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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County's Unemployment Rate Little Changed Over the Year

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.2% in May, unchanged from the revised April rate of 6.2%. The Oregon rate was 5.2% and the U.S. rate was 4.3% in May. Over the year, Douglas County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged, up slightly from 6.1% in May 2025.

Douglas County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment declined by 90 jobs in May. While payrolls nominally added 210 jobs from April to May, normal seasonal movement would typically add an estimated 300, so jobs declined on a seasonally adjusted basis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in May, job gains were estimated in leisure and hospitality (100) and professional and business services (80). Jobs in government increased as well (80). All other industries were unchanged or declined slightly.

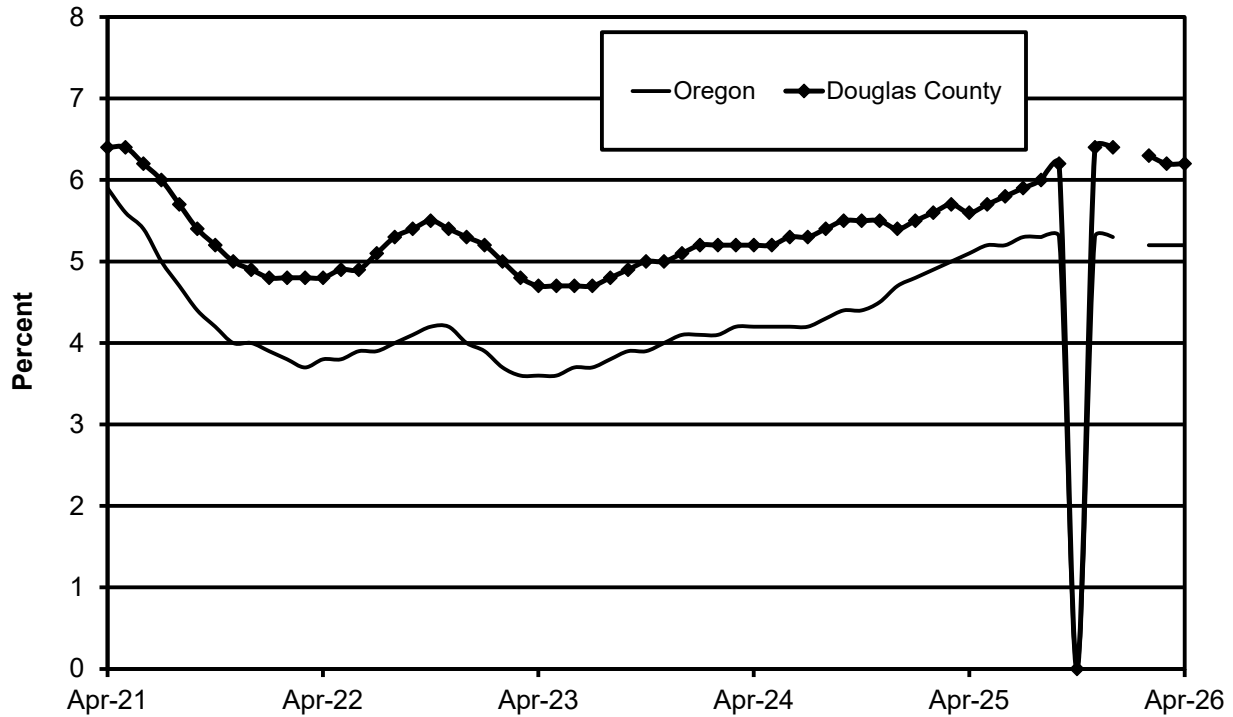
When comparing May 2026 with May 2025, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down by 90 jobs, for a loss of 0.2%. There were private-sector over-the-year gains in education and health services (100), professional and business services (80), and wholesale trade (60). Industries losing jobs since May 2025 included manufacturing (-210), retail trade (-140), and mining, logging, and construction (-80).

Total government employment was little changed over the year in May. Employment gains in Indian tribal (50), local education (30), and local government excluding education and tribal (30) were offset by losses in federal government (-120) and little change in state government.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



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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.

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Douglas 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	46,686	46,381	46,452	305	234
Unemployed	2,673	2,652	2,665	21	8
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	0.0	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.2%	6.2%	6.1%	0.0	0.1
Employed	44,013	43,729	43,787	284	226
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,360	38,150	38,630	210	-270
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>38,140</i>	<i>38,230</i>	<i>38,410</i>	<i>-90</i>	<i>-270</i>
Total private	30,410	30,280	30,660	130	-250
Mining, logging, and construction	2,510	2,510	2,590	0	-80
Mining and logging	830	820	840	10	-10
Construction	1,680	1,690	1,750	-10	-70
Manufacturing	4,170	4,180	4,380	-10	-210
Durable goods	3,690	3,700	3,900	-10	-210
Wood product manufacturing	2,420	2,420	2,580	0	-160
Nondurable goods	480	480	480	0	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,770	6,790	6,840	-20	-70
Wholesale trade	920	930	860	-10	60
Retail trade	4,430	4,440	4,570	-10	-140
Food and beverage retailers	990	1,000	1,040	-10	-50
General merchandise retailers	1,130	1,150	1,130	-20	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,420	1,420	1,410	0	10
Information	300	300	300	0	0
Financial activities	1,320	1,310	1,300	10	20
Professional and business services	3,090	3,030	3,010	60	80
Private education and health services	7,260	7,260	7,160	0	100
Leisure and hospitality	3,750	3,650	3,800	100	-50
Food services and drinking places	2,950	2,870	2,990	80	-40
Other services	1,240	1,250	1,280	-10	-40
Government	7,950	7,870	7,970	80	-20
Federal government	1,380	1,350	1,500	30	-120
State government	700	700	710	0	-10
Local government	5,870	5,820	5,760	50	110
Indian tribal	1,150	1,160	1,100	-10	50
Local education	3,170	3,150	3,140	20	30
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,550	1,510	1,520	40	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.

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