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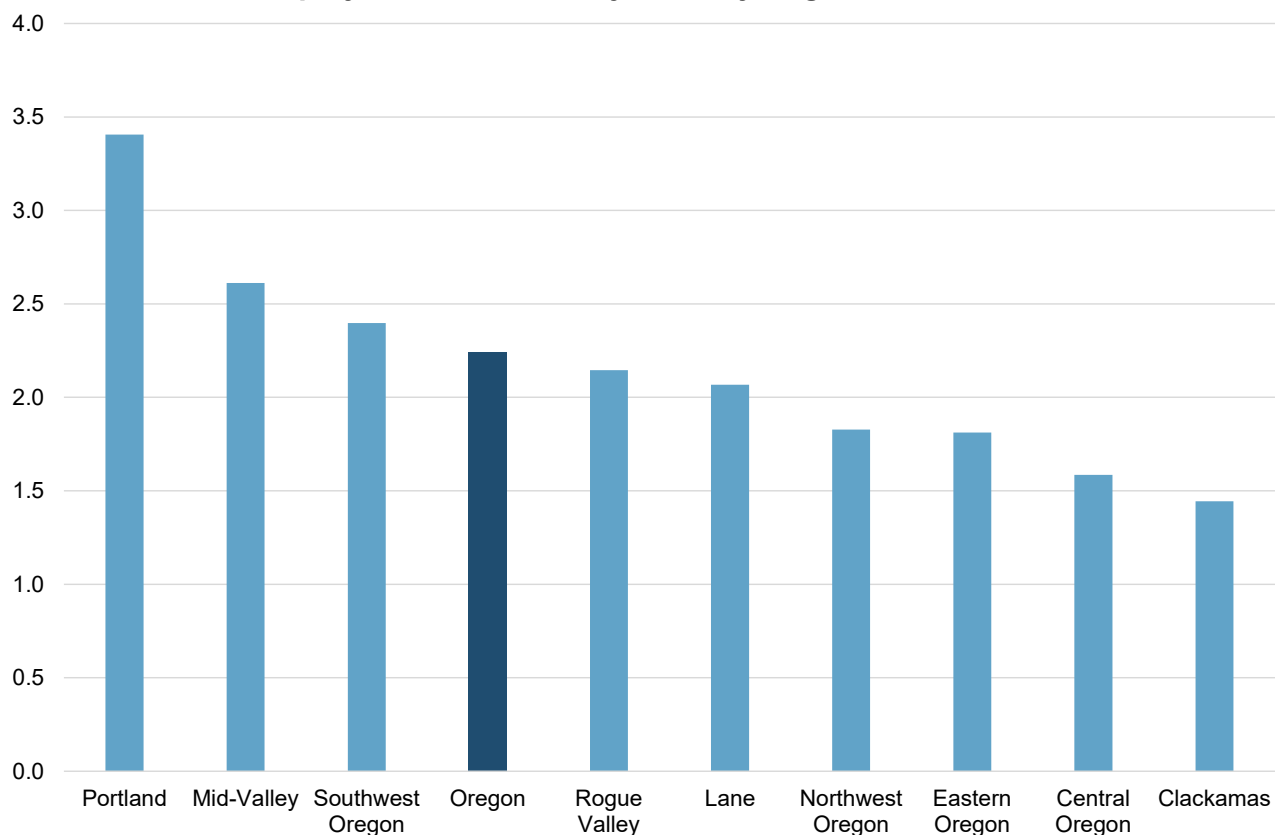
Employment Reports Delayed Again After Federal Government Shutdown

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has resumed production of the monthly employment reports for the nation on a delayed schedule after the lapse in federal government appropriations that began on Oct. 1, 2025. Currently, Oregon's metro and county level nonfarm job estimates and unemployment rates are still not available beyond August 2025.

Job Vacancies in Oregon

Oregon had 120,300 unemployed individuals and 53,600 job vacancies in the third quarter of 2025, resulting in a ratio of 2.2 unemployed persons per job vacancy. That's an increase from the second quarter, when the ratio was 1.8. The Portland Metro had the highest ratio of any Oregon region at 3.4, followed by the Mid-Valley (2.6) and Southwestern Oregon (2.4). Clackamas had the lowest ratio at 1.4. Central Oregon (1.6) and Eastern Oregon (1.8) also had relatively low ratios.

