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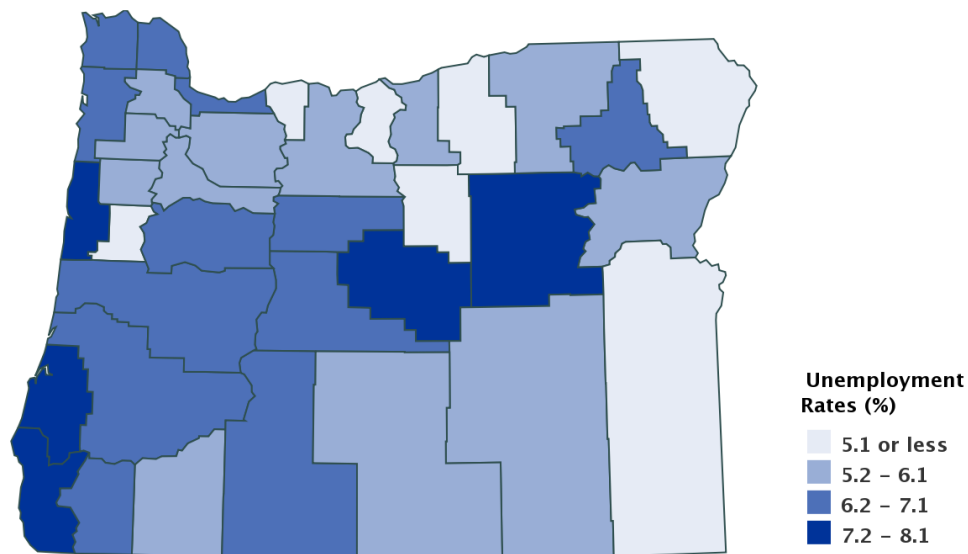
## March 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In March 2021, 24 out of 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. Clatsop and Union counties saw the largest over-the-month decrease, declining 0.9 percentage point each in March.

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March at 8.0%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Grant (7.5%), Curry (7.4%), Coos (7.3%), and Crook (7.3%) counties.

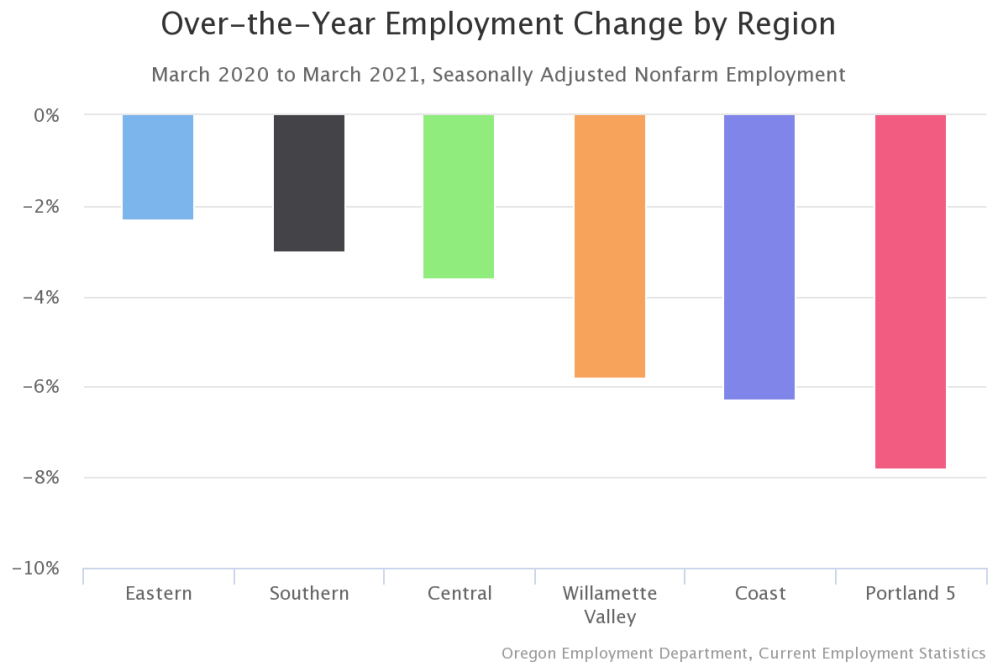
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 3.8%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in March were Malheur (4.4%) and Sherman (4.6%) counties. Eighteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.0%. Eighteen counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.0%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, March 2021



