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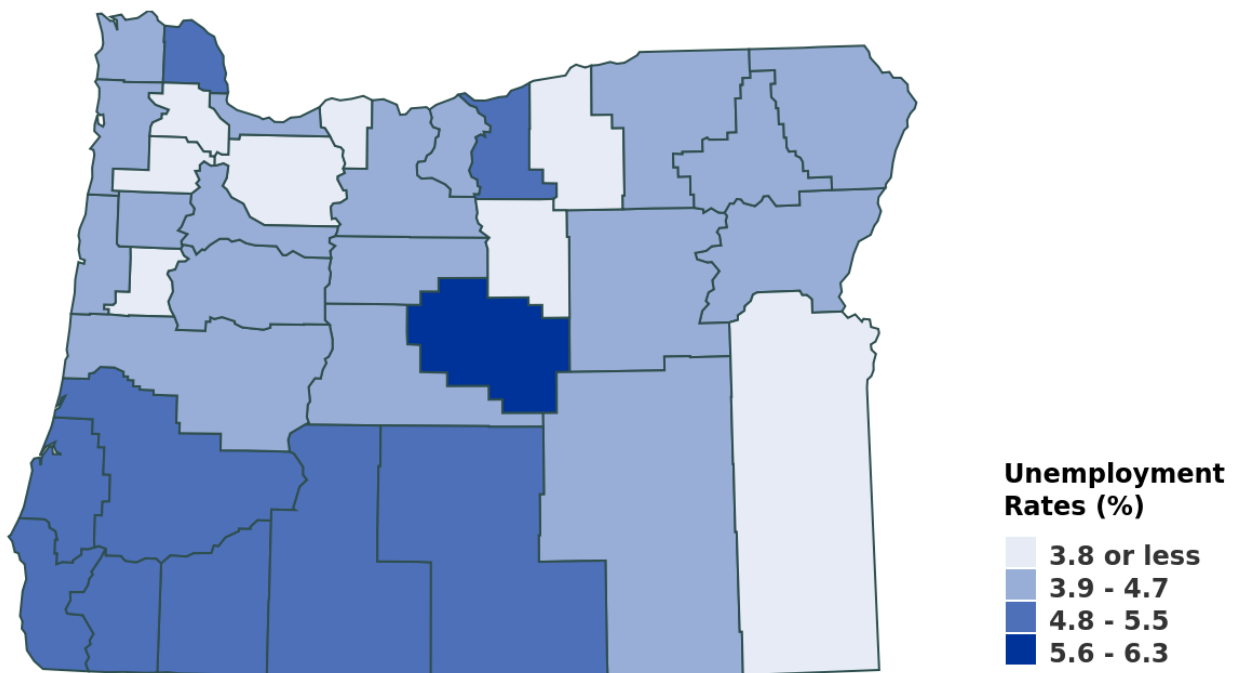
March 2024 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In March, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in eight of Oregon's 36 counties over the month and increased in 28 counties. Seventeen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.2% and eight had rates at or below the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.8%.

Crook County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March at 6.3%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (5.5%) and Gilliam (5.4%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate in March at 3.0%. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Hood River (3.2%) and Benton (3.4%).

