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Employment in Clatsop County: May 2026

Seasonally Adjusted Payroll Employment Decreased by 230 in May

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in May, unchanged from April, and slightly below the rate of 5.0% in May 2025. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in May, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 230 in May to 19,480 jobs (-1.2%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. An increase of 450 jobs was expected for the month, and the county added 220 jobs. The private sector gained 180 jobs while total government employment increased by 40. Leisure and hospitality added 130 jobs (+2.7%). Professional and business services added 50 jobs (+4.8%). Local government employment increased by 50.

May's total nonfarm employment was up from the previous year by 70 jobs (+0.4%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Leisure and hospitality had the largest gain, adding 90 jobs over the year (+1.8%). Private education and health services added 50 jobs (+1.8%). The largest decline was in trade, transportation, and utilities which lost 100 jobs (-2.9%). Local government added 70 jobs (+3.1%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, July 15, and June county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, July 21.

Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,559	20,248	20,292	311	267
Unemployed	914	881	941	33	-27
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%	0.0	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	19,645	19,367	19,351	278	294
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	19,730	19,510	19,660	220	70
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	19,480	19,710	19,420	-230	60
Total private	16,890	16,710	16,870	180	20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,050	1,040	1,080	10	-30
Mining and logging	50	50	50	0	0
Construction	1,000	990	1,030	10	-30
Manufacturing	2,110	2,120	2,080	-10	30
Durable goods	420	420	420	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	270	260	230	10	40
Nondurable goods	1,690	1,700	1,660	-10	30
Food manufacturing	770	770	760	0	10
Paper manufacturing	840	850	820	-10	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,400	3,380	3,500	20	-100
Wholesale trade	220	210	190	10	30
Retail trade	2,880	2,870	2,950	10	-70
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	300	300	360	0	-60
Information	120	120	130	0	-10
Financial activities	690	690	690	0	0
Professional and business services	1,090	1,040	1,100	50	-10
Private education and health services	2,890	2,910	2,840	-20	50
Leisure and hospitality	4,990	4,860	4,900	130	90
Accommodation and food services	4,730	4,600	4,630	130	100
Accommodation	1,510	1,480	1,480	30	30
Food services and drinking places	3,220	3,120	3,150	100	70
Other services	550	550	550	0	0
Government	2,840	2,800	2,790	40	50
Federal government	130	140	140	-10	-10
State government	360	360	370	0	-10
Local government	2,350	2,300	2,280	50	70
Local education	1,180	1,150	1,140	30	40
Local government excluding educational services	1,170	1,150	1,140	20	30

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: 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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>May 2026</u>	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>May 2025</u>
United States	4.3	4.3	4.3
State of Oregon	5.2	5.2	5.2
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.4	5.4	5.6
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.9	4.9	4.9
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.2	4.2	4.1
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.1	5.1	5.0
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.7	6.7	7.1
Medford (Jackson County)	5.6	5.7	5.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	5.0	5.0	4.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.9	5.0
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.3	5.3	5.5
Benton	4.2	4.2	4.1
Clackamas	4.9	4.9	4.8
Clatsop	4.9	4.9	5.0
Columbia	6.0	6.1	5.9
Coos	5.7	5.7	5.7
Crook	6.0	5.9	5.7
Curry	6.3	6.3	6.5
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.8
Douglas	6.2	6.2	6.1
Gilliam	5.4	5.6	4.8
Grant	6.5	6.8	7.4
Harney	4.7	4.6	4.8
Hood River	4.0	3.9	4.1
Jackson	5.6	5.7	5.6
Jefferson	5.6	5.6	5.5
Josephine	6.7	6.7	7.1
Klamath	7.2	7.1	7.1
Lake	5.8	5.8	6.2
Lane	5.1	5.1	5.0
Lincoln	5.8	5.8	5.9
Linn	5.4	5.4	5.6
Malheur	4.4	4.4	4.7
Marion	5.0	5.0	5.0
Morrow	4.5	4.4	5.2
Multnomah	5.1	5.1	5.1
Polk	4.8	4.8	4.8
Sherman	4.8	4.8	4.9
Tillamook	5.2	5.2	5.3
Umatilla	5.1	5.1	5.6
Union	5.0	5.1	5.8
Wallowa	5.9	5.9	5.7
Wasco	5.0	5.0	5.1
Washington	5.0	5.0	4.8
Wheeler	4.6	4.7	4.1
Yamhill	4.9	4.8	4.7

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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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