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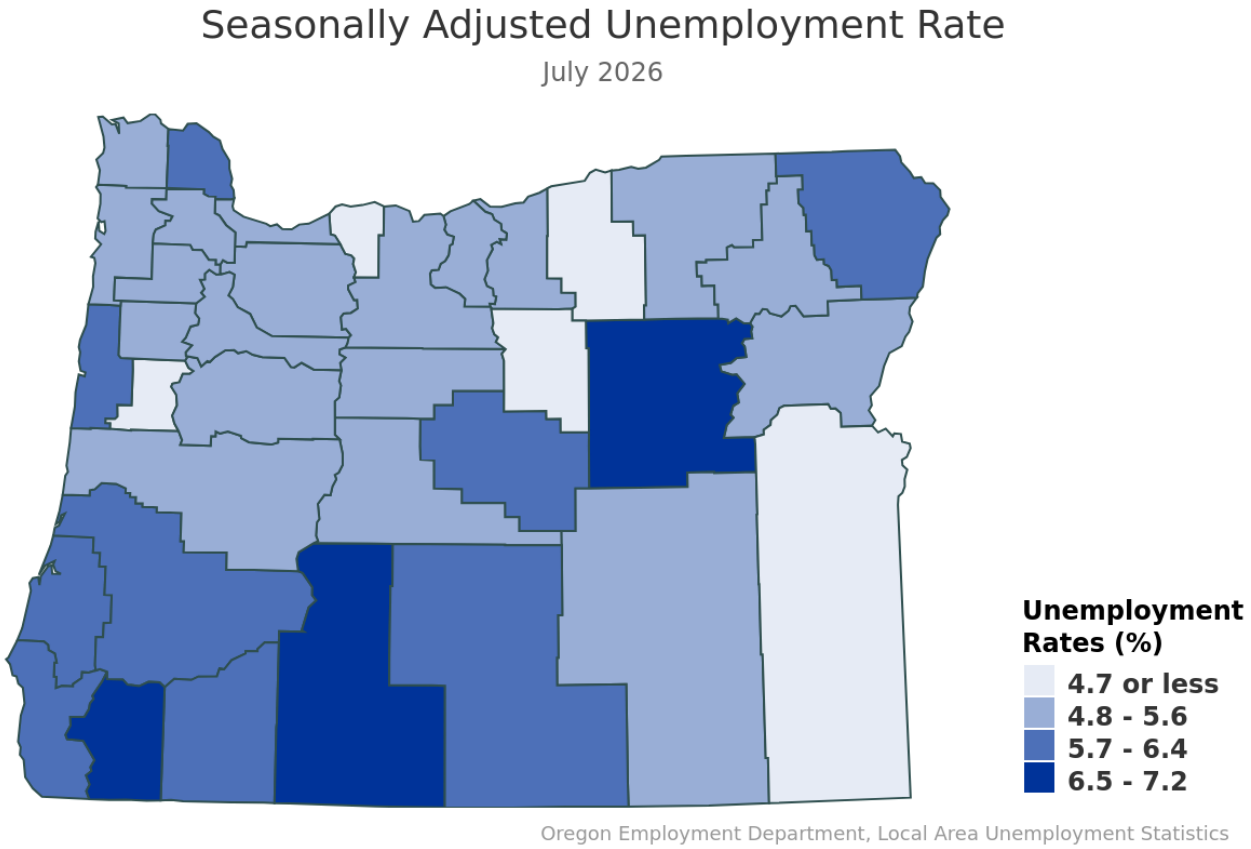
July 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

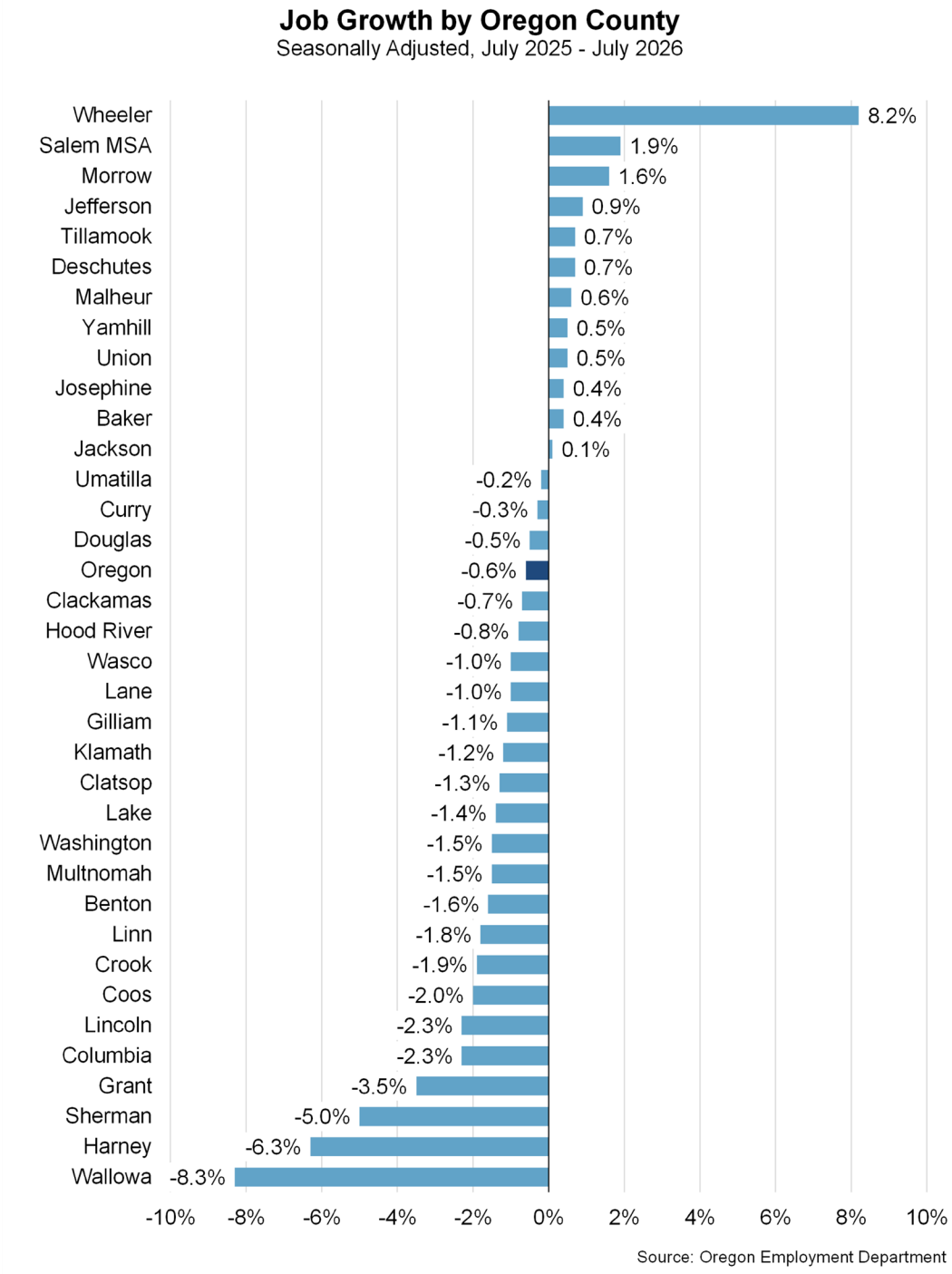
In July, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 29 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in seven. Twenty counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and one, Hood River County, had a rate at or below the U.S. rate of 4.1%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July at 7.2%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (7.0%) and Grant (6.7%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in July at 3.9%. Benton and Wheeler counties also had relatively low rates at 4.2% and 4.3%, respectively.



Between July 2025 and July 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 8.2%. Wallowa County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 8.3%. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.6%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for August 2026 on Wednesday, Sep. 16, 2026. The August 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Sep. 22, 2026.

