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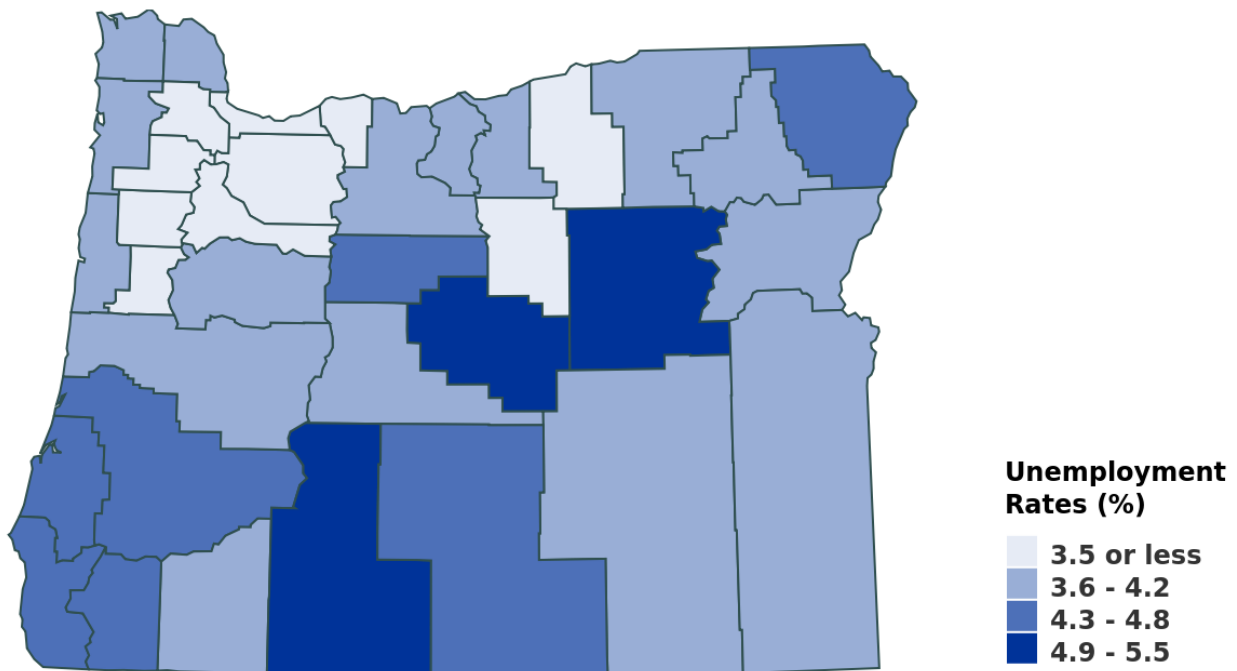
September 2023 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In September, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in 27 of Oregon's 36 counties over the month and increased in nine. Ten counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 3.5%, and 21 counties had a rate at or below the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.8%.

Crook County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (5.5%) in September. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Klamath (5.1%) and Grant (5.0%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate (2.8%) in September. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Benton (2.9%) and Washington (3.0%).

