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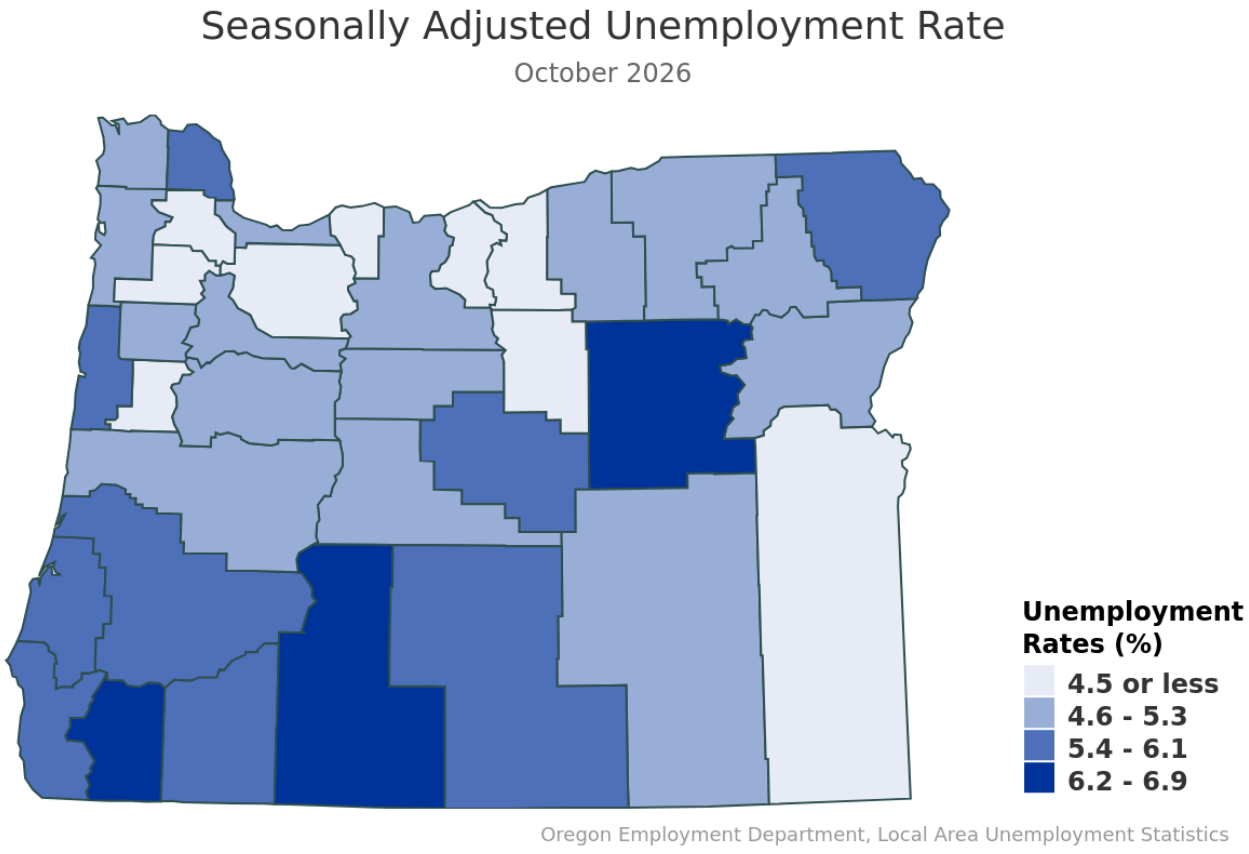
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October 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

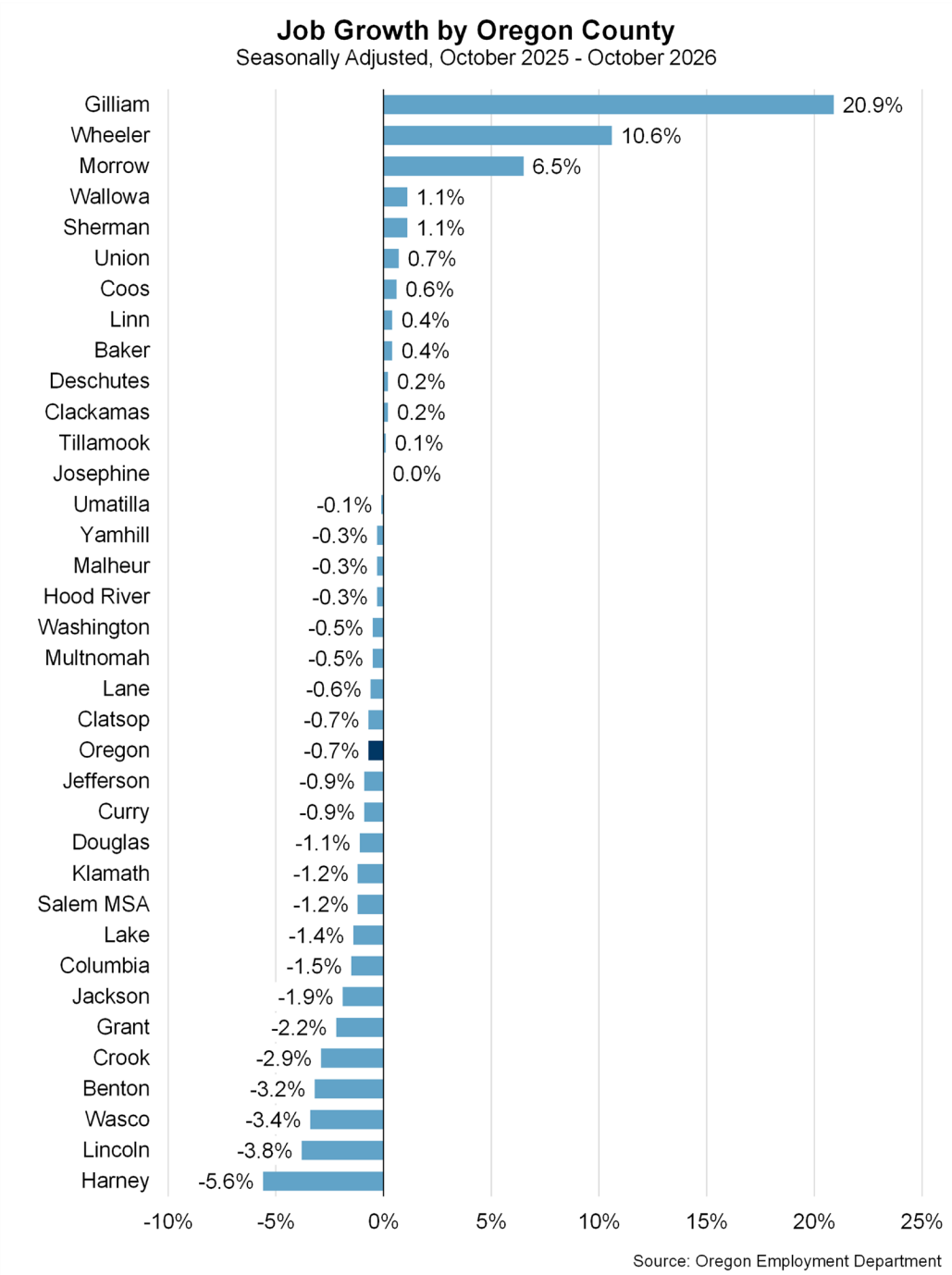
In October, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 34 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in two: Harney and Grant. Nineteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.9%, and three counties, Hood River, Wheeler, and Benton, had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 4.1%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October at 6.9%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Grant and Josephine, each at 6.8%. Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in October at 3.7%. Wheeler and Benton counties also had relatively low rates of 3.9% and 4.0%, respectively.



