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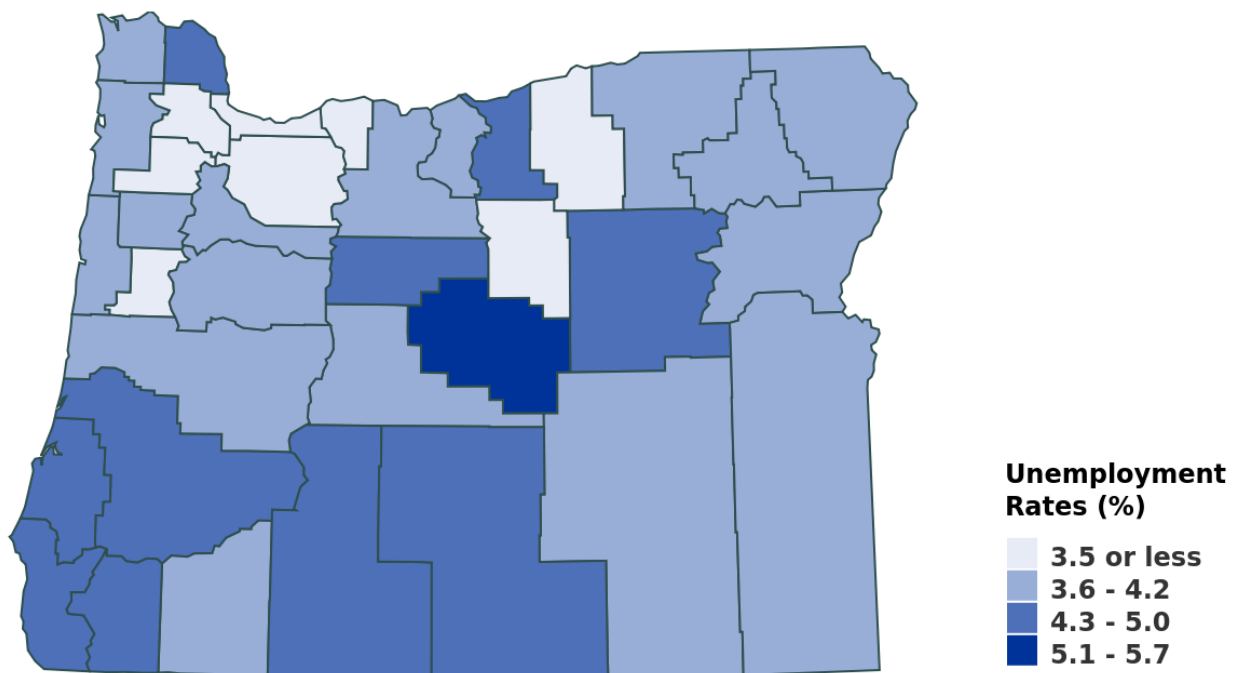
## December 2023 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in 17 of Oregon's 36 counties over the month and increased in 19. Fifteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide and U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

Crook County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (5.7%) in December. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Lake (5.0%), Josephine (4.9%), and Klamath (4.9%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate in December at 2.7%. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Hood River (3.0%), Benton (3.2%), and Washington (3.2%).