Unemployed to Job Vacancy Ratio by Region, Summer 2025



Source: Oregon Employment Department

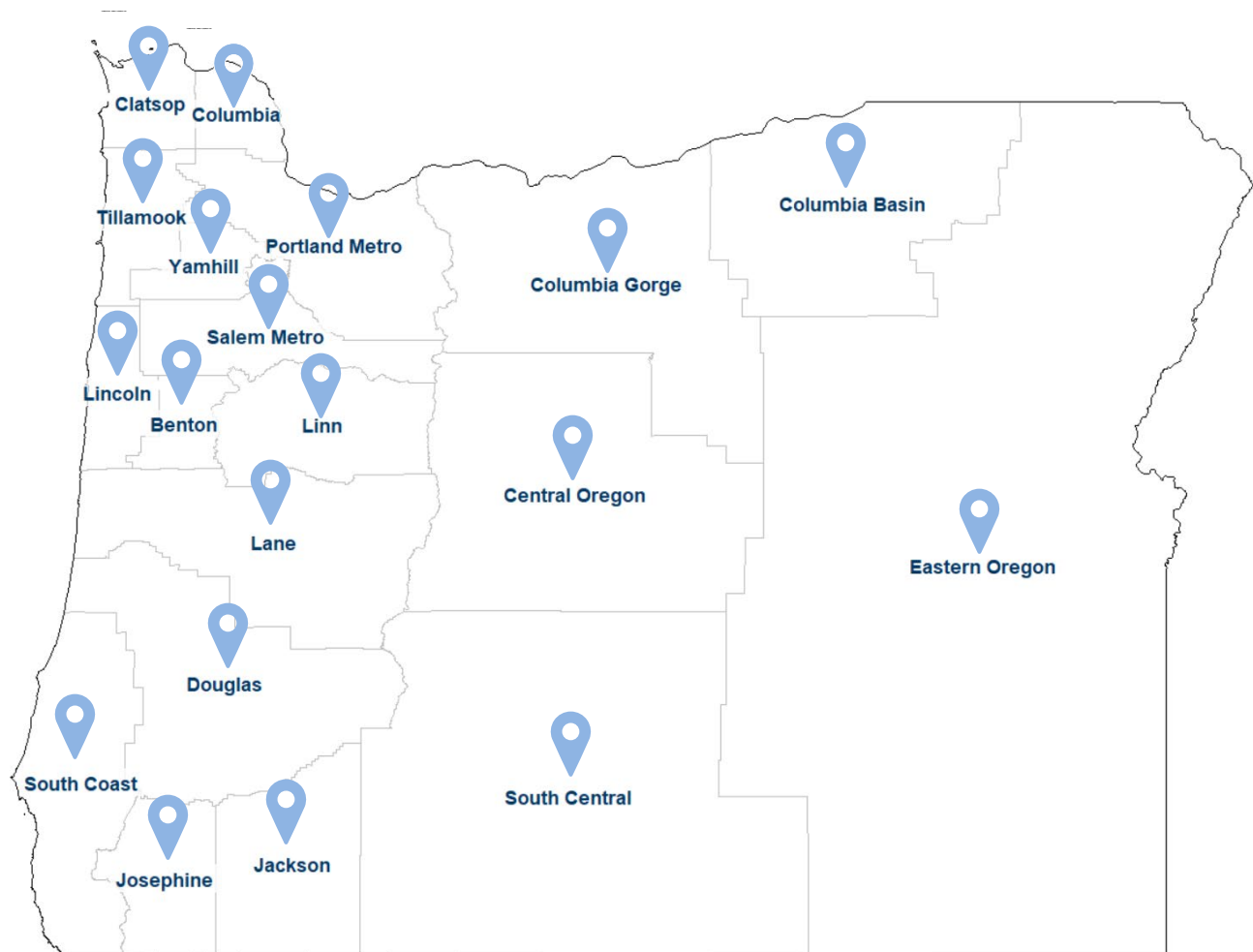
Unemployment Insurance Claims

Claims for unemployment insurance show a partial picture of Oregon's unemployment situation, as only a portion of all unemployed Oregonians are eligible for these benefits. Statewide, first-time or initial UI claims in recent weeks were slightly higher than last year but appeared to be within the typical range for this time of year. Ongoing or continued claims have followed seasonal trends, but at elevated levels compared with recent years. Oregon has averaged 33,500 continued claims per week so far in 2025, about 5,500 (or 20%) higher than the average during the same timeframe in 2024.

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