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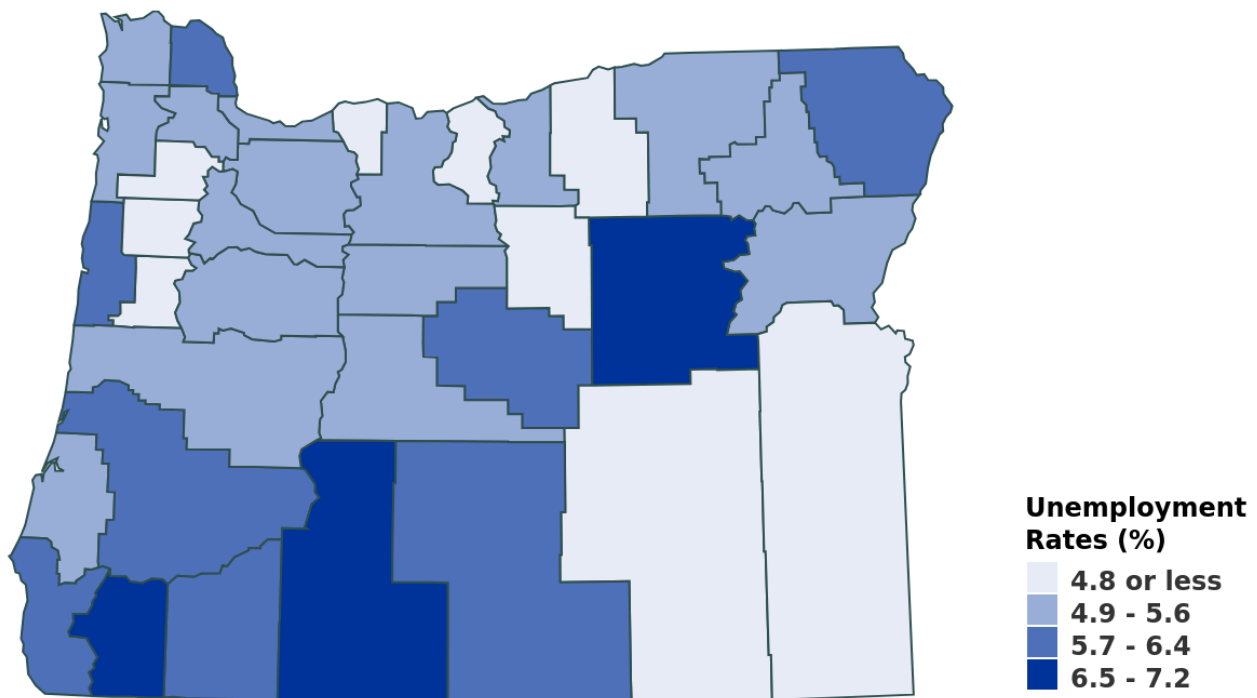
April 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In April, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in three. Twenty counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and three had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 4.3%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April at 7.2%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Grant (6.9%) and Josephine (6.7%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in April at 4.0%. Benton (4.2%) and Morrow (4.3%) counties also had relatively low unemployment rates.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

April 2026



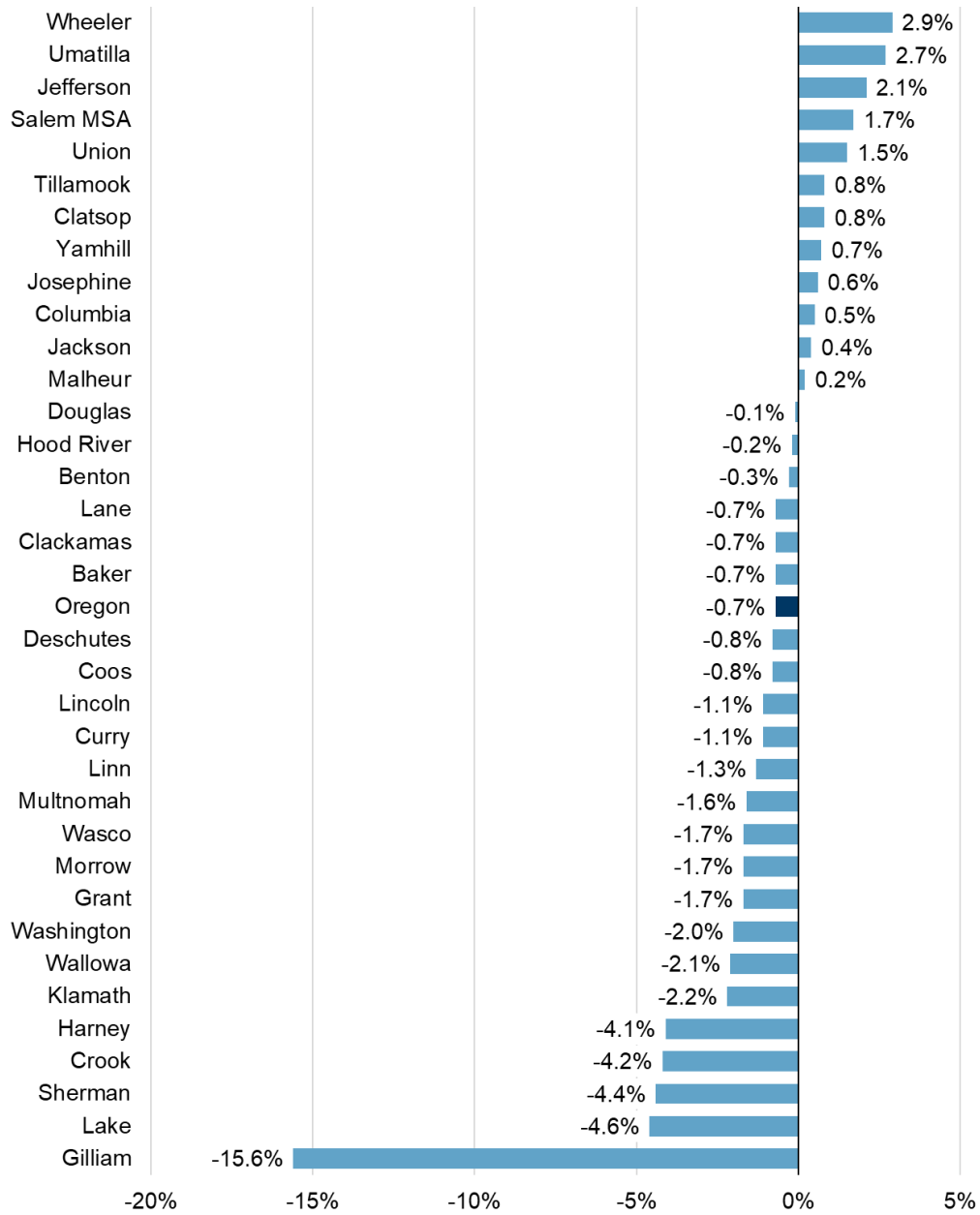
Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between April 2025 and April 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 13 of Oregon’s counties and decreased in 23. Wheeler County had Oregon’s highest year-over-year job growth at 2.9%. Umatilla (2.7%) and Jefferson (2.1%) counties also had relatively high job gains. Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 15.6%. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.7%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

