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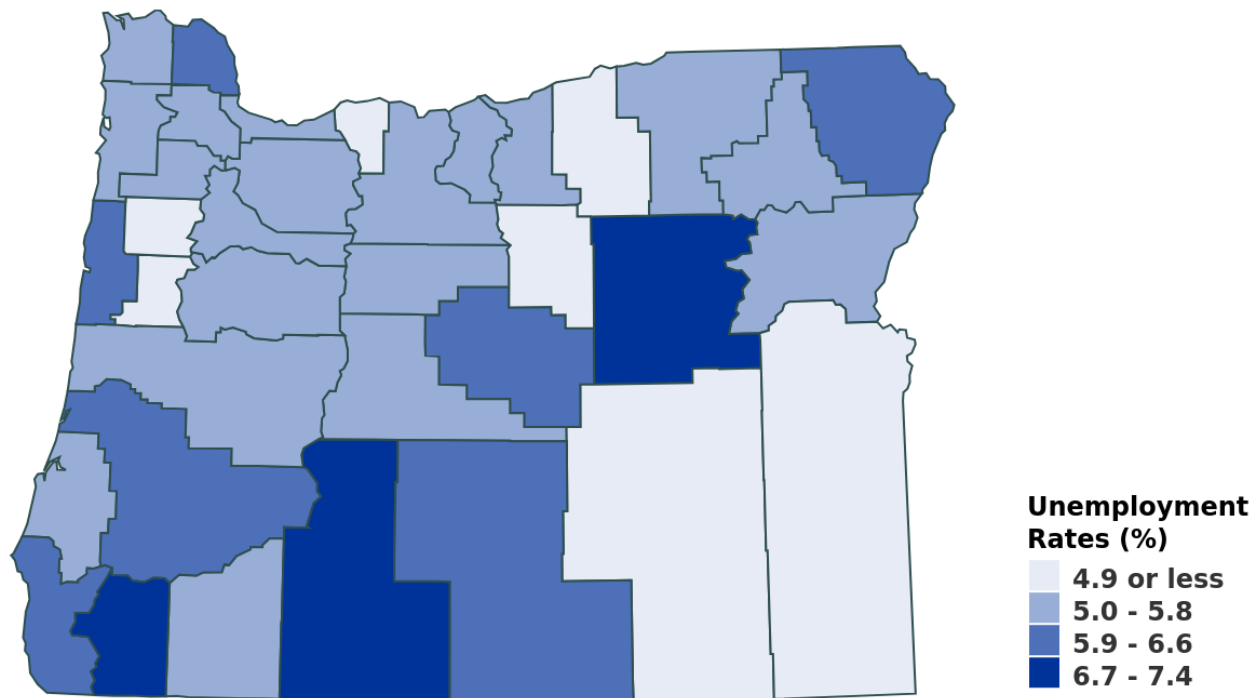
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## February 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In February, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in all of Oregon's 36 counties. Sixteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and one (Hood River County) had a rate at or below the U.S. rate of 4.4%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February at 7.4%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Grant (7.3%) and Josephine (7.0%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in February at 4.1%. Benton, Malheur, and Morrow counties also had relatively low unemployment rates, all at 4.6%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate  
February 2026

