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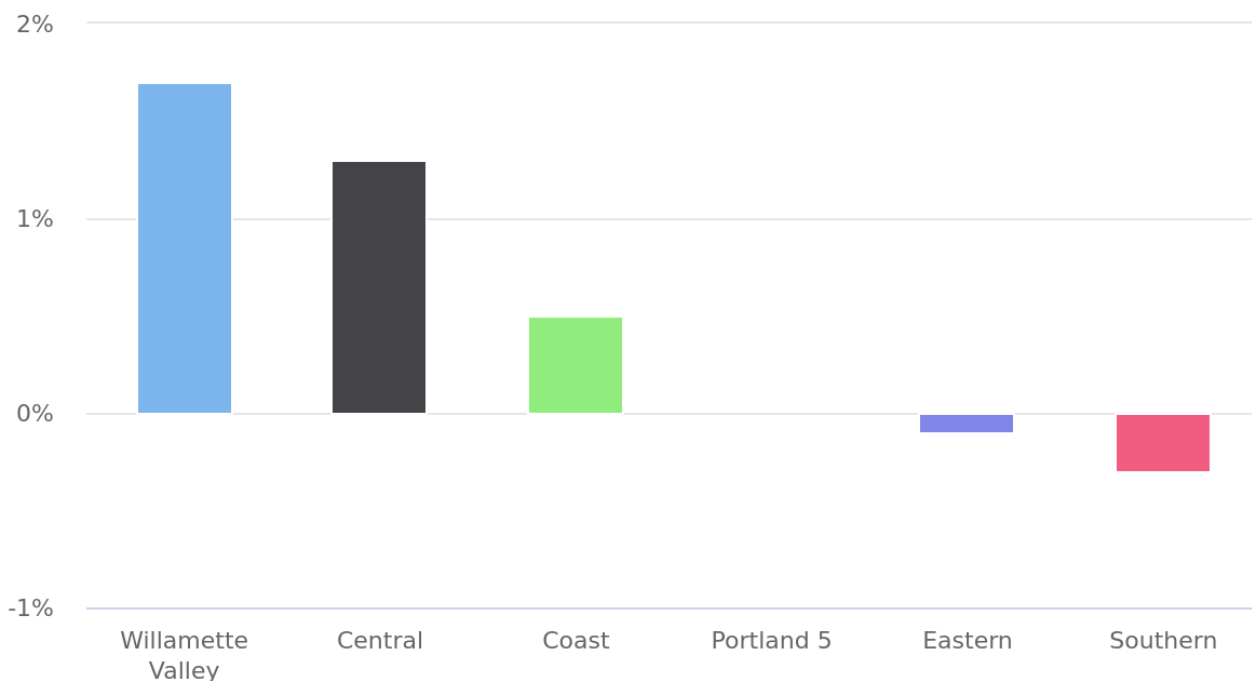
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February 2025 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Between February 2024 and February 2025, total nonfarm employment rose in three of Oregon's six broad regions, was unchanged in one, and decreased in two. The Willamette Valley experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.7%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Central Oregon (1.3%). Employment growth was slower along the Coast (0.5%). Employment was unchanged in the five Portland-metro counties. Employment decreased in Eastern Oregon (-0.1%) and in Southern Oregon (-0.3%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

February 2024 to February 2025, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Over-the-year between February 2024 and February 2025, non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 30 of Oregon's 36 counties and decreased in six. Twelve counties had unadjusted unemployment rates at or below Oregon's unadjusted rate of 5.2%.

Grant County had Oregon's highest non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February at 8.9%. Other counties with relatively high unadjusted unemployment rates were Klamath (8.2%) and Morrow (8.1%). Benton County registered the lowest unadjusted unemployment rate in February at 4.2%.

Sherman and Hood River counties also had relatively low unadjusted unemployment rates, at 4.4% and 4.5%, respectively.