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

March 2024

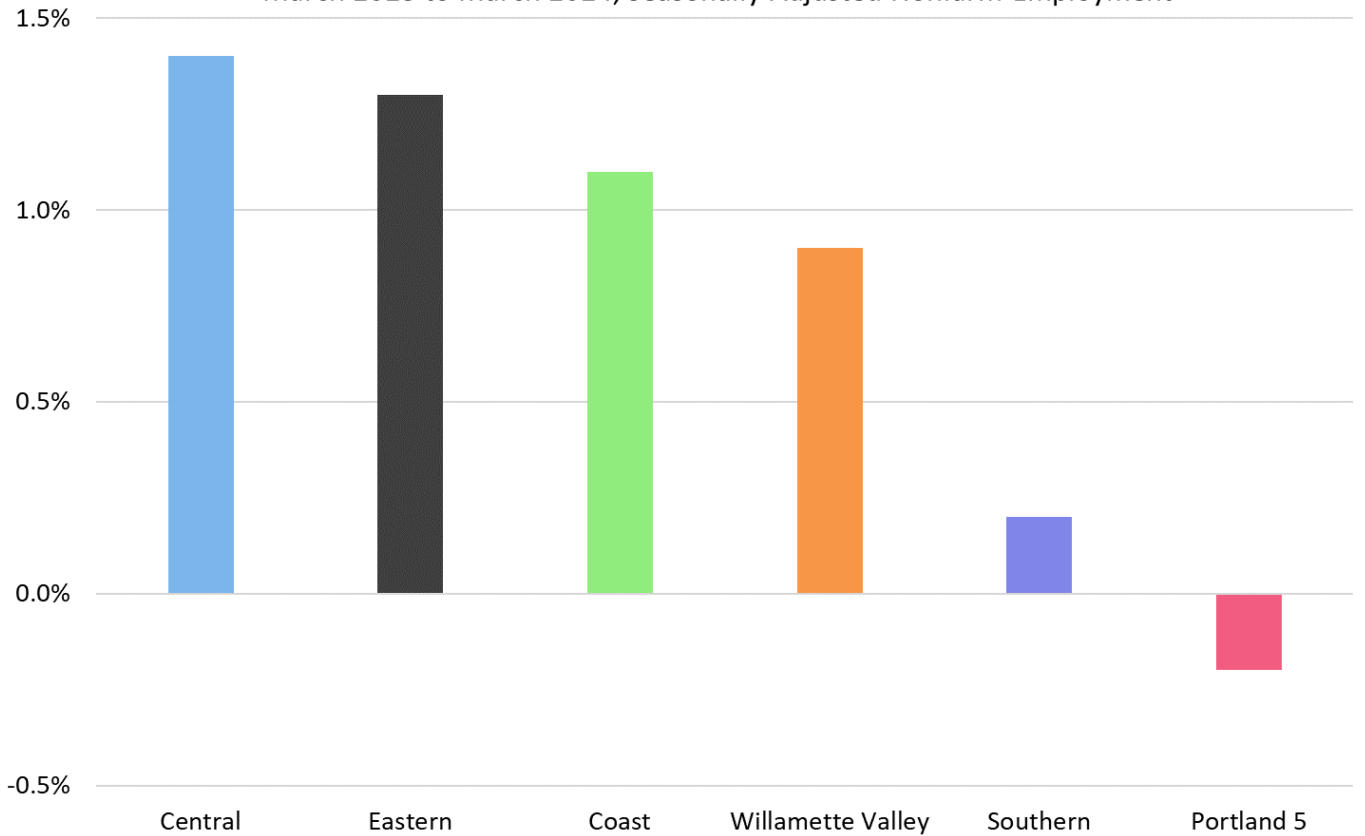


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between March 2023 and March 2024, total nonfarm employment rose in five of Oregon's six broad regions and fell in one. Central Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.4%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Eastern Oregon (1.3%) and along the Coast (1.1%). Employment grew at a moderate pace in the Willamette Valley (0.9%) and slowly in Southern Oregon (0.2%). Employment decreased in the five Portland-metro counties by 0.2%.

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

March 2023 to March 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 April 2024 on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The April 2024 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