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined in all six of Oregon's broad regions between March 2020 and March 2021. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-7.8%). The Coast (-6.3%), the Willamette Valley (-5.8%), and Central Oregon (-3.6%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses. Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon dropped 3.0% and 2.3%, respectively.



### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for April 2021 on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The April 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	March 2021					February 2021					March 2020				
	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
United States	160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2	6.0	160,008,000	149,522,000	10,486,000	6.6	6.2	162,537,000	155,167,000	7,370,000	4.5	4.4
State of Oregon	2,153,827	2,013,543	140,284	6.5	6.0	2,135,709	1,993,473	142,236	6.7	6.1	2,098,879	2,009,490	89,389	4.3	3.6
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	60,865	56,717	4,148	6.8	6.7	59,731	55,556	4,175	7.0	6.7	58,635	55,687	2,948	5.0	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	101,820	94,798	7,022	6.9	6.6	100,564	93,132	7,432	7.4	6.8	96,547	92,331	4,216	4.4	3.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,866	45,541	2,325	4.9	4.8	47,444	45,072	2,372	5.0	4.9	47,759	46,162	1,597	3.3	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	181,311	168,994	12,317	6.8	6.3	180,386	167,941	12,445	6.9	6.3	181,253	173,180	8,073	4.5	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,514	34,705	2,809	7.5	6.7	37,163	34,401	2,762	7.4	6.7	35,647	33,632	2,015	5.7	4.2
Medford (Jackson County)	109,071	101,727	7,344	6.7	6.1	107,613	100,270	7,343	6.8	6.2	104,001	98,780	5,221	5.0	3.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,333,751	1,250,380	83,371	6.3	6.1	1,325,843	1,241,169	84,674	6.4	6.2	1,330,750	1,277,378	53,372	4.0	3.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	209,523	196,690	12,833	6.1	5.8	207,516	194,316	13,200	6.4	5.9	201,104	192,173	8,931	4.4	3.5
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,438	6,913	525	7.1	5.7	7,356	6,835	521	7.1	5.6	7,067	6,663	404	5.7	4.1
Benton	47,866	45,541	2,325	4.9	4.8	47,444	45,072	2,372	5.0	4.9	47,759	46,162	1,597	3.3	2.6
Clackamas	222,801	209,220	13,581	6.1	5.8	221,203	207,441	13,762	6.2	6.0	219,206	210,701	8,505	3.9	3.0
Clatsop	19,378	17,888	1,490	7.7	7.1	19,121	17,420	1,701	8.9	8.0	18,824	17,978	846	4.5	3.3
Columbia	24,657	22,948	1,709	6.9	6.5	24,540	22,758	1,782	7.3	6.7	24,344	23,137	1,207	5.0	4.2
Coos	27,502	25,350	2,152	7.8	7.3	27,447	25,369	2,078	7.6	7.1	26,281	24,893	1,388	5.3	4.2