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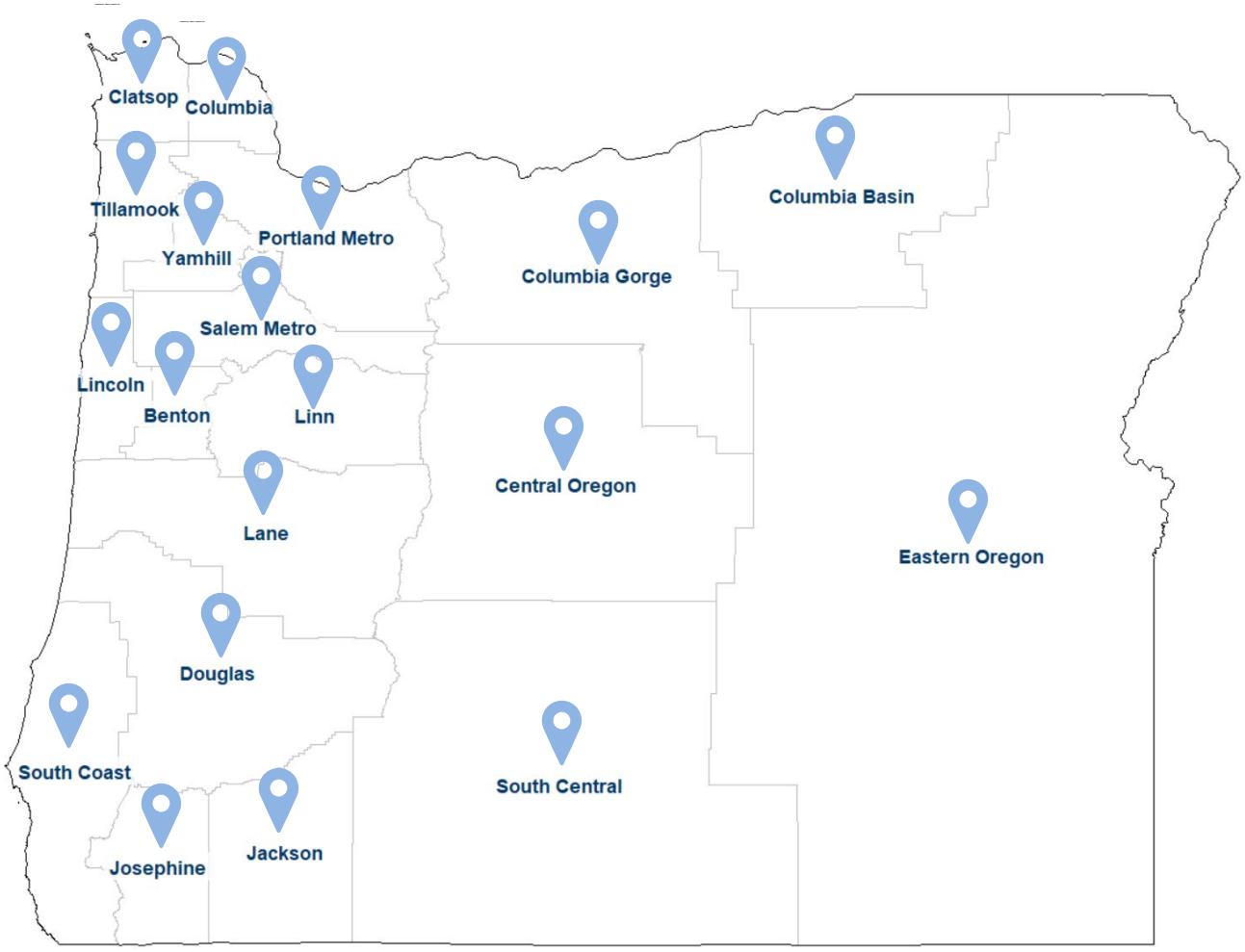

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