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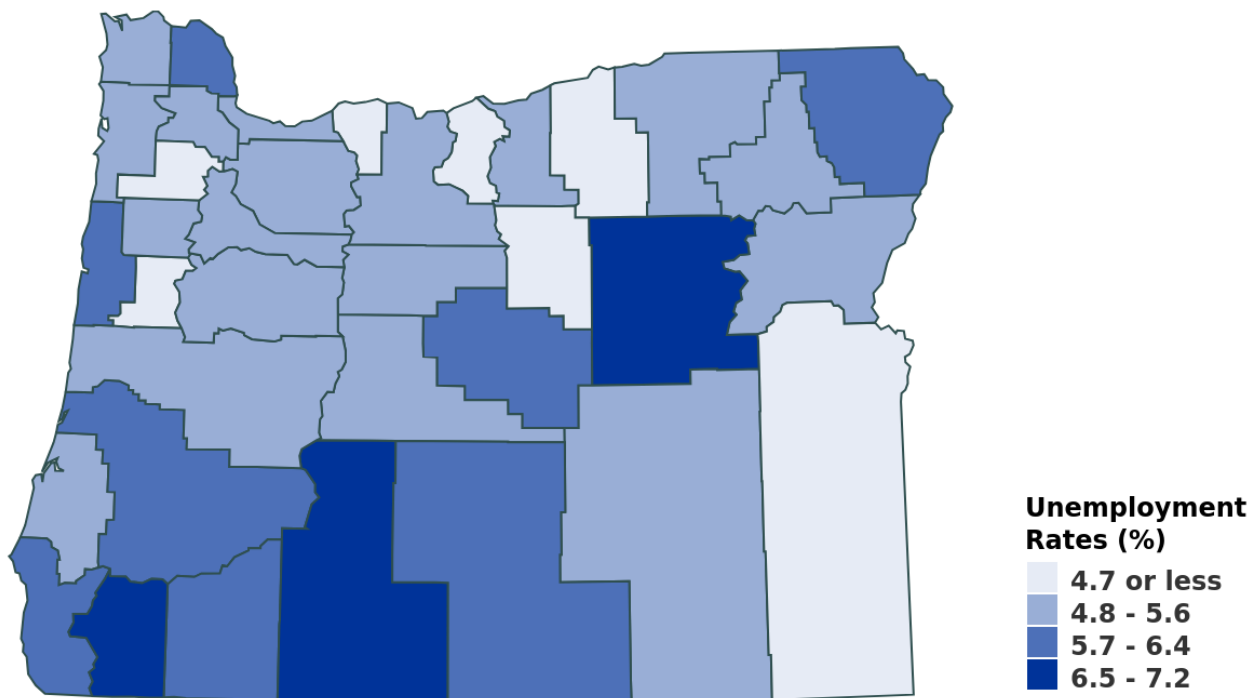
August 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In August, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 32 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in four. Nineteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.1%, and two, Hood River and Benton counties, had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 4.1%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August at 7.2%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (7.0%) and Grant (6.8%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in August at 3.9%. Benton and Wheeler counties also had relatively low rates of 4.1% and 4.2%, respectively.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

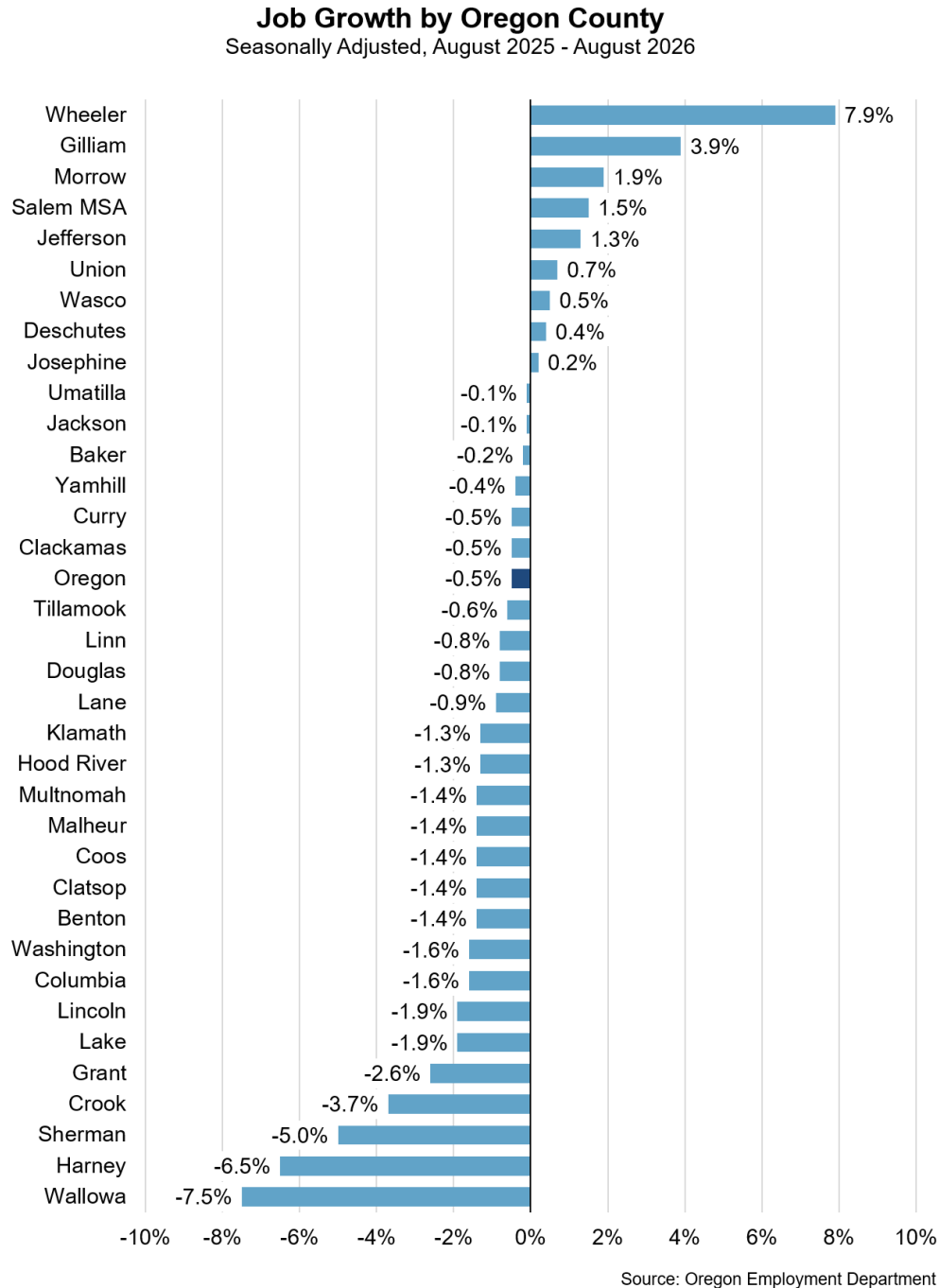
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Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between August 2025 and August 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 10 of Oregon's counties and decreased in 26. Wheeler County had Oregon's highest year-over-year job growth at 7.9%. Wallowa County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 7.5%. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.5%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