This release typically discusses seasonally adjusted local area unemployment rates. However, through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) or other MSAs around the country. Labor force statistics for Oregon MSAs are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for March 2025 on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. The March 2025 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	February 2025					January 2025					February 2024				
	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	170,116,000	162,544,000	7,572,000	4.5%	4.1%	169,814,000	162,347,000	7,467,000	4.4%	4.0%	167,285,000	160,315,000	6,970,000	4.2%	3.9%
Oregon	2,204,149	2,088,439	115,710	5.2%	4.5%	2,194,893	2,077,497	117,396	5.3%	4.4%	2,187,280	2,086,775	100,505	4.6%	4.1%
Metropolitan Statistical Areas															
Albany (Linn County)	62,369	58,904	3,465	5.6%	-	62,200	58,680	3,520	5.7%	-	61,594	58,456	3,138	5.1%	4.6%
Bend (2)	134,583	127,296	7,287	5.4%	-	133,610	126,257	7,353	5.5%	-	131,884	125,155	6,729	5.1%	-
Corvallis (Benton County)	50,006	47,901	2,105	4.2%	-	49,508	47,399	2,109	4.3%	-	50,218	48,326	1,892	3.8%	3.5%
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	190,285	180,611	9,674	5.1%	-	189,154	179,342	9,812	5.2%	-	188,965	180,205	8,760	4.6%	4.4%
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	34,988	32,438	2,550	7.3%	-	35,020	32,430	2,590	7.4%	-	35,201	32,921	2,280	6.5%	5.5%
Medford (Jackson County)	105,520	99,248	6,272	5.9%	-	105,535	99,136	6,399	6.1%	-	105,779	99,853	5,926	5.6%	4.8%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (3)	1,377,936	1,309,108	68,828	5.0%	-	1,380,803	1,311,761	69,042	5.0%	-	1,383,542	1,323,291	60,251	4.4%	4.1%
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	225,139	213,950	11,189	5.0%	-	223,254	211,896	11,358	5.1%	-	218,858	208,954	9,904	4.5%	4.2%
Counties															
Baker	6,772	6,365	407	6.0%	4.3%	6,709	6,295	414	6.2%	4.2%	6,779	6,367	412	6.1%	4.6%
Benton	50,006	47,901	2,105	4.2%	-	49,508	47,399	2,109	4.3%	-	50,218	48,326	1,892	3.8%	3.5%
Clackamas	227,651	216,554	11,097	4.9%	4.2%	227,136	215,868	11,268	5.0%	4.0%	226,849	217,665	9,184	4.0%	3.8%
Clatsop	19,542	18,476	1,066	5.5%	4.3%	19,382	18,297	1,085	5.6%	4.1%	19,541	18,590	951	4.9%	3.9%
Columbia	26,922	25,314	1,608	6.0%	5.2%	26,878	25,217	1,661	6.2%	5.0%	26,749	25,393	1,356	5.1%	5.0%
Coos	27,259	25,663	1,596	5.9%	5.1%	27,034	25,414	1,620	6.0%	4.9%	27,124	25,672	1,452	5.4%	5.0%
Crook	13,108	12,253	855	6.5%	5.4%	13,013	12,139	874	6.7%	5.4%	12,846	12,001	845	6.6%	6.3%
Curry	8,131	7,597	534	6.6%	5.1%	8,063	7,514	549	6.8%	5.1%	8,301	7,737	564	6.8%	5.2%
Deschutes	110,328	104,548	5,780	5.2%	4.1%	109,546	103,723	5,823	5.3%	4.0%	108,110	102,850	5,260	4.9%	4.0%
