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Employment in Clatsop County: October 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 290 in October

Clatsop County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in October, down from 4.8% in September. The statewide unemployment rate was 4.9% in October, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 290 in October to 19,530 jobs (+1.5%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A decrease of 390 jobs was expected for the month, and the county lost 100 jobs. The private sector lost 190 jobs while total government employment increased by 90. Wholesale trade added 200 jobs (+100%). Leisure and hospitality lost 110 jobs (-2.4%). Local education added 90 jobs (+9.6%).

October's total nonfarm employment was down from the previous year by 130 jobs (-0.7%). Some major industries gained jobs over the past year, but others have plateaued or shed jobs. Private education and health services added 100 jobs over the year (+3.5%). Accommodation and food services lost 220 jobs (-12.0%). Local government employment decreased by 40 (-1.8%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 16, and November county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

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Clatsop County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				--Change From--	
	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	September 2026	October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	20,613	20,443	NA	170	NA
Unemployed	864	831	NA	33	NA
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.1%	NA	0.1	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*4.7%*	*4.8%*	*NA*	*-0.1*	*NA*
Employed	19,749	19,612	NA	137	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	19,650	19,750	19,780	-100	-130
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*19,530*	*19,240*	*19,670*	*290*	*-140*
Total private	16,950	17,140	17,070	-190	-120
Mining, logging, and construction	1,010	1,010	1,070	0	-60
Mining and logging	50	50	60	0	-10
Construction	960	960	1,010	0	-50
Manufacturing	2,050	2,180	2,120	-130	-70
Durable goods	370	380	390	-10	-20
Wood product manufacturing	230	230	240	0	-10
Nondurable goods	1,680	1,800	1,730	-120	-50
Food manufacturing	780	910	780	-130	0
Paper manufacturing	810	810	860	0	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,660	3,480	3,670	180	-10
Wholesale trade	400	200	420	200	-20
Retail trade	2,900	2,930	2,900	-30	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	360	350	350	10	10
Information	110	110	120	0	-10
Financial activities	680	690	700	-10	-20
Professional and business services	1,050	1,080	1,040	-30	10
Private education and health services	2,990	2,970	2,890	20	100
Leisure and hospitality	4,830	5,030	4,910	-200	-80
Accommodation and food services	4,540	4,740	4,650	-200	-110
Accommodation	1,460	1,520	1,540	-60	-80
Food services and drinking places	3,080	3,220	3,110	-140	-30
Other services	570	590	550	-20	20
Government	2,700	2,610	2,710	90	-10
Federal government	150	140	140	10	10
State government	390	390	370	0	20
Local government	2,160	2,080	2,200	80	-40
Local education	1,030	940	1,060	90	-30
Local government excluding educational services	1,130	1,140	1,140	-10	-10

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)

	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025
United States	4.1	4.2	--
State of Oregon	4.9	5.0	--
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:			
Albany (Linn County)	5.1	5.1	--
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	4.8	4.8	--
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.0	4.1	--
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	4.9	4.9	--
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	6.8	6.9	--
Medford (Jackson County)	5.5	5.6	--
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.6	4.7	--
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.7	4.8	--
Counties (1):			
Baker	5.3	5.3	--
Benton	4.0	4.1	--
Clackamas	4.5	4.6	--
Clatsop	4.7	4.8	--
Columbia	5.5	5.6	--
Coos	5.4	5.5	--
Crook	5.7	5.8	--
Curry	5.8	5.9	--
Deschutes	4.6	4.7	--
Douglas	5.8	5.9	--
Gilliam	4.4	4.5	--
Grant	6.8	6.7	--
Harney	5.0	4.9	--
Hood River	3.7	3.8	--
Jackson	5.5	5.6	--
Jefferson	5.3	5.4	--
Josephine	6.8	6.9	--
Klamath	6.9	7.0	--
Lake	6.0	6.0	--
Lane	4.9	4.9	--
Lincoln	5.7	5.7	--
Linn	5.1	5.1	--
Malheur	4.2	4.3	--
Marion	4.7	4.8	--
Morrow	4.6	4.6	--
Multnomah	4.8	4.9	--
Polk	4.6	4.7	--
Sherman	4.5	4.6	--
Tillamook	4.9	5.0	--
Umatilla	5.0	5.2	--
Union	4.8	4.8	--
Wallowa	5.9	6.0	--
Wasco	4.9	5.0	--
Washington	4.5	4.6	--
Wheeler	3.9	4.0	--
Yamhill	4.4	4.5	--

(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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