| | March 2024 | | | | | February 2024 | | | | | March 2023 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | 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 | 167,960,000 | 161,356,000 | 6,604,000 | 3.9% | 3.8% | 167,285,000 | 160,315,000 | 6,970,000 | 4.2% | 3.9% | 166,783,000 | 160,741,000 | 6,043,000 | 3.6% | 3.5% |
| Oregon | 2,194,753 | 2,097,576 | 97,177 | 4.4% | 4.2% | 2,189,294 | 2,084,652 | 104,642 | 4.8% | 4.2% | 2,157,826 | 2,077,527 | 80,299 | 3.7% | 3.5% |
| Metropolitan Statistical Areas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albany (Linn County) | 61,982 | 58,894 | 3,088 | 5.0% | 4.7% | 61,872 | 58,600 | 3,272 | 5.3% | 4.6% | 60,533 | 58,077 | 2,456 | 4.1% | 4.8% |
| Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County) | 107,521 | 102,635 | 4,886 | 4.5% | 4.1% | 107,194 | 101,927 | 5,267 | 4.9% | 4.0% | 102,806 | 98,817 | 3,989 | 3.9% | 4.4% |
| Corvallis (Benton County) | 51,492 | 49,760 | 1,732 | 3.4% | 3.4% | 51,302 | 49,380 | 1,922 | 3.7% | 3.5% | 49,483 | 48,144 | 1,339 | 2.7% | 3.4% |
| Eugene (Lane County) | 186,150 | 177,747 | 8,403 | 4.5% | 4.4% | 186,067 | 176,899 | 9,168 | 4.9% | 4.4% | 182,723 | 175,479 | 7,244 | 4.0% | 4.8% |
| Grants Pass (Josephine County) | 36,267 | 34,145 | 2,122 | 5.9% | 5.5% | 36,205 | 33,922 | 2,283 | 6.3% | 5.5% | 35,672 | 33,778 | 1,894 | 5.3% | 6.0% |
| Medford (Jackson County) | 107,128 | 101,468 | 5,660 | 5.3% | 4.9% | 107,044 | 101,061 | 5,983 | 5.6% | 4.8% | 104,391 | 99,599 | 4,792 | 4.6% | 5.2% |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2) | 1,364,057 | 1,304,417 | 59,640 | 4.4% | 4.2% | 1,360,735 | 1,296,270 | 64,465 | 4.7% | 4.1% | 1,364,189 | 1,316,282 | 47,907 | 3.5% | 4.1% |
| Salem (Marion and Polk counties) | 217,426 | 207,878 | 9,548 | 4.4% | 4.2% | 216,623 | 206,232 | 10,391 | 4.8% | 4.2% | 210,886 | 203,015 | 7,871 | 3.7% | 4.3% |
| Counties | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baker | 7,182 | 6,795 | 387 | 5.4% | 4.5% | 7,146 | 6,743 | 403 | 5.6% | 4.4% | 7,132 | 6,786 | 346 | 4.9% | 5.0% |
| Benton | 51,492 | 49,760 | 1,732 | 3.4% | 3.4% | 51,302 | 49,380 | 1,922 | 3.7% | 3.5% | 49,483 | 48,144 | 1,339 | 2.7% | 3.4% |
| Clackamas | 227,077 | 218,123 | 8,954 | 3.9% | 3.7% | 226,544 | 216,932 | 9,612 | 4.2% | 3.6% | 225,700 | 218,370 | 7,330 | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Clatsop | 19,951 | 19,091 | 860 | 4.3% | 3.9% | 19,871 | 18,944 | 927 | 4.7% | 3.8% | 19,061 | 18,308 | 753 | 4.0% | 4.4% |
| Columbia | 25,274 | 23,961 | 1,313 | 5.2% | 4.9% | 25,250 | 23,827 | 1,423 | 5.6% | 4.8% | 25,087 | 24,025 | 1,062 | 4.2% | 5.0% |
| Coos | 27,496 | 26,096 | 1,400 | 5.1% | 4.8% | 27,503 | 25,977 | 1,526 | 5.5% | 4.8% | 26,823 | 25,473 | 1,350 | 5.0% | 5.6% |
| Crook | 11,176 | 10,386 | 790 | 7.1% | 6.3% | 11,283 | 10,330 | 953 | 8.4% | 6.1% | 11,138 | 10,502 | 636 | 5.7% | 6.0% |
| Curry | 9,054 | 8,530 | 524 | 5.8% | 5.1% | 9,060 | 8,486 | 574 | 6.3% | 4.9% | 9,025 | 8,591 | 434 | 4.8% | 5.6% |
| Deschutes | 107,521 | 102,635 | 4,886 | 4.5% | 4.1% | 107,194 | 101,927 | 5,267 | 4.9% | 4.0% | 102,806 | 98,817 | 3,989 | 3.9% | 4.4% |
| Douglas | 47,950 | 45,350 | 2,600 | 5.4% | 5.0% | 48,050 | 45,201 | 2,849 | 5.9% | 4.9% | 46,738 | 44,403 | 2,335 | 5.0% | 5.8% |
| Gilliam | 909 | 856 | 53 | 5.8% | 5.4% | 914 | 856 | 58 | 6.3% | 5.1% | 944 | 908 | 36 | 3.8% | 3.5% |
