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Employment in Lincoln County: October 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 60 in October

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7% in October, unchanged from 5.7% 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 60 in October to 18,270 jobs (+0.3%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A loss of 400 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment decreased by 340, with a loss of 360 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 20 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality lost 220 jobs (-4.4%). Local education added 30 jobs (+3.4%).

October's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 720 jobs over the year (-3.8%). The largest gain occurred in private education and health services which rose by 90 jobs over the year in October (+3.8%). Professional and business services lost 230 jobs (-19.2%). Local government, including tribal and education, lost 200 jobs (-5.8%).

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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.

Lincoln 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	20,781	21,063	NA	-282	NA
Unemployed	1,065	1,043	NA	22	NA
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.0%	NA	0.1	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.7%*	*5.7%*	*NA*	*0.0*	*NA*
Employed	19,716	20,020	NA	-304	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,330	18,670	19,050	-340	-720
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*18,270*	*18,210*	*18,990*	*60*	*-720*
Total private	14,420	14,780	14,940	-360	-520
Mining, logging, and construction	950	960	980	-10	-30
Mining and logging	130	130	140	0	-10
Construction	820	830	840	-10	-20
Manufacturing	860	950	900	-90	-40
Durable goods	80	80	80	0	0
Nondurable goods	780	870	820	-90	-40
Food manufacturing	300	390	300	-90	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,060	3,080	3,180	-20	-120
Retail trade	2,650	2,660	2,720	-10	-70
Food and beverage retailers	780	780	840	0	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	280	0	-30
Information	100	90	110	10	-10
Financial activities	810	830	930	-20	-120
Professional and business services	970	990	1,200	-20	-230
Private education and health services	2,440	2,430	2,350	10	90
Leisure and hospitality	4,820	5,040	4,870	-220	-50
Accommodation and food services	4,530	4,730	4,630	-200	-100
Accommodation	1,790	1,870	1,870	-80	-80
Food services and drinking places	2,740	2,860	2,760	-120	-20
Other services	410	410	420	0	-10
Government	3,910	3,890	4,110	20	-200
Federal government	300	300	310	0	-10
State government	350	350	340	0	10
Local government	3,260	3,240	3,460	20	-200
Indian tribal	920	920	970	0	-50
Local education	920	890	1,080	30	-160
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,420	1,430	1,410	-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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