



Yamhill County Economic Development Newsletter

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Business Information:

- Investopedia shared an article on the future of employment in the US. Several economists have weighed in on job growth, seeing it slowing and potential business expansion also slowing. The job market has been strong thus far, and a recession is unlikely, however there remains a lot of uncertainty. You can read the article [here](#).
- Speaking of employment predictions, the Bureau of Labor Statistics Employment Situation report for June (issued July 3) shows payroll employment increased by 147,000, and nationwide unemployment changed little at 4.1%. You can read the report [here](#). The State Employment and Unemployment report for June 2025, issued July 18th, provides state-by-state changes. Oregon had a statistically significant unemployment rate, increasing .8% from June 2024 (4.1%) to June 2025 (4.9%). You can read the report [here](#).
- I enjoy reading SmartBriefs – there are several that I subscribe to – Leadership, Entrepreneurs, While You Were Working, and others that might interest you. You can look at the various newsletters they offer and sign up for them [here](#).
- Oregon Emergency Management shared [an article on staying informed during a communications outage](#). Best practices include having a battery-powered or hand crank emergency weather radio, turn on WEA alerts on your phone, have back up power, and more.
- This week's high temperatures may have you concerned. Oregon Emergency Management offers suggestions on preventing heat exhaustion. You can learn more [here](#).
- [BE TWO WEEKS READY plan](#) – make an emergency kit that includes important documents, water, and non-perishable foods (don't forget your kids and furry friends) flashlights, medications, phone charger, and cash. Learn more [here](#).

- Are you looking to hire? [WorkSource Oregon](#) can help you find the right person for the job, for free. Also, you can post your job opportunities at [Yamhill Valley Careers](#).
- The Oregon Department of Employment issued May economic indicators – Yamhill County saw a decrease of 180 jobs, unemployment rate of 4.4% and statewide unemployment rate was 4.8%, higher than the national rate of 4.2%. Another factor to note is the demographic shift of older workers retiring and fewer young workers to fill those positions. The report is attached for your review. Here are a couple of articles that might be of interest: [Growing demand for healthcare workers](#); [Oregon's GDP](#); [Who is included in Oregon's unemployment rate?](#).
- The Federal Reserve issued their Beige Book report on July 16th. The report is an anecdotal gathering of information on current economic conditions in each of the 12 Federal Reserve Districts. You can read the report [here](#). Oregon is included in the San Francisco District and highlights for that area are: economic activity was largely stable, with employment levels slightly lower, wages grew at a slight pace and prices increased modestly. Conditions in manufacturing and residential real estate markets weakened somewhat, with lending activity and conditions in agriculture were largely unchanged.
- CO-by the US Chamber, CO-100 applications close July 25th. If you are interested, you can learn more and apply [here](#). There is an entry fee, and you can use the code July99 to save on the fee.
- CO-by the US Chamber's C-Suite to Main Street series continues with an interview with Caulipower founder, Gail Becker on August 14th at noon, ET. You can sign up [here](#) and watch the last episode about PopUp Bagels.
- The SBDC is offering a Small Business Management program in Salem. It is a nine-month program that combines one-on-one business coaching, monthly learning sessions taught by experts, and peer collaboration to help you reach your goals. You can complete an interest form [here](#).
- The SBDC shared the five mistakes made by new business owners: lack of a plan; under estimating startup costs; hiring the wrong people; ignoring mentoring and professional development. If you'd like some help with any of these concerns, the [SBDC](#) at Chemeketa has people that can assist.
- The Chemeketa SBDC presents Power Lunch, Wednesday July 23, 11:30am to 1pm, 626 High Street NE, Salem, Room 106. Bring your lunch. This month's topic is the

Government Procurement Process with Oregon Buys. You can register for this free program [here](#).

- The [Northwest Native Chamber](#) Food Pathways is a culturally specific program designed to empower Native and Indigenous producers, food entrepreneurs and agricultural business owners to thrive in the Northwest's food and ag industries. The Food Pathways program cohort begins September 9th. You can find more information [here](#).
- A new survey showed that 1/3 of new hires admitted to having second thoughts about their new job during their onboarding. You can read the article [here](#).

Grants and Funding for your Business:

- Allstate Main Street Grants Program, in partnership with Hello Alice and Global Entrepreneurship Network I supporting small businesses across the U.S. that power Main Streets across the country. 250 entrepreneurs will be selected to participate in a 12-week Boost Camp accelerator focused on helping business owners strengthen operations, plan for growth and improve financial stability. 63 of the participants will be selected to receive a \$20k grant to invest in tools, growth strategies or resources that strengthen their business operations. You can learn more and apply [here](#). Applications close July 25, 2025.
- AT&T Small Business Contest will award one business \$50k, a year of AT&T service with a new device and the opportunity to share your small business story with your own AT&T content piece alongside #She'sConnected talent. You can learn more and apply [here](#). The Minority Business Development Agency of the US Department of Commerce offers resources for minority business owners. The MBDA has a business center in San Jose, CA and can be reached at 408-998-8058 x137. They offer a [capital readiness program](#), [grants](#) and [loans](#).
- The Awesome Foundation has rolling monthly awards of up to \$1,000 each for small businesses, organizations and startups. You can learn more and apply [here](#).
- Skip \$10,000 Summer Grant 2 will be available to a Skip Plus member. The grant supports US based entrepreneurs and small business owners 18 years and older.
- The US Chamber has the Small Business Readiness for Resiliency Program, to support small businesses in becoming more resilient and prepared for disasters. It is designed for businesses with fewer than 500 employees and guides business

through a three-step process to enhance preparedness and if eligible, provides grants when a state emergency order or state disaster declaration is made in their county. You can find more information [here](#).

- Accion Opportunity Fund offers loans of \$5,000 to \$250,000 to small businesses. Applicants must be in business for at least 1 year, \$50k in annual sales, 20% ownership in the business and be 18 years or older. You can learn more and apply [here](#).
- The Amber Grant Foundation offers women entrepreneurs \$25k grants and monthly grants in specific industries of \$10k. Learn more and apply [here](#).