| Grant | 3,273 | 3,035 | 238 | 7.3% | 4.7% | 3,227 | 3,025 | 202 | 6.3% | 4.5% | 3,150 | 2,947 | 203 | 6.4% | 6.1% |
| Harney | 3,680 | 3,472 | 208 | 5.7% | 4.3% | 3,623 | 3,399 | 224 | 6.2% | 4.2% | 3,588 | 3,408 | 180 | 5.0% | 5.2% |
| Hood River | 14,286 | 13,819 | 467 | 3.3% | 3.2% | 14,302 | 13,738 | 564 | 3.9% | 3.2% | 13,947 | 13,527 | 420 | 3.0% | 3.7% |
| Jackson | 107,128 | 101,468 | 5,660 | 5.3% | 4.9% | 107,044 | 101,061 | 5,983 | 5.6% | 4.8% | 104,391 | 99,599 | 4,792 | 4.6% | 5.2% |
| Jefferson | 10,323 | 9,758 | 565 | 5.5% | 4.7% | 10,293 | 9,688 | 605 | 5.9% | 4.6% | 10,243 | 9,723 | 520 | 5.1% | 5.6% |
| Josephine | 36,267 | 34,145 | 2,122 | 5.9% | 5.5% | 36,205 | 33,922 | 2,283 | 6.3% | 5.5% | 35,672 | 33,778 | 1,894 | 5.3% | 6.0% |
| Klamath | 30,453 | 28,503 | 1,950 | 6.4% | 5.2% | 30,499 | 28,331 | 2,168 | 7.1% | 5.1% | 29,515 | 27,737 | 1,778 | 6.0% | 6.5% |
| Lake | 3,540 | 3,328 | 212 | 6.0% | 5.2% | 3,545 | 3,319 | 226 | 6.4% | 5.2% | 3,529 | 3,333 | 196 | 5.6% | 5.9% |
| Lane | 186,150 | 177,747 | 8,403 | 4.5% | 4.4% | 186,067 | 176,899 | 9,168 | 4.9% | 4.4% | 182,723 | 175,479 | 7,244 | 4.0% | 4.8% |
| Lincoln | 21,610 | 20,506 | 1,104 | 5.1% | 4.5% | 21,386 | 20,256 | 1,130 | 5.3% | 4.3% | 20,703 | 19,771 | 932 | 4.5% | 5.4% |
| Linn | 61,982 | 58,894 | 3,088 | 5.0% | 4.7% | 61,872 | 58,600 | 3,272 | 5.3% | 4.6% | 60,533 | 58,077 | 2,456 | 4.1% | 4.8% |
| Malheur | 13,182 | 12,619 | 563 | 4.3% | 3.8% | 12,955 | 12,368 | 587 | 4.5% | 3.7% | 12,486 | 12,030 | 456 | 3.7% | 4.6% |
| Marion | 173,767 | 166,082 | 7,685 | 4.4% | 4.1% | 173,036 | 164,720 | 8,316 | 4.8% | 4.0% | 168,435 | 162,192 | 6,243 | 3.7% | 4.4% |
| Morrow | 6,222 | 5,969 | 253 | 4.1% | 3.6% | 6,026 | 5,777 | 249 | 4.1% | 3.5% | 6,073 | 5,883 | 190 | 3.1% | 4.1% |
| Multnomah | 470,000 | 449,717 | 20,283 | 4.3% | 4.0% | 468,823 | 447,451 | 21,372 | 4.6% | 3.9% | 466,482 | 450,285 | 16,197 | 3.5% | 4.1% |
| Polk | 43,659 | 41,796 | 1,863 | 4.3% | 4.1% | 43,587 | 41,512 | 2,075 | 4.8% | 4.0% | 42,451 | 40,823 | 1,628 | 3.8% | 4.5% |
| Sherman | 1,008 | 964 | 44 | 4.4% | 4.3% | 981 | 927 | 54 | 5.5% | 4.3% | 950 | 914 | 36 | 3.8% | 3.7% |
| Tillamook | 12,364 | 11,828 | 536 | 4.3% | 4.0% | 12,421 | 11,801 | 620 | 5.0% | 4.0% | 12,093 | 11,609 | 484 | 4.0% | 4.6% |
| Umatilla | 39,207 | 37,483 | 1,724 | 4.4% | 3.9% | 38,805 | 36,905 | 1,900 | 4.9% | 3.8% | 38,078 | 36,632 | 1,446 | 3.8% | 5.1% |
| Union | 12,259 | 11,633 | 626 | 5.1% | 4.3% | 12,244 | 11,563 | 681 | 5.6% | 4.1% | 12,031 | 11,497 | 534 | 4.4% | 4.9% |
| Wallowa | 3,545 | 3,327 | 218 | 6.1% | 4.2% | 3,532 | 3,300 | 232 | 6.6% | 4.1% | 3,480 | 3,284 | 196 | 5.6% | 5.8% |
| Wasco | 12,950 | 12,348 | 602 | 4.6% | 4.0% | 12,818 | 12,156 | 662 | 5.2% | 3.9% | 12,560 | 11,988 | 572 | 4.6% | 4.7% |
| Washington | 335,460 | 322,454 | 13,006 | 3.9% | 3.7% | 334,514 | 320,563 | 13,951 | 4.2% | 3.5% | 333,737 | 323,577 | 10,160 | 3.0% | 3.6% |
| Wheeler | 813 | 784 | 29 | 3.6% | 3.0% | 808 | 777 | 31 | 3.8% | 2.9% | 789 | 767 | 22 | 2.8% | 3.2% |
| Yamhill | 56,542 | 54,312 | 2,230 | 3.9% | 3.8% | 56,566 | 53,994 | 2,572 | 4.5% | 3.7% | 56,251 | 54,342 | 1,909 | 3.4% | 4.0% |

(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.

Next release date: May 21, 2024