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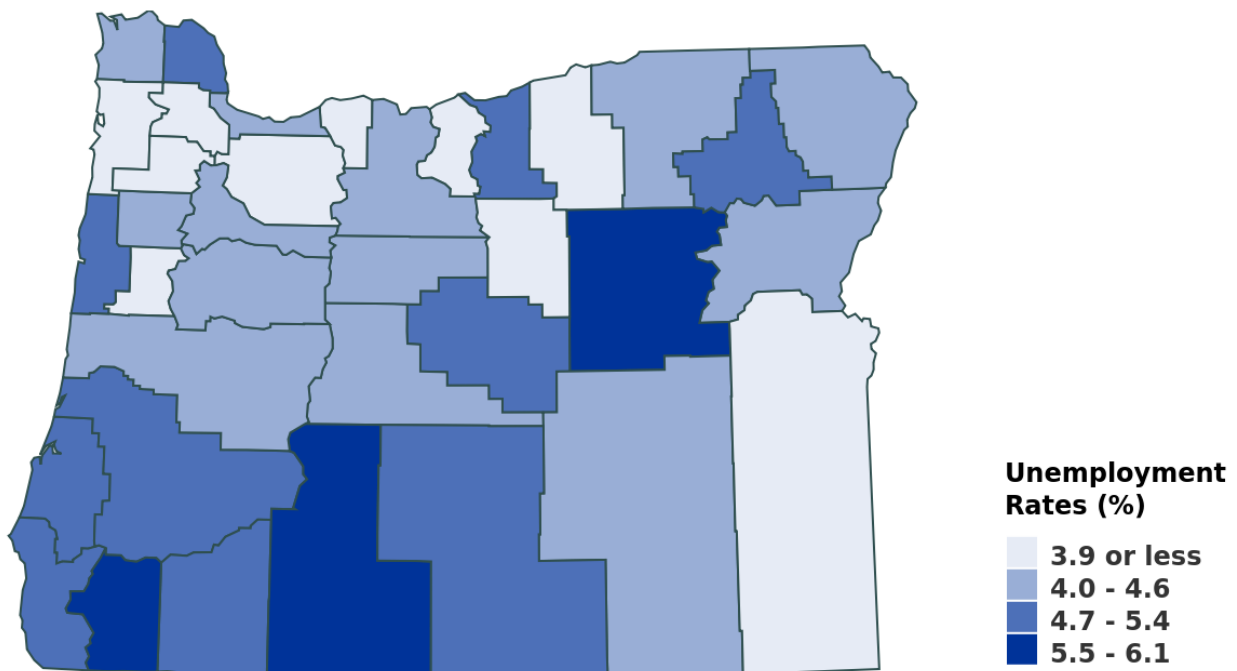
December 2024 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in 16 of Oregon's 36 counties over the month and increased in 20. Seventeen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.1%, which was the same as the U.S. rate.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December at 6.1%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (5.6%), Klamath (5.5%), and Crook (5.4%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate in December at 3.1%. Hood River and Benton counties also had relatively low unemployment rates, at 3.3% and 3.5%, respectively.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