Crook	10,678	9,787	891	8.3	7.3	10,568	9,582	986	9.3	7.9	9,942	9,349	593	6.0	4.8
Curry	8,990	8,227	763	8.5	7.4	9,011	8,272	739	8.2	7.2	8,703	8,165	538	6.2	4.6
Deschutes	101,820	94,798	7,022	6.9	6.6	100,564	93,132	7,432	7.4	6.8	96,547	92,331	4,216	4.4	3.3
Douglas	48,789	45,245	3,544	7.3	6.6	48,455	45,206	3,249	6.7	6.2	46,437	43,915	2,522	5.4	4.3
Gilliam	992	932	60	6.0	5.7	1,000	944	56	5.6	4.9	941	892	49	5.2	4.2
Grant	3,246	2,906	340	10.5	7.5	3,204	2,884	320	10.0	6.7	3,135	2,833	302	9.6	5.8
Harney	3,784	3,518	266	7.0	5.2	3,734	3,466	268	7.2	5.0	3,529	3,311	218	6.2	4.3
Hood River	13,839	13,039	800	5.8	5.0	13,716	12,836	880	6.4	5.2	13,815	13,355	460	3.3	2.6
Jackson	109,071	101,727	7,344	6.7	6.1	107,613	100,270	7,343	6.8	6.2	104,001	98,780	5,221	5.0	3.8
Jefferson	10,908	10,012	896	8.2	6.8	10,668	9,748	920	8.6	6.9	10,171	9,586	585	5.8	4.2
Josephine	37,514	34,705	2,809	7.5	6.7	37,163	34,401	2,762	7.4	6.7	35,647	33,632	2,015	5.7	4.2
Klamath	30,009	27,492	2,517	8.4	7.0	29,819	27,285	2,534	8.5	6.8	29,295	27,054	2,241	7.6	5.8
Lake	3,754	3,474	280	7.5	5.6	3,683	3,449	234	6.4	4.6	3,507	3,313	194	4.5	4.0
Lane	181,311	168,994	12,317	6.8	6.3	180,386	167,941	12,445	6.9	6.3	181,253	173,180	8,073	4.5	3.5
Lincoln	20,573	18,781	1,792	8.7	8.0	20,431	18,647	1,784	8.7	8.1	20,263	19,211	1,052	5.2	3.9
Linn	60,865	56,717	4,148	6.8	6.7	59,731	55,556	4,175	7.0	6.7	58,635	55,687	2,948	5.0	3.8
Malheur	13,080	12,392	688	5.3	4.4	12,819	12,103	716	5.6	4.5	12,396	11,870	526	4.2	3.5
Marion	167,975	157,610	10,365	6.2	5.6	166,335	155,632	10,703	6.4	5.8	161,134	153,980	7,154	4.4	3.5
Morrow	5,996	5,681	315	5.3	4.8	5,887	5,523	364	6.2	5.2	5,731	5,462	269	4.7	3.6
Multnomah	464,984	432,663	32,321	7.0	6.6	461,423	429,145	32,278	7.0	6.8	453,489	436,289	17,200	3.8	3.0
Polk	41,548	39,080	2,468	5.9	5.5	41,181	38,684	2,497	6.1	5.6	39,970	38,193	1,777	4.4	3.6
Sherman	1,002	949	53	5.3	4.6	985	937	48	4.9	4.1	969	915	54	5.6	4.0
Tillamook	11,768	10,924	844	7.2	6.5	11,688	10,814	874	7.5	6.7	11,590	11,064	526	4.5	3.5
Umatilla	38,023	35,594	2,429	6.4	5.7	37,765	35,105	2,660	7.0	5.8	36,175	34,339	1,836	5.1	4.0
Union	12,300	11,384	916	7.4	6.2	12,330	11,258	1,072	8.7	7.1	11,994	11,280	714	6.0	4.2
Wallowa	3,532	3,243	289	8.2	5.1	3,509	3,245	264	7.5	4.8	3,301	3,039	262	7.9	4.8
Wasco	12,969	12,064	905	7.0	5.9	12,942	11,978	964	7.4	6.1	12,545	11,898	647	5.2	3.7
Washington	328,803	310,926	17,877	5.4	5.2	326,218	308,139	18,079	5.5	5.4	325,105	314,003	11,102	3.4	2.8
Wheeler	721	688	33	4.6	4.2	714	685	29	4.1	3.8	702	676	26	3.7	3.5
Yamhill	55,343	52,130	3,213	5.8	5.4	55,055	51,708	3,347	6.1	5.6	54,480	52,356	2,124	3.9	3.0

(1) Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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