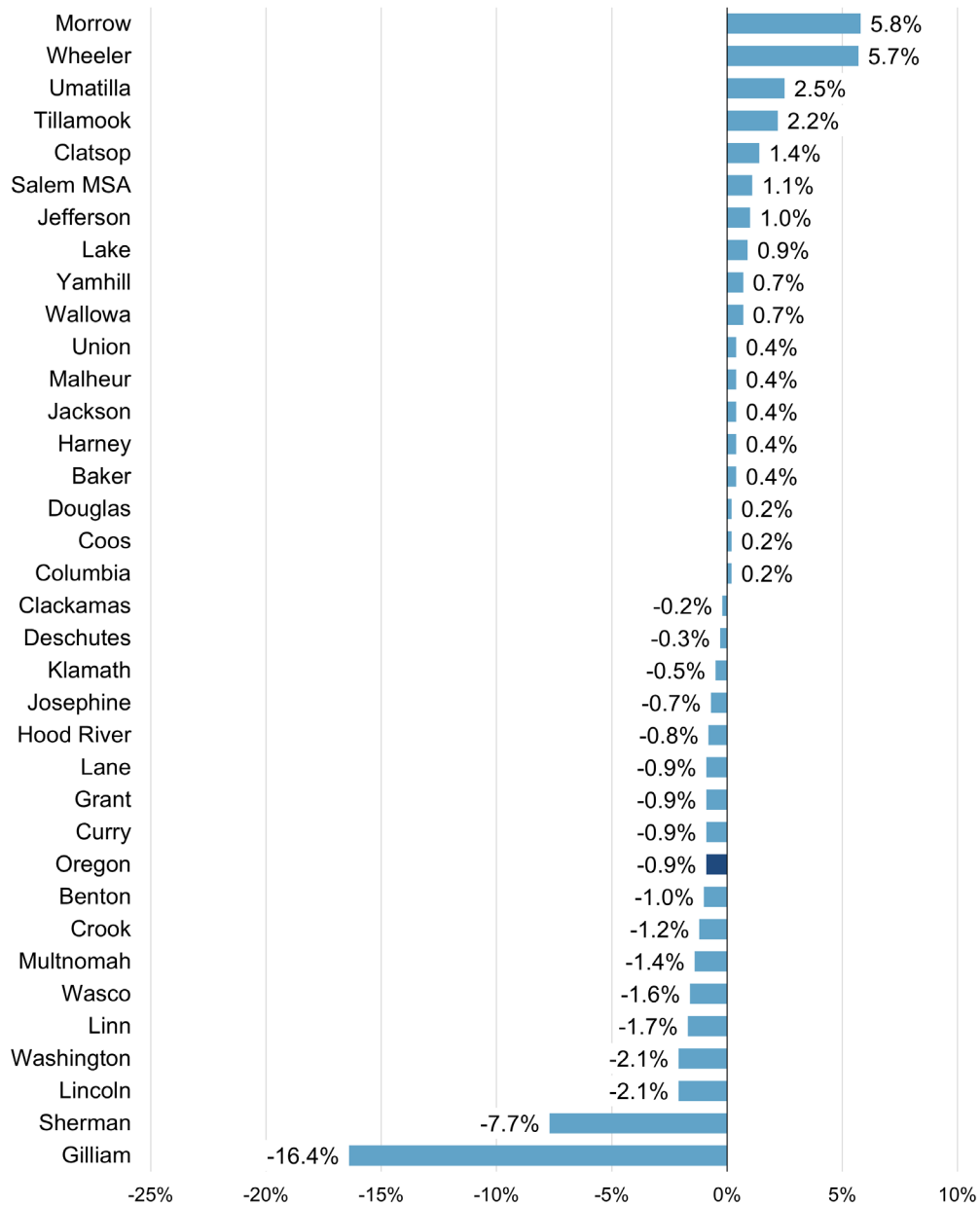


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between February 2025 and February 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 19 of Oregon’s counties, and decreased in 17. Morrow County had Oregon’s highest year-over-year job growth at 5.8%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Wheeler County (5.7%). Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 16.4%. Sherman County (-7.7%) also had a relatively large job decline. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.9%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

**Job Growth by Oregon County**  
Seasonally Adjusted, February 2025 - February 2026



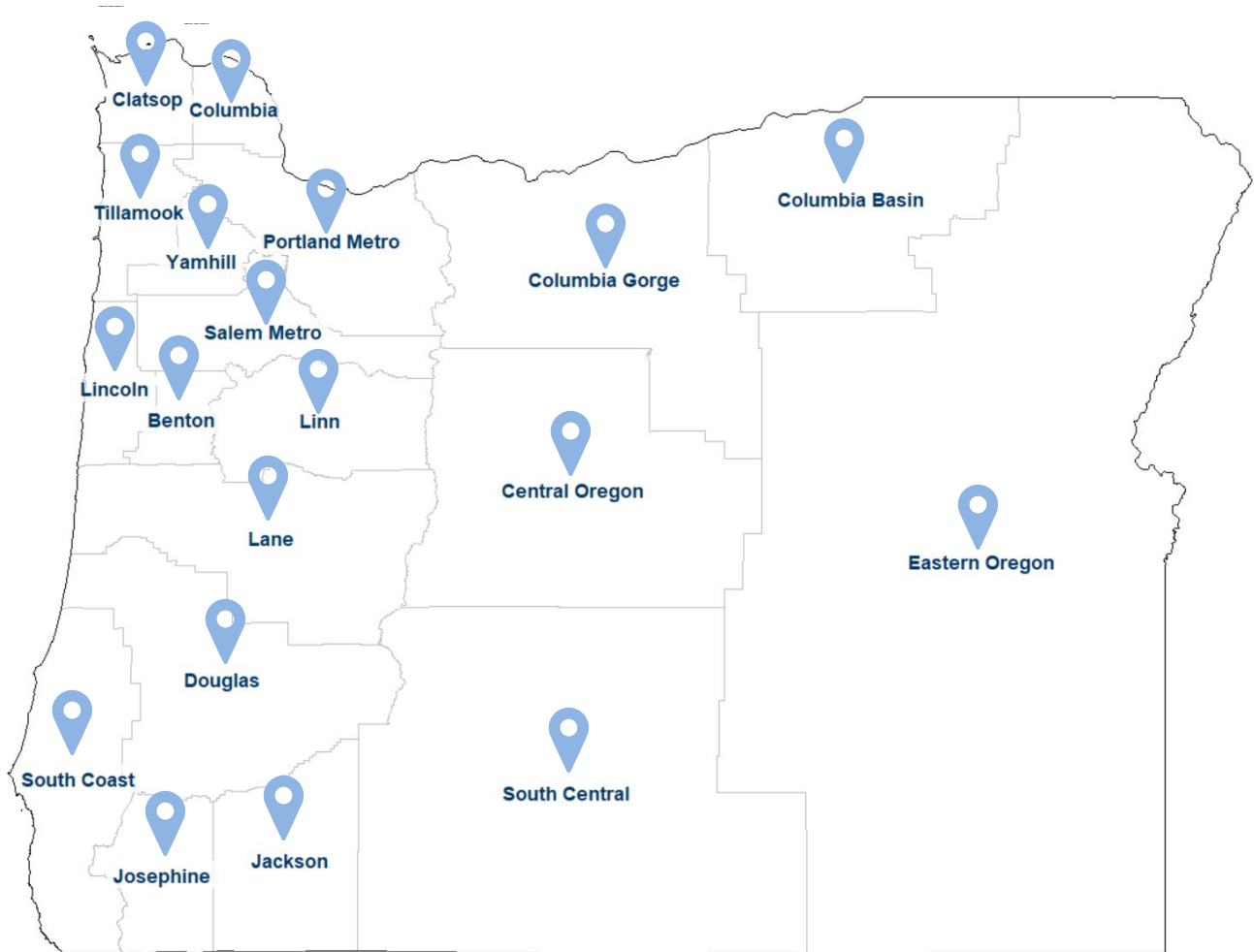
Source: Oregon Employment Department

**Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for March 2026 on Friday, May 1, 2026. The March 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

**This Month's Local Area Press Releases**

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