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

September 2023

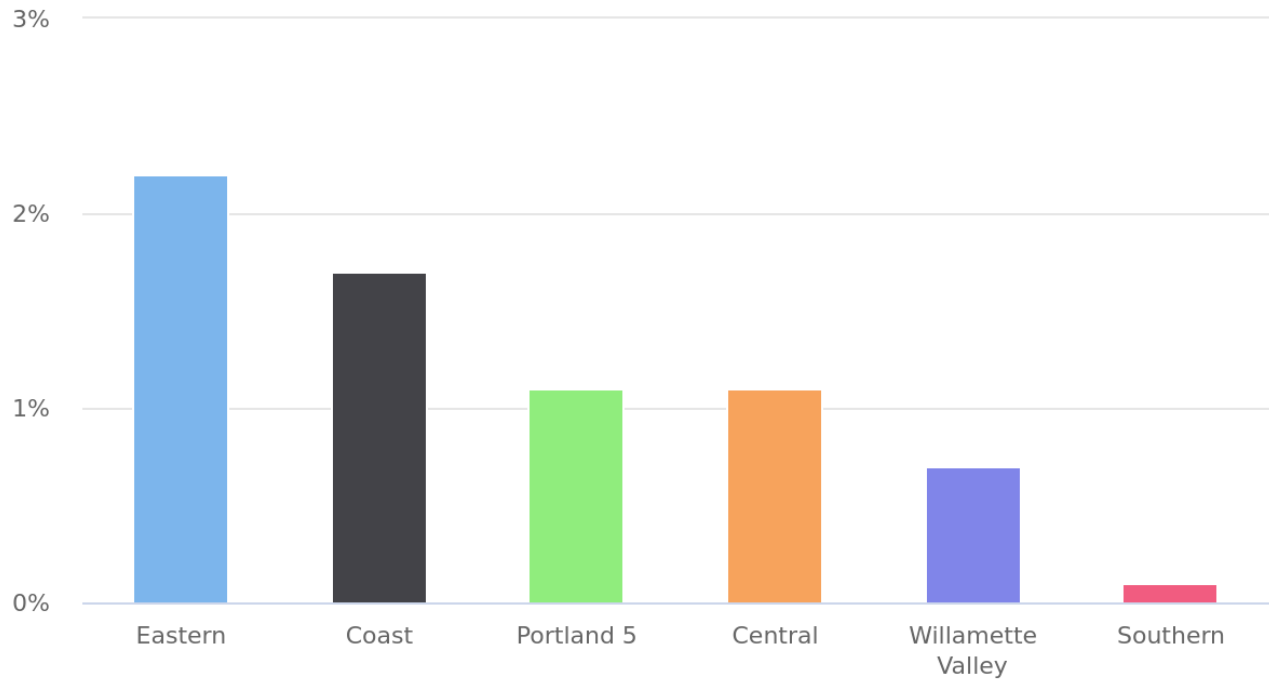


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between September 2022 and September 2023, total nonfarm employment rose in all six broad regions across Oregon. Eastern Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 2.2%. Employment also grew at a relatively fast pace along the Coast (1.7%). Employment grew at a relatively moderate pace in the five Portland-metro counties (1.1%), in Central Oregon (1.1%), and in the Willamette Valley (0.7%). Growth was slowest in Southern Oregon (0.1%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

