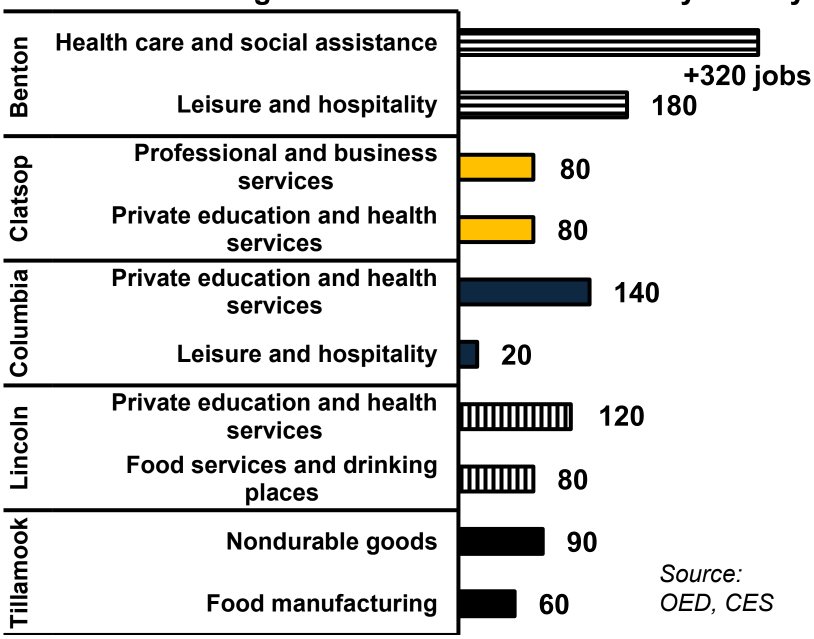
In 2024, about half or less of personal income came from net earnings in Clatsop, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties, compared with 58% in Oregon and 61% nationwide. From 2015 to 2024, per capita personal income in all five Northwest Oregon counties moved closer to the U.S. level. Tillamook and Clatsop made the largest gains, while Columbia gained the least.

Key Takeaways

All five counties had lower unemployment rates than in July 2025, with the largest over-the-year declines in Lincoln County (-0.4 percentage point) and Clatsop County (-0.3 percentage point). Benton (4.2%) and Clatsop (5.0%) remained below Oregon's unemployment rate of 5.2%, while Tillamook matched the statewide rate.

Payroll employment declined over the year in four of the five counties, with Tillamook the exception. Private education and health services added employment in four counties, while leisure and hospitality added jobs in three. Employment declines were spread across trade, transportation, and utilities; government; professional and business services; and manufacturing.

Industries Adding the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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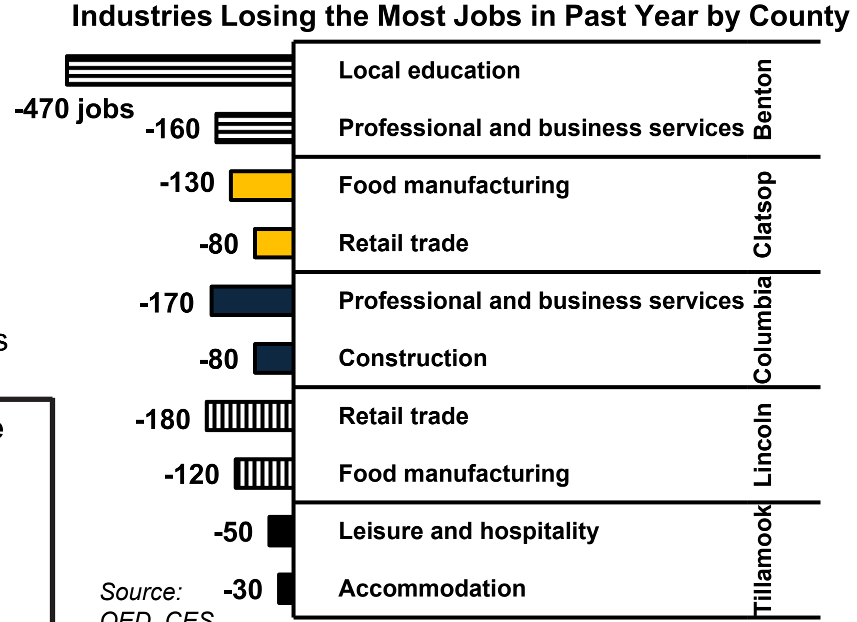
Industries Losing the Most Jobs in Past Year by County



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