Job Growth by Oregon County

Seasonally Adjusted, April 2025 - April 2026



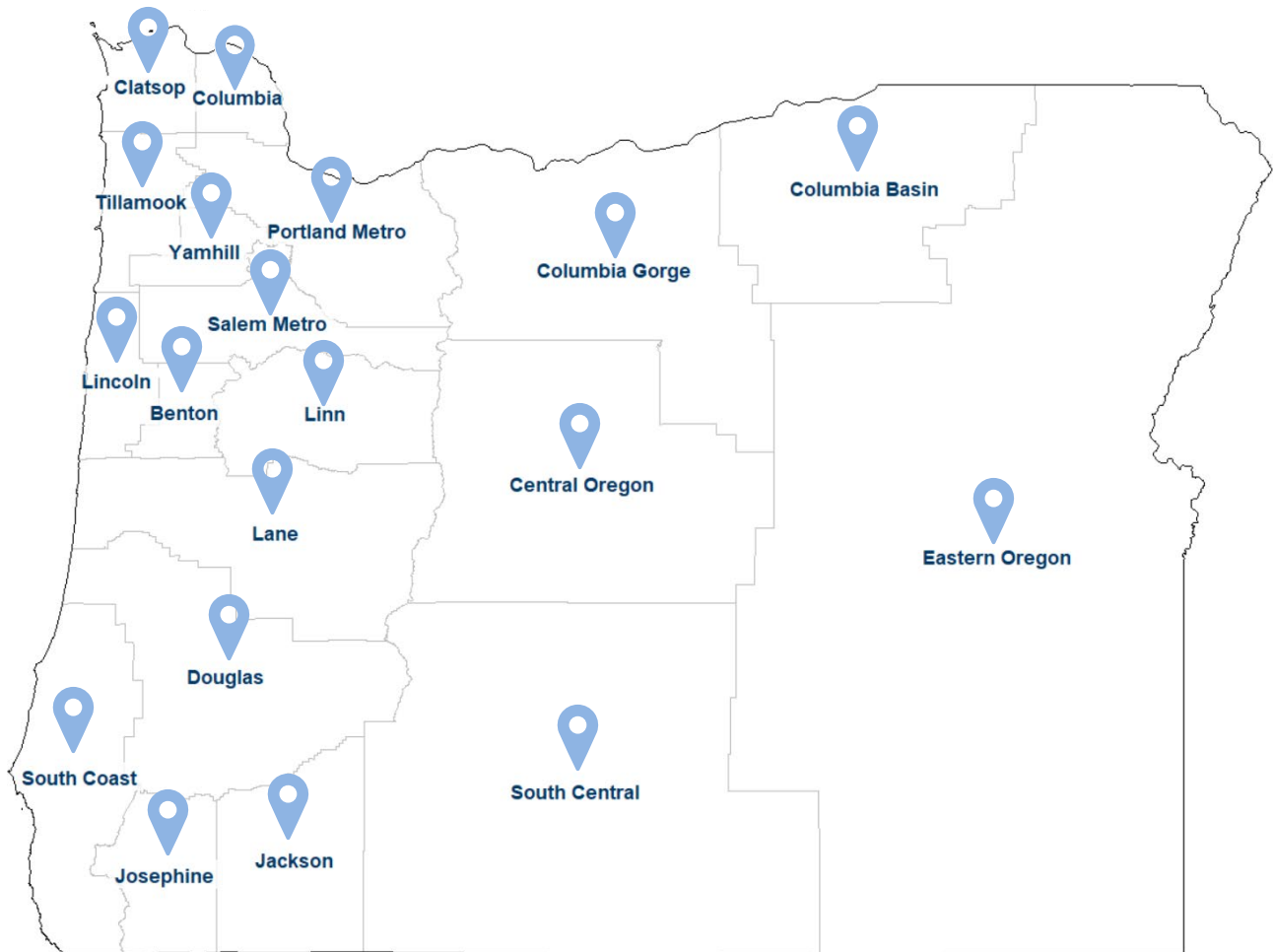
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for May 2026 on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. The May 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

This Month's Local Area Press Releases

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