Douglas	46,656	43,642	3,014	6.5%	5.4%	46,460	43,407	3,053	6.6%	5.2%	46,727	43,986	2,741	5.9%	5.1%
Gilliam	1,054	997	57	5.4%	4.8%	1,058	1,001	57	5.4%	4.8%	910	851	59	6.5%	5.2%
Grant	3,038	2,768	270	8.9%	6.3%	3,053	2,746	307	10.1%	6.2%	3,085	2,848	237	7.7%	4.8%
Harney	3,540	3,319	221	6.2%	4.4%	3,539	3,300	239	6.8%	4.3%	3,561	3,329	232	6.5%	4.3%
Hood River	13,620	13,010	610	4.5%	3.5%	13,366	12,764	602	4.5%	3.4%	13,682	13,146	536	3.9%	3.3%
Jackson	105,520	99,248	6,272	5.9%	-	105,535	99,136	6,399	6.1%	-	105,779	99,853	5,926	5.6%	4.8%
Jefferson	11,147	10,495	652	5.8%	4.6%	11,051	10,395	656	5.9%	4.6%	10,928	10,304	624	5.7%	4.8%
Josephine	34,988	32,438	2,550	7.3%	-	35,020	32,430	2,590	7.4%	-	35,201	32,921	2,280	6.5%	5.5%
Klamath	28,860	26,498	2,362	8.2%	5.8%	28,694	26,262	2,432	8.5%	5.7%	28,708	26,594	2,114	7.4%	5.3%
Lake	3,447	3,177	270	7.8%	5.1%	3,409	3,167	242	7.1%	4.8%	3,484	3,260	224	6.4%	5.3%
Lane	190,285	180,611	9,674	5.1%	-	189,154	179,342	9,812	5.2%	-	188,965	180,205	8,760	4.6%	4.4%
Lincoln	20,640	19,381	1,259	6.1%	5.0%	20,604	19,279	1,325	6.4%	4.9%	20,755	19,584	1,171	5.6%	4.5%
Linn	62,369	58,904	3,465	5.6%	-	62,200	58,680	3,520	5.7%	-	61,594	58,456	3,138	5.1%	4.6%
Malheur	12,785	12,140	645	5.0%	3.9%	12,735	12,075	660	5.2%	3.8%	12,775	12,207	568	4.4%	3.9%
Marion	178,834	169,868	8,966	5.0%	4.3%	177,270	168,194	9,076	5.1%	4.2%	173,828	165,910	7,918	4.6%	4.1%
Morrow	6,174	5,673	501	8.1%	4.5%	5,879	5,569	310	5.3%	3.9%	5,964	5,651	313	5.2%	3.6%
Multnomah	469,310	445,583	23,727	5.1%	4.4%	468,968	444,510	24,458	5.2%	4.2%	467,964	447,946	20,018	4.3%	4.0%
Polk	46,305	44,082	2,223	4.8%	4.3%	45,984	43,702	2,282	5.0%	4.2%	45,030	43,044	1,986	4.4%	4.1%
Sherman	949	907	42	4.4%	3.7%	941	902	39	4.1%	3.7%	937	892	45	4.8%	4.3%
Tillamook	11,491	10,847	644	5.6%	4.3%	11,356	10,709	647	5.7%	4.1%	11,325	10,741	584	5.2%	4.1%
Umatilla	37,151	34,502	2,649	7.1%	4.6%	36,425	34,137	2,288	6.3%	4.3%	36,459	34,373	2,086	5.7%	4.1%
Union	12,022	11,228	794	6.6%	4.9%	11,916	11,122	794	6.7%	4.8%	11,959	11,296	663	5.5%	4.3%
Wallowa	3,509	3,253	256	7.3%	4.6%	3,460	3,206	254	7.3%	4.5%	3,515	3,277	238	6.8%	4.4%
Wasco	12,517	11,806	711	5.7%	4.2%	12,362	11,619	743	6.0%	4.1%	12,327	11,662	665	5.4%	4.1%
Washington	341,199	325,129	16,070	4.7%	4.1%	340,320	324,022	16,298	4.8%	3.9%	338,418	325,305	13,113	3.9%	3.7%
Wheeler	731	687	44	6.0%	3.8%	710	671	39	5.5%	3.3%	682	653	29	4.3%	3.0%
Yamhill	56,294	53,577	2,717	4.8%	4.2%	56,156	53,283	2,873	5.1%	4.1%	56,204	53,880	2,324	4.1%	3.9%

(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 Bend metropolitan area includes Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties

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