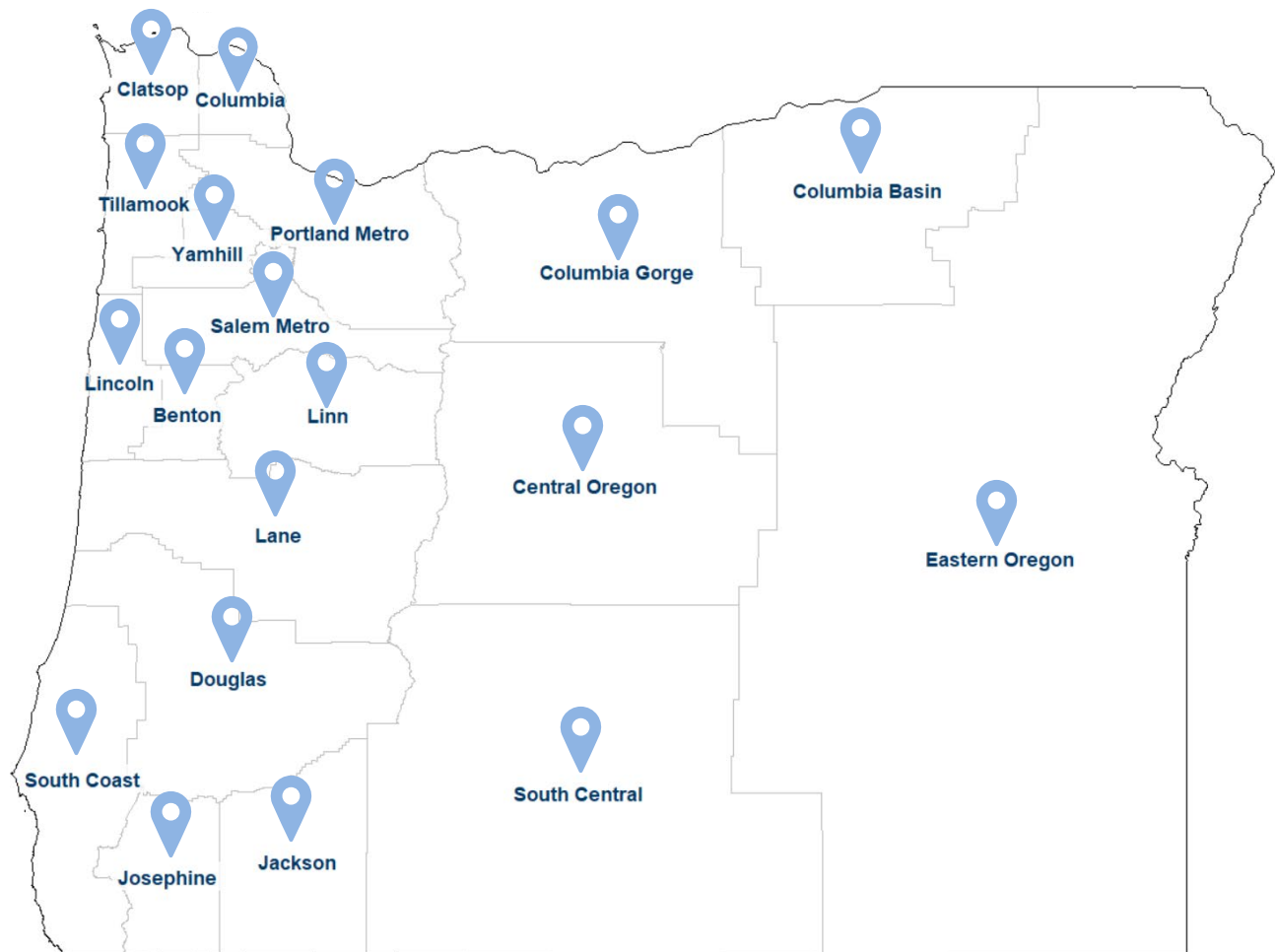


Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for September 2026 on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026. The September 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026.

This Month's Local Area Press Releases

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