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Employment in Yamhill County: May 2026

Yamhill County's Unemployment Rate Changes Little at 4.9%

Yamhill County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in May, essentially unchanged from April's revised rate of 4.8%. Yamhill County's unemployment rate increased from 4.7% to 4.9% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 5.2%. Oregon's unemployment rate was unchanged over the past year.

Yamhill County's employment gains in May were less than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 70 jobs, when an employment increase of 290 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 220 in May. Employment is 1,600 jobs (+4.5%) above the pre-pandemic level in February 2020.

Over the past year Yamhill County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has declined 120 jobs or -0.3%.

The private sector added 50 jobs in May. The largest private-sector industry employment gains in May were reported in professional and business services (+120 jobs, +4.7%) and leisure and hospitality (+60 jobs, +1.5%).

Yamhill County's public-sector employment was up 20 in May. Federal government employment was up 10. Local government employment also gained 10 jobs in May. State government employment was unchanged in May.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, July 15.



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Yamhill 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	56,103	55,725	56,704	378	-601
Unemployed	2,546	2,414	2,500	132	46
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.4%	0.2	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	4.7%	0.1	0.2
Employed	53,557	53,311	54,204	246	-647
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	37,590	37,520	37,680	70	-90
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	36,980	37,200	37,100	-220	-120
Total private	33,040	32,990	32,970	50	70
Mining, logging, and construction	2,230	2,200	2,260	30	-30
Mining and logging	90	90	90	0	0
Construction	2,140	2,110	2,170	30	-30
Manufacturing	6,590	6,520	6,640	70	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,910	4,910	4,930	0	-20
Wholesale trade	710	700	720	10	-10
Retail trade	3,670	3,680	3,740	-10	-70
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	630	630	640	0	-10
Food and beverage retailers	930	930	930	0	0
General merchandise retailers	700	720	750	-20	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	530	530	470	0	60
Information	290	300	300	-10	-10
Financial activities	1,080	1,070	1,190	10	-110
Professional and business services	2,670	2,550	2,620	120	50
Private education and health services	10,180	10,430	9,770	-250	410
Private educational services	2,570	2,840	2,600	-270	-30
Health care and social assistance	7,610	7,590	7,170	20	440
Leisure and hospitality	3,950	3,890	4,090	60	-140
Other services	1,140	1,120	1,170	20	-30
Government	4,550	4,530	4,710	20	-160
Federal government	430	420	470	10	-40
State government	270	270	270	0	0
Local government	3,850	3,840	3,970	10	-120
Local education	2,120	2,120	2,250	0	-130
Local government excluding educational services	1,730	1,720	1,720	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.

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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