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Employment in Douglas County

Douglas County Employment Declines Slightly Over the Year

Seasonally adjusted employment in Douglas County declined by 440 jobs over the year to October 2026, a decrease of 1%. Estimates of total nonfarm employment in the county last peaked in August 2023, with a relatively slow but consistent pace of decline over the last three years.

Annual industry employment losses were largest in manufacturing (-180 jobs, -4%); professional and business services (-170 jobs, -5%); retail trade (-140 jobs, -3%); and local government education (-110 jobs, -4%). Private education and health services led the industries adding jobs, increasing by 230 jobs or 3%. Slight gains were also estimated in local government excluding education and tribal government (60 jobs, +4%) and wholesale trade (50 jobs, +6%).

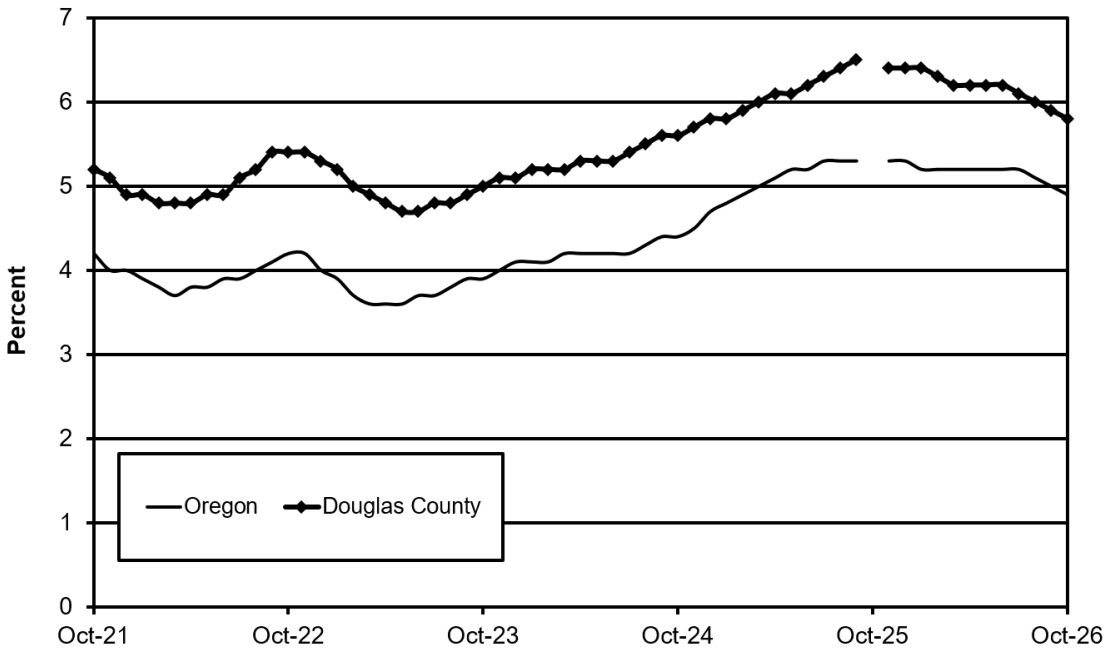
From September to October 2026, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was essentially unchanged. Industry changes over the month aligned with seasonally expected trends, with estimated job growth in local education (+90 jobs) and declines in leisure and hospitality (-110 jobs) and mining, logging, and construction (-30 jobs).

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8%, down slightly from a rate of 6.5% in September 2025. Unemployment and labor force statistics were not released for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown at that time.

Next Press Releases

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



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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Douglas County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	--Change From-- September 2026	--Change From-- October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,833	46,946	NA	-113	NA
Unemployed	2,490	2,379	NA	111	NA
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.1%	NA	0.2	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.8%*	*5.9%*	*NA*	*-0.1*	*NA*
Employed	44,343	44,567	NA	-224	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,060	38,150	38,500	-90	-440
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*37,860*	*37,860*	*38,290*	*0*	*-430*
Total private	30,260	30,410	30,670	-150	-410
Mining, logging, and construction	2,510	2,540	2,610	-30	-100
Mining and logging	790	800	820	-10	-30
Construction	1,720	1,740	1,790	-20	-70
Manufacturing	4,160	4,190	4,340	-30	-180
Durable goods	3,700	3,730	3,860	-30	-160
Wood product manufacturing	2,450	2,450	2,560	0	-110
Nondurable goods	460	460	480	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	6,810	6,780	6,920	30	-110
Wholesale trade	940	930	890	10	50
Retail trade	4,410	4,400	4,550	10	-140
Food and beverage retailers	1,010	1,010	1,040	0	-30
General merchandise retailers	1,170	1,150	1,150	20	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	1,460	1,450	1,480	10	-20
Information	270	270	300	0	-30
Financial activities	1,320	1,320	1,320	0	0
Professional and business services	2,950	2,950	3,120	0	-170
Private education and health services	7,300	7,310	7,070	-10	230
Leisure and hospitality	3,720	3,830	3,740	-110	-20
Food services and drinking places	2,910	2,960	2,920	-50	-10
Other services	1,220	1,220	1,250	0	-30
Government	7,800	7,740	7,830	60	-30
Federal government	1,360	1,380	1,340	-20	20
State government	700	700	700	0	0
Local government	5,740	5,660	5,790	80	-50
Indian tribal	1,160	1,160	1,160	0	0
Local education	3,020	2,930	3,130	90	-110
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,560	1,570	1,500	-10	60

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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