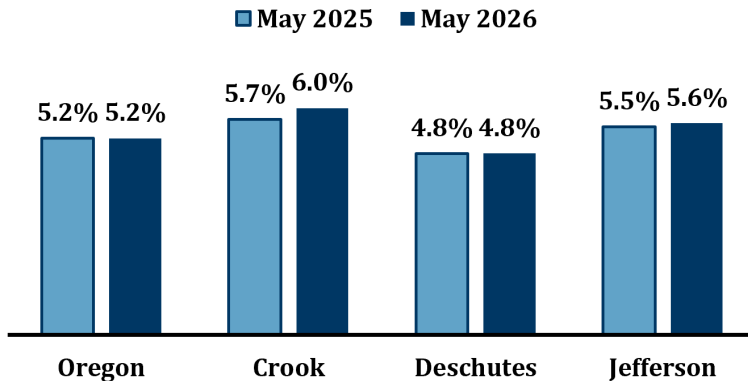




Central Oregon Economic Indicators

June 2026

Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



Topic of the Month

Minimum Wage Jobs in Central Oregon

Estimates of Minimum Wage Jobs in Oregon by County, Third Quarter 2025

Rank in Oregon	Area	Minimum Wage	Jobs Paying Minimum Wage or Less	% of Total
	Oregon		92,289	4.2%
34	Deschutes	\$15.05	2,938	2.8%
35	Jefferson	\$14.05	192	2.5%
36	Crook	\$14.05	180	2.2%

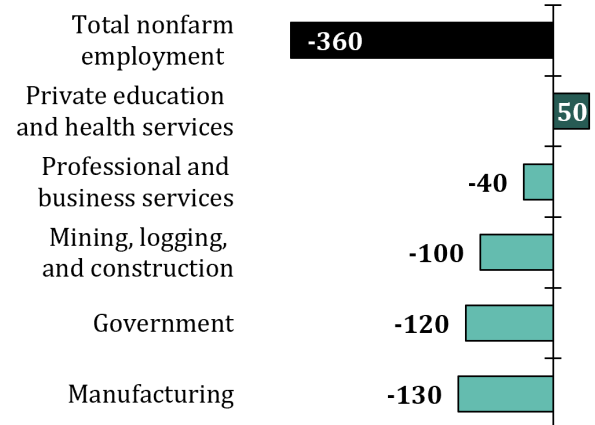
Source: Oregon Employment Department, Unemployment Insurance Wage Records

On July 1, 2026, the three minimum wages in Oregon are set to increase. In Deschutes County, the new minimum wage will be \$15.55. In Crook and Jefferson County, the new minimum wage will be \$14.55. In the third quarter of 2025, there were 92,289 jobs in Oregon that paid the minimum wage or less. During this period, Central Oregon counties had the lowest share of jobs paying at or below the minimum wage compared to other counties in Oregon. In Deschutes County, only 2,938 jobs were paid at this level, which is about 2.8% of total jobs in the county. Crook County had 180 jobs, or 2.2% of total jobs, that paid at or below the minimum wage.

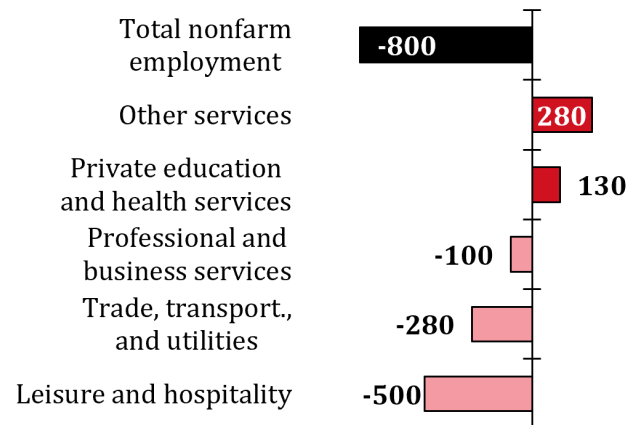
You can find more information on Oregon's previous minimum wages and explore estimates of minimum wage jobs by industry in a recent [article](#) written by Anna Johnson, a senior analyst for Oregon Employment Department.

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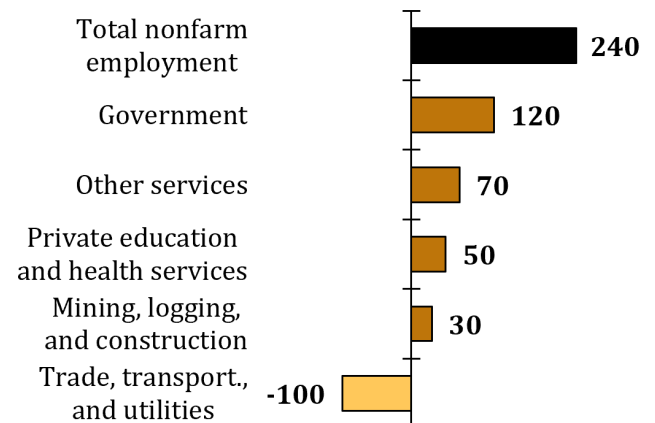
Crook County



Deschutes County



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