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

December 2023

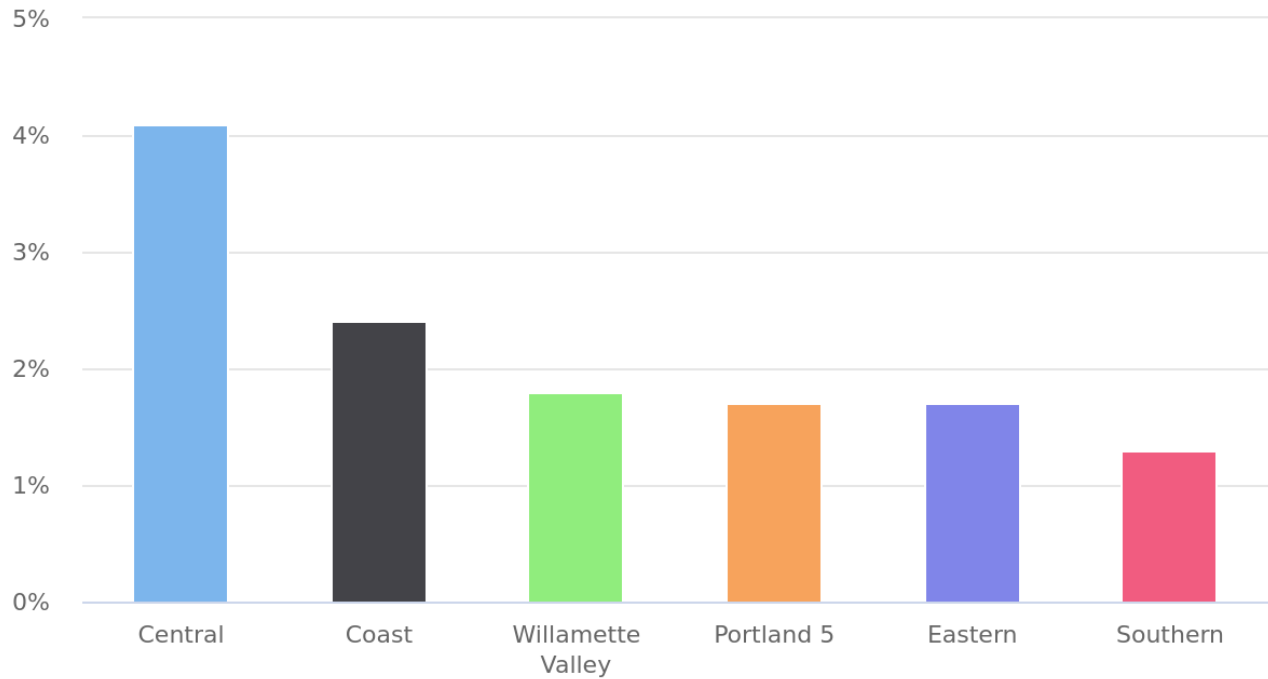


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between December 2022 and December 2023, total nonfarm employment rose in all six broad regions across Oregon. Central Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 4.1%. Employment grew at a relatively moderate pace along the Coast (2.4%), in the Willamette Valley (1.8%), in the five Portland-metro counties (1.7%), and in Eastern Oregon (1.7%). Growth was slowest in Southern Oregon (1.3%).

## Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

December 2022 to December 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 January 2024 on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The January 2024 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2023					November 2023					December 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	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5	3.7	167,977,000	162,149,000	5,827,000	3.5	3.7	164,224,000	158,872,000	5,523,000	3.3	3.5
State of Oregon	2,159,283	2,075,916	83,367	3.9	3.7	2,161,117	2,086,310	74,807	3.5	3.6	2,176,351	2,077,265	99,086	4.6	4.8
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	61,429	58,903	2,526	4.1	4.0	61,279	58,948	2,331	3.8	3.9	61,687	58,602	3,085	5.0	5.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	102,885	98,818	4,067	4.0	3.6	102,322	98,733	3,589	3.5	3.6	103,082	97,988	5,094	4.9	4.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	50,346	48,763	1,583	3.1	3.2	50,450	49,131	1,319	2.6	3.0	49,857	48,034	1,823	3.7	4.0
Eugene (Lane County)	177,861	170,425	7,436	4.2	4.0	177,081	170,444	6,637	3.7	3.9	182,218	173,156	9,062	5.0	5.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,400	34,576	1,824	5.0	4.9	36,318	34,664	1,654	4.6	4.8	36,851	34,437	2,414	6.6	6.3
Medford (Jackson County)	105,247	100,752	4,495	4.3	4.1	105,867	101,783	4,084	3.9	4.1	106,225	100,734	5,491	5.2	5.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,370,774	1,318,892	51,882	3.8	3.7	1,370,815	1,324,025	46,790	3.4	3.5	1,379,189	1,321,507	57,682	4.2	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	212,066	203,753	8,313	3.9	3.8	213,153	205,842	7,311	3.4	3.6	213,415	203,756	9,659	4.5	4.7
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,159	6,822	337	4.7	4.1	7,131	6,858	273	3.8	4.1	7,337	6,902	435	5.9	5.4
Benton	50,346	48,763	1,583	3.1	3.2	50,450	49,131	1,319	2.6	3.0	49,857	48,034	1,823	3.7	4.0
Clackamas	226,300	218,510	7,790	3.4	3.3	226,359	219,320	7,039	3.1	3.0	227,914	218,759	9,155	4.0	4.2
Clatsop	18,874	18,110	764	4.0	3.7	19,152	18,474	678	3.5	3.6	19,074	18,126	948	5.0	4.8
Columbia	25,170	24,003	1,167	4.6	4.4	25,148	24,062	1,086	4.3	4.2	25,384	24,043	1,341	5.3	5.3
Coos	26,360	25,118	1,242	4.7	4.4	26,455	25,327	1,128	4.3	4.3	26,473	24,910	1,563	5.9	5.9
Crook	10,751	10,089	662	6.2	5.7	10,795	10,201	594	5.5	5.7	11,153	10,391	762	6.8	6.2
Curry	8,932	8,459	473	5.3	4.5	8,924	8,525	399	4.5	4.4	8,871	8,313	558	6.3	6.1
Deschutes	102,885	98,818	4,067	4.0	3.6	102,322	98,733	3,589	3.5	3.6	103,082	97,988	5,094	4.9	4.7
Douglas	46,501	44,272	2,229	4.8	4.5	46,322	44,318	2,004	4.3	4.5	47,351	44,560	2,791	5.9	6.0
Gilliam	918	868	50	5.4	4.6	918	876	42	4.6	4.4	1,026	987	39	3.8	3.9
Grant	3,133	2,978	155	4.9	4.7	3,151	3,025	126	4.0	4.8	3,162	2,925	237	7.5	6.9
Harney	3,551	3,391	160	4.5	3.9	3,563	3,432	131	3.7	3.9	3,696	3,459	237	6.4	5.8
Hood River	13,558	13,146	412	3.0	3.0	13,647	13,268	379	2.8	2.9	14,174	13,644	530	3.7	4.2
Jackson	105,247	100,752	4,495	4.3	4.1	105,867	101,783	4,084	3.9	4.1	106,225	100,734	5,491	5.2	5.3
Jefferson	10,175	9,686	489	4.8	4.4	10,207	9,792	415	4.1	4.4	10,228	9,572	656	6.4	6.3
Josephine	36,400	34,576	1,824	5.0	4.9	36,318	34,664	1,654	4.6	4.8	36,851	34,437	2,414	6.6	6.3
Klamath	29,738	28,062	1,676	5.6	4.9	29,964	28,579	1,385	4.6	4.9	30,210	28,007	2,203	7.3	6.6
Lake	3,475	3,280	195	5.6	5.0	3,493	3,327	166	4.8	4.9	3,630	3,391	239	6.6	6.3
Lane	177,861	170,425	7,436	4.2	4.0	177,081	170,444	6,637	3.7	3.9	182,218	173,156	9,062	5.0	5.1
Lincoln	20,435	19,505	930	4.6	4.1	20,565	19,742	823	4.0	4.0	20,214	18,952	1,262	6.2	5.8
Linn	61,429	58,903	2,526	4.1	4.0	61,279	58,948	2,331	3.8	3.9	61,687	58,602	3,085	5.0	5.1
Malheur	12,487	12,008	479	3.8	3.6	12,639	12,243	396	3.1	3.5	12,458	11,815	643	5.2	5.1
Marion	169,421	162,739	6,682	3.9	3.7	170,246	164,380	5,866	3.4	3.6	170,514	162,761	7,753	4.5	4.8
Morrow	5,872	5,665	207	3.5	3.4	6,005	5,829	176	2.9	3.4	5,819	5,561	258	4.4	4.6
Multnomah	468,165	451,054	17,111	3.7	3.5	468,046	452,122	15,924	3.4	3.5	471,278	451,627	19,651	4.2	4.4
Polk	42,645	41,014	1,631	3.8	3.7	42,907	41,462	1,445	3.4	3.6	42,901	40,995	1,906	4.4	4.7
Sherman	960	926	34	3.5	4.0	952	914	38	4.0	4.1	958	924	34	3.5	3.6
Tillamook	11,771	11,314	457	3.9	3.7	11,840	11,432	408	3.4	3.6	11,708	11,109	599	5.1	5.0
Umatilla	37,985	36,430	1,555	4.1	3.8	38,421	37,134	1,287	3.3	3.8	37,588	35,615	1,973	5.2	5.2
Union	11,959	11,430	529	4.4	3.8	11,930	11,525	405	3.4	3.7	12,013	11,370	643	5.4	5.4
Wallowa	3,463	3,304	159	4.6	4.1	3,497	3,364	133	3.8	4.2	3,479	3,228	251	7.2	6.2
Wasco	12,797	12,267	530	4.1	3.7	12,964	12,502	462	3.6	3.7	12,933	12,245	688	5.3	4.8
Washington	335,720	324,395	11,325	3.4	3.2	335,739	325,530	10,209	3.0	3.1	337,652	325,225	12,427	3.7	3.9
Wheeler	784	761	23	2.9	2.7	791	775	16	2.0	2.8	727	701	26	3.6	3.5
Yamhill	56,053	54,072	1,981	3.5	3.4	56,029	54,269	1,760	3.1	3.3	56,508	54,197	2,311	4.1	4.3

(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.

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