September 2022 to September 2023, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for October 2023 on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023. The October 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Nov 21, 2023.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	September 2023					August 2023					September 2022				
	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
United States	167,718,000	161,669,000	6,049,000	3.6	3.8	168,049,000	161,427,000	6,623,000	3.9	3.8	164,463,000	159,003,000	5,460,000	3.3	3.5
State of Oregon	2,148,833	2,074,161	74,672	3.5	3.5	2,160,334	2,077,722	82,612	3.8	3.4	2,189,826	2,097,214	92,612	4.2	4.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,302	58,030	2,272	3.8	3.8	60,635	58,171	2,464	4.1	3.8	61,607	58,731	2,876	4.7	5.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	101,844	98,371	3,473	3.4	3.6	102,101	98,320	3,781	3.7	3.7	104,106	99,795	4,311	4.1	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,271	46,779	1,492	3.1	2.9	47,654	46,081	1,573	3.3	2.7	48,936	47,063	1,873	3.8	3.9
Eugene (Lane County)	176,528	169,837	6,691	3.8	3.7	176,432	169,096	7,336	4.2	3.8	182,823	174,164	8,659	4.7	5.0
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,197	34,593	1,604	4.4	4.7	36,253	34,423	1,830	5.0	4.7	36,895	34,910	1,985	5.4	6.2
Medford (Jackson County)	105,597	101,623	3,974	3.8	4.1	105,876	101,274	4,602	4.3	4.1	108,129	103,094	5,035	4.7	5.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,358,170	1,312,535	45,635	3.4	3.4	1,365,296	1,314,586	50,710	3.7	3.3	1,369,043	1,314,439	54,604	4.0	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	212,300	204,984	7,316	3.4	3.5	213,441	205,293	8,148	3.8	3.5	216,889	207,698	9,191	4.2	4.7
Counties:															
Baker	7,140	6,882	258	3.6	4.1	7,079	6,794	285	4.0	4.1	7,493	7,158	335	4.5	5.3
Benton	48,271	46,779	1,492	3.1	2.9	47,654	46,081	1,573	3.3	2.7	48,936	47,063	1,873	3.8	3.9
Clackamas	224,592	217,281	7,311	3.3	3.2	226,225	218,261	7,964	3.5	3.2	227,767	218,850	8,917	3.9	4.1
Clatsop	19,484	18,829	655	3.4	3.6	19,840	19,120	720	3.6	3.6	20,071	19,218	853	4.2	4.7
Columbia	24,829	23,807	1,022	4.1	4.1	25,017	23,871	1,146	4.6	4.1	25,206	23,984	1,222	4.8	5.2
Coos	26,083	24,991	1,092	4.2	4.3	26,373	25,151	1,222	4.6	4.3	26,720	25,274	1,446	5.4	5.8
Crook	10,897	10,328	569	5.2	5.5	11,048	10,428	620	5.6	5.4	11,431	10,834	597	5.2	6.0
Curry	9,259	8,883	376	4.1	4.4	9,288	8,877	411	4.4	4.3	9,391	8,892	499	5.3	6.0
Deschutes	101,844	98,371	3,473	3.4	3.6	102,101	98,320	3,781	3.7	3.7	104,106	99,795	4,311	4.1	4.5
Douglas	46,294	44,325	1,969	4.3	4.5	46,553	44,320	2,233	4.8	4.5	47,902	45,351	2,551	5.3	5.8
Gilliam	897	862	35	3.9	4.2	932	892	40	4.3	4.0	1,026	992	34	3.3	3.9
Grant	3,276	3,164	112	3.4	5.0	3,267	3,148	119	3.6	5.0	3,293	3,140	153	4.6	6.8
Harney	3,658	3,545	113	3.1	3.8	3,680	3,556	124	3.4	3.9	3,870	3,702	168	4.3	5.6
Hood River	14,572	14,201	371	2.5	2.8	14,576	14,113	463	3.2	2.7	15,284	14,783	501	3.3	4.1
Jackson	105,597	101,623	3,974	3.8	4.1	105,876	101,274	4,602	4.3	4.1	108,129	103,094	5,035	4.7	5.1
Jefferson	10,172	9,754	418	4.1	4.5	10,170	9,725	445	4.4	4.4	10,313	9,765	548	5.3	6.2
Josephine	36,197	34,593	1,604	4.4	4.7	36,253	34,423	1,830	5.0	4.7	36,895	34,910	1,985	5.4	6.2
Klamath	29,874	28,645	1,229	4.1	5.1	29,575	28,162	1,413	4.8	5.2	30,742	29,080	1,662	5.4	6.5
Lake	3,536	3,390	146	4.1	4.7	3,630	3,474	156	4.3	4.7	3,679	3,505	174	4.7	6.1
Lane	176,528	169,837	6,691	3.8	3.7	176,432	169,096	7,336	4.2	3.8	182,823	174,164	8,659	4.7	5.0
Lincoln	21,161	20,372	789	3.7	4.1	21,755	20,860	895	4.1	4.1	21,553	20,468	1,085	5.0	5.7
Linn	60,302	58,030	2,272	3.8	3.8	60,635	58,171	2,464	4.1	3.8	61,607	58,731	2,876	4.7	5.0
Malheur	12,582	12,191	391	3.1	3.6	12,664	12,178	486	3.8	3.6	12,761	12,236	525	4.1	5.0
Marion	169,744	163,905	5,839	3.4	3.5	170,696	164,189	6,507	3.8	3.5	173,435	166,100	7,335	4.2	4.7
Morrow	6,199	6,015	184	3.0	3.4	6,140	5,928	212	3.5	3.3	6,220	5,973	247	4.0	4.5
Multnomah	464,042	448,117	15,925	3.4	3.4	467,159	449,714	17,445	3.7	3.3	470,091	451,339	18,752	4.0	4.2
Polk	42,556	41,079	1,477	3.5	3.5	42,745	41,104	1,641	3.8	3.5	43,454	41,598	1,856	4.3	4.6
Sherman	957	925	32	3.3	3.8	979	939	40	4.1	3.8	980	950	30	3.1	3.5
Tillamook	12,003	11,592	411	3.4	3.7	12,365	11,894	471	3.8	3.7	12,221	11,668	553	4.5	4.9
Umatilla	39,273	38,019	1,254	3.2	3.8	38,935	37,445	1,490	3.8	3.9	39,406	37,412	1,994	5.1	5.1
Union	11,749	11,347	402	3.4	3.7	11,964	11,532	432	3.6	3.8	12,179	11,613	566	4.6	5.2
Wallowa	3,724	3,613	111	3.0	4.4	3,855	3,731	124	3.2	4.5	3,744	3,580	164	4.4	6.0
Wasco	12,845	12,383	462	3.6	3.7	13,804	13,287	517	3.7	3.7	13,191	12,649	542	4.1	4.6
Washington	331,968	321,563	10,405	3.1	3.0	333,992	322,618	11,374	3.4	3.0	336,303	323,995	12,308	3.7	3.7
Wheeler	770	748	22	2.9	3.1	756	731	25	3.3	3.0	760	737	23	3.0	3.5
Yamhill	55,963	54,174	1,789	3.2	3.2	56,321	54,315	2,006	3.6	3.2	56,846	54,612	2,234	3.9	4.2

(1) Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.