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# Impacts of Government Jobs in Lake County Oregon

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## Annual Average Pay

Based on Oregon Labor Market Information System, **2009 Annual Summary Report for Employment and Wages** (most recent published information), total payroll in Lake County was \$79,293,694 with an average pay per job of \$31,323. In that year private employers created 57% of all jobs within the county but accounted for only 46% of total payroll. The remaining 43% of the jobs were from government sources which generated 54% of all payrolls within the county. Average wage per government employee is \$39,029 which is more than 50% higher than private sector average pay.

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Employment</b>	<b>Average pay</b>
Private Sector	1,308	\$ 25,432.00
All government	1,000	\$ 39,029.00

Within government employment *Federal Government* has the highest average pay at \$51,069. This is twice the annual pay of the average private sector job. Within *Federal Government* employment jobs in *Natural Resources* and *Public Administration* pay the highest. State Government average pay is the next highest average. Local government average pay is the least within all the government sectors but average pay is still \$6,744 per year higher than the average private sector job.

**Table 2. Average Annual Pay for Lake County Public Sector Employment**

	Units	Employment	Average Pay
Total Federal Government	16	269	\$51,069
Natural Resources & Mining	3	145	\$53,054
Trade, Transportation. & Utilities	7	21	\$34,278
Public Administration	6	103	\$51,698
Total State Government	9	186	\$41,525
Construction	1	20	\$37,667
Education & Health Services	2	31	\$20,665
Public Administration	6	135	\$46,886
Total Local Government	23	546	\$32,176
Trade, Transportation. & Utilities	2	5	\$16,396
Information	1	9	\$13,231
Professional & Business Services	1	5	\$8,540
Education & Health Services	11	371	\$32,369
Leisure & Hospitality	1	3	\$7,869
Public Administration	7	154	\$34,364

Of the private sector jobs *Information* has the highest average pay with *Education and Health Care Services* paying the second highest for the county. Jobs in the Hospitality Industry pay the least at an average annual pay of \$10,000 or less.

**Table 3**

**Table 3. Average Annual Pay for Lake County Private Sector Employment**

Industry	Units	Employment	Average Pay
Information	7	24	\$42,718
Education & Health Services	15	93	\$39,757
Wholesale	10	54	\$38,635
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	14	30	\$35,207
Credit intermediation and related activities	4	22	\$33,758
Finance & Insurance	7	28	\$32,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	7	40	\$31,599
Wood product manufacturing	5	196	\$31,533
Manufacturing - all	10	208	\$30,623
Professional, Scientific & Technical Svcs	7	42	\$30,492
Professional & Business Services	14	60	\$29,045
Construction	21	48	\$28,282
Construction of buildings	11	28	\$27,189
Truck transportation	8	9	\$26,359
Natural Resources & Mining	46	282	\$25,377
Crop production	10	77	\$24,181
Financial Activities	16	47	\$24,087
Retail	36	227	\$22,052
Animal production	27	148	\$21,533
Food and beverage stores	9	93	\$17,696
Membership associations and organizations	17	35	\$15,134
Other Services	36	62	\$14,501
Real Estate Rental & Leasing	9	19	\$11,983
Private households	12	16	\$11,716
Food services and drinking places	23	139	\$10,169
Accommodations & Food Services	30	166	\$10,109
General merchandise stores	3	6	\$9,622
Accommodation	8	28	\$9,449
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	4	7	\$7,881

Of the top twenty paying jobs in the county the top two are Federal Government jobs and another five are also government sector jobs.

**Top Twenty Employment by Average Annual Wage**

Industry	Ownership	Average Pay
Natural Resources & Mining	Federal Govt.	\$53,054
Public Administration	Federal Govt.	\$51,698
Public Administration	State Govt.	\$46,886
Information	Private	\$42,718
Education & Health Services	Private	\$39,757
Wholesale	Private	\$38,635
Construction	State Govt.	\$37,667
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	Private	\$35,207
Public Administration	Local Govt.	\$34,364
Trade, Transportation. & Utilities	Federal Govt.	\$34,278
Credit intermediation and related activities	Private	\$33,758
Education & Health Services	Local Govt.	\$32,369
Finance & Insurance	Private	\$32,300
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	Private	\$31,599
Wood product manufacturing	Private	\$31,533
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Based on **number of employees** the Education and Health Services is number one with a total of 371 employees.

Industry	Ownership	Units	Employment
Education & Health Services	Local Govt.	11	371
Trade, Transportation. & Utilities	Private	59	311
Natural Resources & Mining	Private	46	282
Retail	Private	36	227
Wood product manufacturing	Private	5	196
Accommodations & Food Services	Private	30	166
Public Administration	Local Govt.	7	154
Animal production	Private	27	148
Natural Resources & Mining	Federal Govt.	3	145
Food services and drinking places	Private	23	139
Public Administration	State Govt.	6	135
Public Administration	Federal Govt.	6	103
Education & Health Services	Private	15	93
Food and beverage stores	Private	9	93
Crop production	Private	10	77
Other Services	Private	36	62
Professional & Business Services	Private	14	60
Wholesale	Private	10	54
Financial Activities	Private	16	47
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	Private	7	42

Total Lake County Federal employment varies from month to month primarily related to seasonal forestry related jobs. From February 2010 to February 2011 twenty (20) jobs have been lost showing a downward trend in employment during the winter months.

**Table 4**

<b>Lake County</b>													
<b>Federal Government Employment</b>													
Annual Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2001	310	250	250	260	270	300	350	380	370	380	320	290	300
2002	320	260	250	270	270	310	350	400	390	380	330	320	340
2003	330	260	260	290	290	320	350	430	420	420	340	310	300
2004	310	250	260	280	290	300	350	400	400	360	310	290	250
2005	290	240	240	250	270	280	350	360	360	340	300	270	250
2006	290	230	230	250	260	270	340	370	360	340	280	260	240
2007	280	230	230	230	250	260	330	350	360	330	280	240	240
2008	260	210	210	210	230	250	300	340	340	320	260	240	230
2009	270	210	220	210	260	280	320	340	330	310	270	250	230
2010	280	200	210	230	250	280	350	380	370	340	260	220	220
2011	-	190	190										

The impact of losing those twenty jobs is more than one million annually in lost payroll within the county – or 1.3% of total payroll. Based on Lake County’s Cost of Living factors this equates to \$280,000 less spent on groceries, and \$360,000 less spent on clothing services and entertainment.

**Lake County Oregon Cost of Living**

Housing	28%
Grocery	16%
Transportation	11%
Utilities	5%
Health Care	8%
Clothing, services, entertainment	36%