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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County Employment Decreases Over the Year, Maintaining 18-Month Trend

Lane County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment declined by 900 over the year to October 2026. That amounts to an annual decline of around 1% in total nonfarm employment, a rate that has been consistent over the last 18 months, dating back to May 2025.

Industries with the largest employment declines in the most recent data were local government (-700 jobs, -4%); trade, transportation, and utilities (-500, -2%); mining, logging, and construction (-200 jobs, -2%); and financial activities (-200, -2%). Health care and social assistance added 1,000 jobs (+3%) and small gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (200 jobs, +1%); professional and business services (200 jobs, +2%); and manufacturing (100 jobs, +1%).

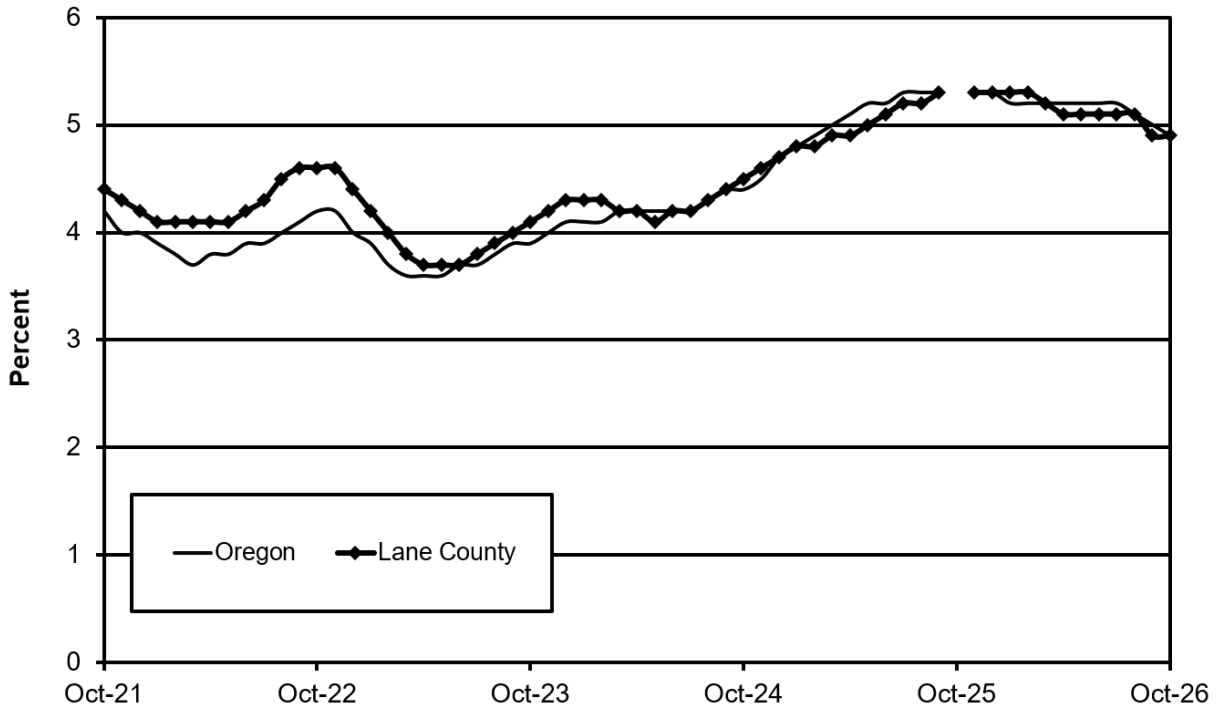
From September to October, employment change was 400 jobs larger than the expected seasonal increase. Beyond the expected job gains in local government education, employment also increased in professional and business services (+400 jobs), health care and social assistance (+400 jobs), and leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs).

Lane's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate matched the state in October, at 4.9%. That's a slight decline from 5.3% in September and November of 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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Eugene-Springfield MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

				--Change From--	
	October 2026	September 2026	October 2025	September 2026	October 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	190,910	188,373	NA	2,537	NA
Unemployed	8,413	8,280	NA	133	NA
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.4%	NA	0.0	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*4.9%*	*4.9%*	*NA*	*0.0*	*NA*
Employed	182,497	180,093	NA	2,404	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	163,600	160,900	164,300	2,700	-700
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*162,400*	*162,000*	*163,300*	*400*	*-900*
Total private	133,600	133,600	133,700	0	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	8,300	8,400	8,500	-100	-200
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,400	7,500	7,600	-100	-200
Manufacturing	14,000	14,000	13,900	0	100
Durable goods	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Nondurable goods	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,600	27,500	28,100	100	-500
Wholesale trade	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-100
Retail trade	18,400	18,300	18,800	100	-400
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,600	3,500	3,600	100	0
Information	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	-100
Financial activities	8,300	8,300	8,500	0	-200
Professional and business services	17,100	16,700	16,900	400	200
Administrative and support services	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Private education and health services	33,300	34,100	32,800	-800	500
Health care and social assistance	31,500	31,100	30,500	400	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	17,900	17,600	17,700	300	200
Accommodation and food services	15,600	15,500	15,600	100	0
Food services and drinking places	13,900	13,800	14,000	100	-100
Other services	5,300	5,200	5,400	100	-100
Government	30,000	27,300	30,600	2,700	-600
Federal government	1,800	1,900	1,800	-100	0
State government	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	26,100	23,300	26,800	2,800	-700
Local education	17,900	15,300	18,600	2,600	-700

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: Official Oregon Series. 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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