Between October 2025 and October 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 12 of Oregon's counties, was unchanged in one, and decreased in 23. Gilliam County had Oregon's highest year-over-year job growth at 20.9%. Harney County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 5.6%. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.7%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

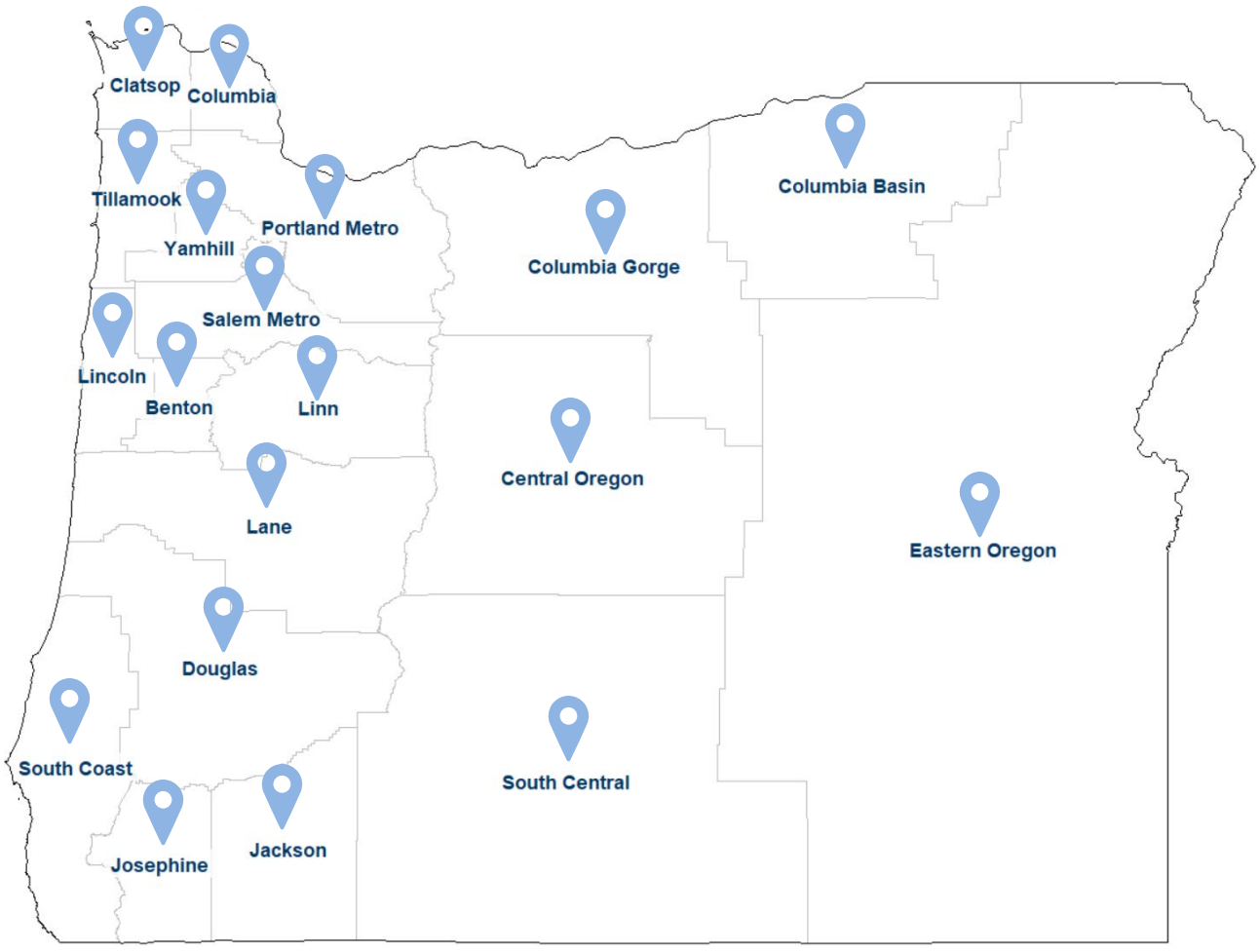


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