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Employment in Lincoln County: August 2026

Seasonally adjusted payroll employment decreased by 10 in August

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.8% in August, unchanged from July. It was down from 6.3% the year before. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.1% in August, and the national rate was 4.1%.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 15 in August to 18,300 jobs (-0.1%). Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 100 jobs was expected for the month, and the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 90, with a gain of 10 jobs in the private sector and a gain of 80 jobs in total government employment. Leisure and hospitality lost 40 jobs (-0.7%). Local education added 70 jobs (+9.5%).

August's total nonfarm employment numbers were down 370 jobs over the year (-1.9%). The largest gain occurred in private education and health services which rose by 120 jobs over the year in August (+5.3%). Retail trade lost 160 jobs (-5.7%). Local government lost 120 jobs (-3.7%).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Oct. 14, and September county and metropolitan area unemployment and jobs data on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	21,649	21,652	21,801	-3	-152
Unemployed	1,233	1,282	1,335	-49	-102
Unemployment rate	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	-0.2	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.8%	5.8%	6.3%	0.0	-0.5
Employed	20,416	20,370	20,466	46	-50
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	18,980	18,890	19,350	90	-370
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,300	18,310	18,650	-10	-350
Total private	15,190	15,180	15,420	10	-230
Mining, logging, and construction	970	970	990	0	-20
Mining and logging	130	130	140	0	-10
Construction	840	840	850	0	-10
Manufacturing	970	980	1,030	-10	-60
Durable goods	80	80	90	0	-10
Nondurable goods	890	900	940	-10	-50
Food manufacturing	290	290	410	0	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,070	3,060	3,310	10	-240
Retail trade	2,650	2,640	2,810	10	-160
Food and beverage retailers	790	800	850	-10	-60
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	250	250	310	0	-60
Information	100	100	110	0	-10
Financial activities	940	930	930	10	10
Professional and business services	1,020	1,000	1,040	20	-20
Private education and health services	2,400	2,390	2,280	10	120
Leisure and hospitality	5,320	5,360	5,300	-40	20
Accommodation and food services	5,020	5,060	5,030	-40	-10
Accommodation	1,970	2,040	2,060	-70	-90
Food services and drinking places	3,050	3,020	2,970	30	80
Other services	400	390	430	10	-30
Government	3,790	3,710	3,930	80	-140
Federal government	310	300	320	10	-10
State government	360	360	370	0	-10
Local government	3,120	3,050	3,240	70	-120
Indian tribal	910	910	950	0	-40
Local education	810	740	890	70	-80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0

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)

	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025
United States	4.1	4.1	4.3
State of Oregon	5.1	5.2	5.3
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	5.3	5.3	5.7
Bend (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)	5.0	5.0	5.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	4.1	4.2	4.4
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	5.1	5.1	5.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	7.0	7.0	7.4
Medford (Jackson County)	5.7	5.7	5.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	4.8	4.9	5.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	4.9	4.9	5.1
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	5.4	5.4	5.9
Benton	4.1	4.2	4.4
Clackamas	4.8	4.8	5.1
Clatsop	4.9	5.0	5.3
Columbia	5.9	6.0	6.2
Coos	5.6	5.7	6.1
Crook	6.0	6.0	5.9
Curry	6.1	6.2	6.9
Deschutes	4.8	4.8	4.9
Douglas	6.1	6.1	6.4
Gilliam	4.8	5.1	5.7
Grant	6.8	6.7	7.9
Harney	5.0	4.9	5.0
Hood River	3.9	3.9	4.3
Jackson	5.7	5.7	5.8
Jefferson	5.6	5.6	6.0
Josephine	7.0	7.0	7.4
Klamath	7.2	7.2	7.4
Lake	6.1	6.0	6.3
Lane	5.1	5.1	5.2
Lincoln	5.8	5.8	6.3
Linn	5.3	5.3	5.7
Malheur	4.4	4.5	4.9
Marion	5.0	5.0	5.2
Morrow	4.6	4.6	5.2
Multnomah	5.1	5.1	5.3
Polk	4.8	4.8	5.1
Sherman	4.7	4.8	5.4
Tillamook	5.2	5.2	5.4
Umatilla	5.3	5.3	5.7
Union	5.0	5.0	5.8
Wallowa	6.1	6.0	6.0
Wasco	5.1	5.1	5.4
Washington	4.8	4.9	5.1
Wheeler	4.2	4.3	4.3
Yamhill	4.7	4.8	5.0

(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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