December 2024

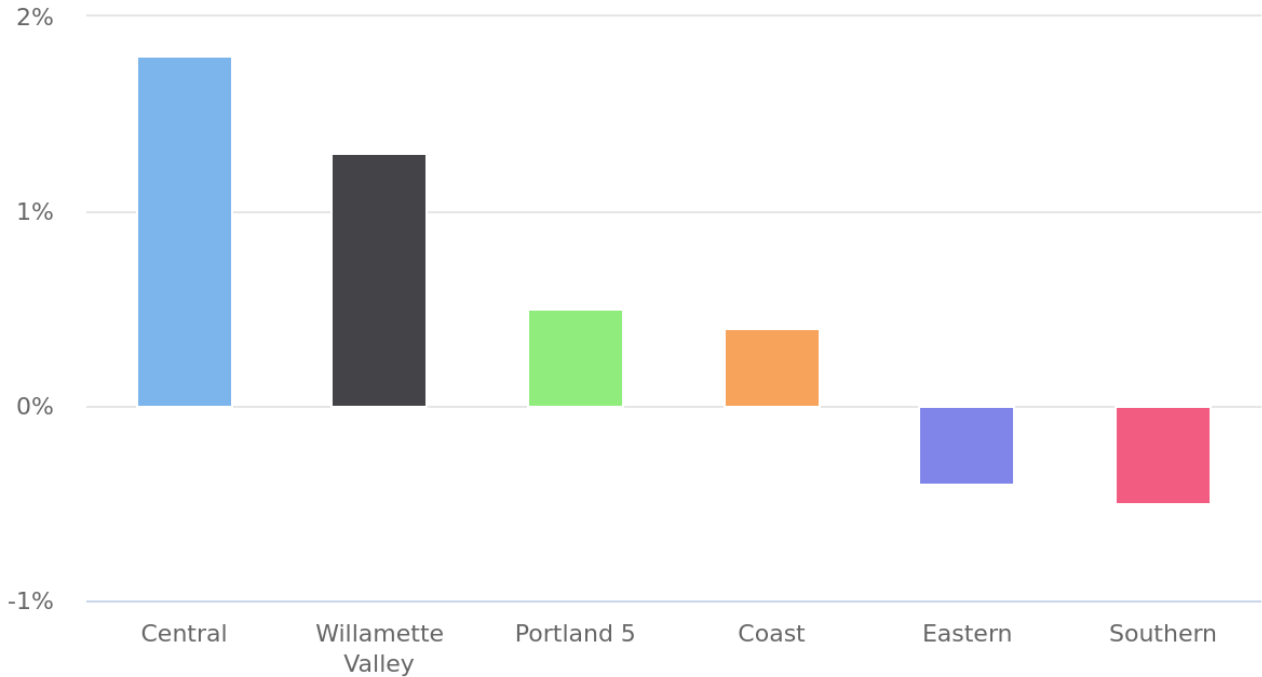


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between December 2023 and December 2024, total nonfarm employment rose in four of Oregon's six broad regions and decreased in two. Central Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.8%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in the Willamette Valley at 1.3%. Employment growth was slower in the five Portland-Metro counties (0.5%) and along the Coast (0.4%). Employment decreased in Eastern Oregon (-0.4%) and in Southern Oregon (-0.5%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

