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Employment in Lincoln County: May 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 10 in May

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in May, unchanged from April. It was down from 5.9% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.2% in May, and the national rate was 4.3%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased in May by 10 to 18,520 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 300 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 310, with a gain of 290 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 20 jobs in total government employment. Nondurable goods manufacturing added 130 jobs (+18.8%). Leisure and hospitality added 110 jobs (+2.3%). Local education added 30 jobs (+2.9%).

May's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 130 jobs over the year (-0.7%). The largest gain occurred in food services and drinking places, which rose by 110 jobs over the year in May (+4.1%). Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 70 jobs (-2.2%). Federal government lost 30 jobs (-9.4%).

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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.

Lincoln 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	21,071	20,720	21,048	351	23
Unemployed	1,138	1,081	1,180	57	-42
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.2%	5.6%	0.2	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	19,933	19,639	19,868	294	65
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,680	18,370	18,810	310	-130
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,520	18,510	18,640	10	-120
Total private	14,600	14,310	14,700	290	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	920	910	940	10	-20
Mining and logging	120	120	130	0	-10
Construction	800	790	810	10	-10
Manufacturing	910	780	860	130	50
Durable goods	90	90	90	0	0
Nondurable goods	820	690	770	130	50
Food manufacturing	240	180	230	60	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,090	3,070	3,160	20	-70
Retail trade	2,630	2,610	2,680	20	-50
Food and beverage retailers	810	800	770	10	40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	270	270	280	0	-10
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	900	890	970	10	-70
Professional and business services	970	960	1,030	10	-60
Private education and health services	2,370	2,370	2,360	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	4,900	4,790	4,840	110	60
Accommodation and food services	4,650	4,550	4,580	100	70
Accommodation	1,840	1,800	1,880	40	-40
Food services and drinking places	2,810	2,750	2,700	60	110
Other services	440	440	430	0	10
Government	4,080	4,060	4,110	20	-30
Federal government	290	290	320	0	-30
State government	350	340	360	10	-10
Local government	3,440	3,430	3,430	10	10
Indian tribal	970	990	970	-20	0
Local education	1,070	1,040	1,080	30	-10
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,400	1,400	1,380	0	20

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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