December 2023 to December 2024, 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 2025 on Monday, March 10, 2025. The January 2025 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2024					November 2024					December 2023				
	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
	Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed			
United States	167,746,000	161,294,000	6,452,000	3.8%	4.1%	168,164,000	161,456,000	6,708,000	4.0%	4.2%	166,661,000	160,754,000	5,907,000	3.5%	3.7%
Oregon	2,177,515	2,084,954	92,561	4.3%	4.1%	2,190,705	2,107,458	83,247	3.8%	4.0%	2,157,948	2,071,249	86,699	4.0%	4.0%
Metropolitan Statistical Areas															
Albany (Linn County)	61,703	58,859	2,844	4.6%	4.6%	61,925	59,373	2,552	4.1%	4.5%	60,920	58,266	2,654	4.4%	4.3%
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	106,131	101,722	4,409	4.2%	4.0%	106,627	102,710	3,917	3.7%	4.0%	105,649	101,413	4,236	4.0%	3.8%
Corvallis (Benton County)	51,033	49,218	1,815	3.6%	3.5%	51,233	49,684	1,549	3.0%	3.4%	50,225	48,606	1,619	3.2%	3.2%
Eugene (Lane County)	185,889	177,837	8,052	4.3%	4.3%	186,532	179,324	7,208	3.9%	4.2%	183,253	175,506	7,747	4.2%	4.1%
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,584	33,597	1,987	5.6%	5.6%	35,707	33,915	1,792	5.0%	5.6%	35,652	33,749	1,903	5.3%	5.3%
Medford (Jackson County)	105,267	100,398	4,869	4.6%	4.7%	106,577	102,155	4,422	4.1%	4.7%	105,611	100,913	4,698	4.4%	4.5%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,350,723	1,293,927	56,796	4.2%	4.2%	1,359,695	1,307,283	52,412	3.9%	4.1%	1,353,027	1,299,617	53,410	3.9%	3.9%
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	218,029	208,839	9,190	4.2%	4.1%	218,756	210,577	8,179	3.7%	4.1%	213,406	204,808	8,598	4.0%	3.9%
Counties															
Baker	7,106	6,795	311	4.4%	4.1%	7,147	6,883	264	3.7%	4.1%	7,096	6,742	354	5.0%	4.4%
Benton	51,033	49,218	1,815	3.6%	3.5%	51,233	49,684	1,549	3.0%	3.4%	50,225	48,606	1,619	3.2%	3.2%
Clackamas	225,890	216,920	8,970	4.0%	3.9%	227,438	219,330	8,108	3.6%	3.8%	224,071	215,987	8,084	3.6%	3.6%
Clatsop	19,629	18,790	839	4.3%	4.1%	19,931	19,186	745	3.7%	4.1%	19,262	18,467	795	4.1%	3.8%
Columbia	25,115	23,867	1,248	5.0%	4.8%	25,256	24,100	1,156	4.6%	4.7%	24,952	23,736	1,216	4.9%	4.7%
Coos	26,533	25,219	1,314	5.0%	4.9%	26,818	25,617	1,201	4.5%	4.8%	26,606	25,306	1,300	4.9%	4.7%
Crook	11,189	10,557	632	5.6%	5.4%	11,274	10,726	548	4.9%	5.5%	10,952	10,269	683	6.2%	5.9%
Curry	8,692	8,260	432	5.0%	5.1%	8,751	8,343	408	4.7%	5.2%	8,788	8,294	494	5.6%	4.9%
Deschutes	106,131	101,722	4,409	4.2%	4.0%	106,627	102,710	3,917	3.7%	4.0%	105,649	101,413	4,236	4.0%	3.8%
Douglas	47,359	44,936	2,423	5.1%	5.1%	47,343	45,150	2,193	4.6%	5.0%	47,006	44,682	2,324	4.9%	4.8%
Gilliam	965	918	47	4.9%	4.8%	960	921	39	4.1%	4.8%	906	857	49	5.4%	4.8%
Grant	3,019	2,828	191	6.3%	6.1%	3,068	2,908	160	5.2%	6.0%	3,178	3,017	161	5.1%	4.9%
Harney	3,591	3,431	160	4.5%	4.2%	3,608	3,474	134	3.7%	4.3%	3,551	3,381	170	4.8%	4.2%
Hood River	13,638	13,187	451	3.3%	3.3%	13,345	12,921	424	3.2%	3.2%	13,613	13,187	426	3.1%	3.1%
Jackson	105,267	100,398	4,869	4.6%	4.7%	106,577	102,155	4,422	4.1%	4.7%	105,611	100,913	4,698	4.4%	4.5%
Jefferson	10,338	9,848	490	4.7%	4.6%	10,422	9,998	424	4.1%	4.6%	10,082	9,572	510	5.1%	4.7%
Josephine	35,584	33,597	1,987	5.6%	5.6%	35,707	33,915	1,792	5.0%	5.6%	35,652	33,749	1,903	5.3%	5.3%
Klamath	29,849	28,071	1,778	6.0%	5.5%	30,027	28,548	1,479	4.9%	5.5%	29,958	28,182	1,776	5.9%	5.2%
Lake	3,498	3,323	175	5.0%	4.7%	3,503	3,360	143	4.1%	4.8%	3,469	3,269	200	5.8%	5.2%
Lane	185,889	177,837	8,052	4.3%	4.3%	186,532	179,324	7,208	3.9%	4.2%	183,253	175,506	7,747	4.2%	4.1%
Lincoln	20,635	19,608	1,027	5.0%	4.8%	20,874	19,950	924	4.4%	4.8%	20,781	19,818	963	4.6%	4.3%
Linn	61,703	58,859	2,844	4.6%	4.6%	61,925	59,373	2,552	4.1%	4.5%	60,920	58,266	2,654	4.4%	4.3%
Malheur	13,171	12,636	535	4.1%	3.8%	13,283	12,863	420	3.2%	3.7%	12,925	12,423	502	3.9%	3.7%
Marion	174,167	166,813	7,354	4.2%	4.1%	174,742	168,201	6,541	3.7%	4.1%	170,513	163,600	6,913	4.1%	3.9%
Morrow	5,910	5,664	246	4.2%	3.8%	6,046	5,847	199	3.3%	3.7%	5,873	5,661	212	3.6%	3.5%
Multnomah	466,877	447,544	19,333	4.1%	4.1%	469,928	452,032	17,896	3.8%	4.0%	463,515	445,668	17,847	3.9%	3.8%
Polk	43,862	42,026	1,836	4.2%	4.1%	44,014	42,376	1,638	3.7%	4.0%	42,893	41,208	1,685	3.9%	3.9%
Sherman	974	937	37	3.8%	3.7%	969	934	35	3.6%	3.5%	974	938	36	3.7%	4.1%
Tillamook	11,906	11,406	500	4.2%	3.9%	12,066	11,626	440	3.6%	3.9%	11,805	11,327	478	4.0%	3.8%
Umatilla	37,885	36,204	1,681	4.4%	4.2%	38,435	37,043	1,392	3.6%	4.1%	37,958	36,328	1,630	4.3%	4.2%
Union	12,095	11,502	593	4.9%	4.7%	12,131	11,633	498	4.1%	4.6%	11,960	11,409	551	4.6%	4.1%
Wallowa	3,456	3,294	162	4.7%	4.4%	3,509	3,375	134	3.8%	4.4%	3,430	3,268	162	4.7%	4.3%
Wasco	12,576	12,004	572	4.5%	4.1%	12,740	12,229	511	4.0%	4.0%	12,421	11,874	547	4.4%	4.0%
Washington	335,161	322,162	12,999	3.9%	3.8%	337,254	325,494	11,760	3.5%	3.7%	331,811	320,114	11,697	3.5%	3.5%
Wheeler	815	786	29	3.6%	3.1%	839	817	22	2.6%	3.0%	788	765	23	2.9%	2.7%
Yamhill	56,010	53,789	2,221	4.0%	3.9%	56,386	54,414	1,972	3.5%	3.8%	55,501	53,447	2,054	3.7%	3.6%

(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) The Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro metropolitan area includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon, and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington State.