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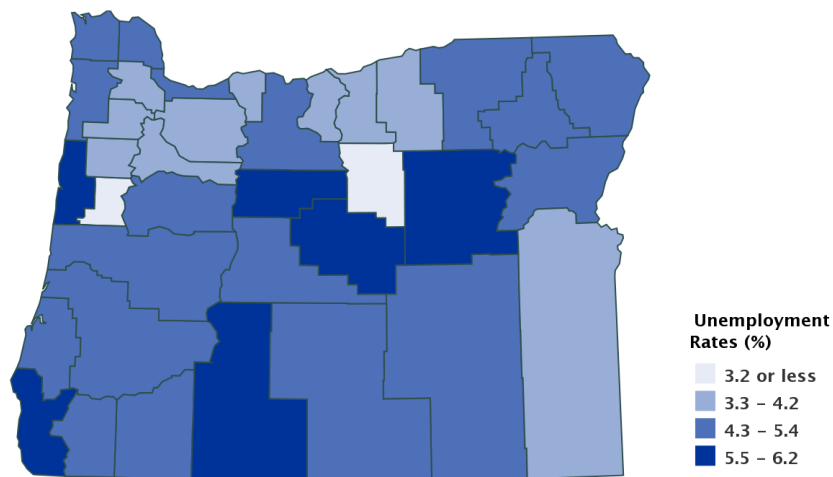
November 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In November 2021, 35 of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. Seventeen counties experienced a 0.3 percentage point decrease or more over the month including Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Klamath, Multnomah, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Yamhill, Hood River, Deschutes, Lane, and Lincoln counties.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November at 6.2%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Klamath (6.0%), Crook (5.9%), Curry (5.8%), and Lincoln (5.7%).

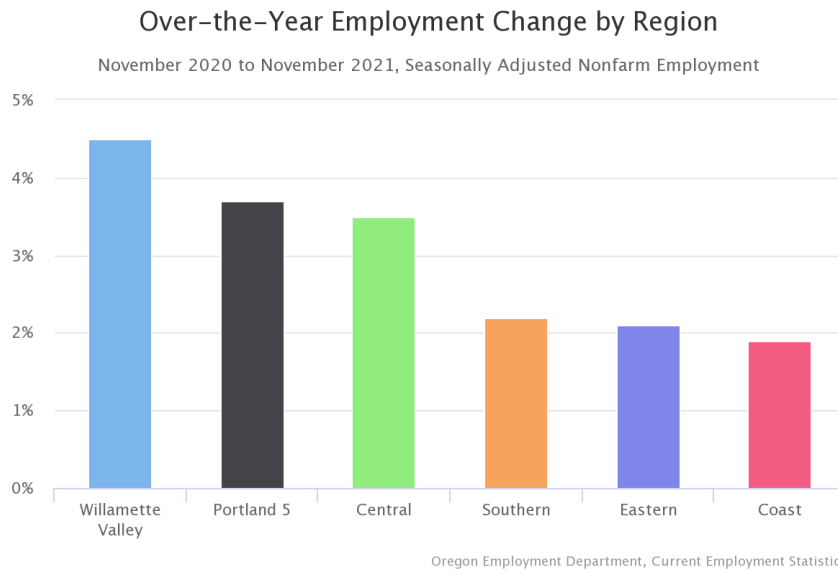
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 2.8%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in November were Benton (3.2%); Washington (3.5%); and Clackamas, Malheur, Sherman, and Yamhill (3.8% each). Twelve counties had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide and statewide rate of 4.2%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, November 2021



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between November 2020 and November 2021. Most areas still have room to recover from pandemic job losses; the state has now recovered roughly three-quarters of jobs lost in March and April 2020. The largest job increases since November 2020 occurred in the Willamette Valley (4.5%). The Portland 5 area (3.7%) and Central Oregon (3.5%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and the Coast regions added 2.2%, 2.1%, and 1.9%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for December 2021 on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2021. The December 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2021.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	November 2021					October 2021					November 2020				
	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	162,099,000	155,797,000	6,302,000	3.9	4.2	161,863,000	154,966,000	6,896,000	4.3	4.6	160,468,000	150,203,000	10,264,000	6.4	6.7
State of Oregon	2,169,316	2,096,482	72,834	3.4	4.2	2,171,576	2,096,972	74,604	3.4	4.4	2,133,389	2,003,430	129,959	6.1	6.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,846	58,567	2,279	3.7	4.7	60,832	58,488	2,344	3.9	4.9	59,500	55,807	3,693	6.2	6.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	100,696	97,229	3,467	3.4	4.6	100,768	97,337	3,431	3.4	4.9	100,371	94,465	5,906	5.9	6.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,973	46,817	1,156	2.4	3.2	47,957	46,664	1,293	2.7	3.4	46,802	44,759	2,043	4.4	4.9
Eugene (Lane County)	183,142	176,579	6,563	3.6	4.6	182,794	175,975	6,819	3.7	4.9	179,310	168,342	10,968	6.1	6.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,799	35,232	1,567	4.3	5.3	37,055	35,522	1,533	4.1	5.5	36,798	34,519	2,279	6.2	6.8
Medford (Jackson County)	108,185	104,424	3,761	3.5	4.6	108,916	105,086	3,830	3.5	4.8	107,474	101,083	6,391	5.9	6.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,370,065	1,326,236	43,829	3.2	4.1	1,361,363	1,314,579	46,784	3.4	4.4	1,333,319	1,248,444	84,875	6.4	7.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	208,710	201,888	6,822	3.3	4.1	209,849	202,795	7,054	3.4	4.4	206,869	195,368	11,501	5.6	5.9
Counties:															
Baker	7,572	7,314	258	3.4	4.4	7,694	7,448	246	3.2	4.7	7,473	7,028	445	6.0	6.5
Benton	47,973	46,817	1,156	2.4	3.2	47,957	46,664	1,293	2.7	3.4	46,802	44,759	2,043	4.4	4.9
Clackamas	226,783	219,837	6,946	3.1	3.8	225,844	218,651	7,193	3.2	4.1	221,355	208,019	13,336	6.0	6.4
Clatsop	19,432	18,695	737	3.8	4.8	19,765	19,030	735	3.7	5.1	19,211	17,919	1,292	6.7	7.1
Columbia	25,062	24,090	972	3.9	4.8	24,901	23,919	982	3.9	5.0	24,405	22,792	1,613	6.6	7.1
Coos	26,946	25,797	1,149	4.3	5.3	27,071	25,925	1,146	4.2	5.6	27,035	25,226	1,809	6.7	7.1
Crook	10,867	10,352	515	4.7	5.9	10,959	10,477	482	4.4	6.2	10,573	9,794	779	7.4	7.8
Curry	8,986	8,549	437	4.9	5.8	9,243	8,832	411	4.4	6.1	8,954	8,347	607	6.8	7.0
Deschutes	100,696	97,229	3,467	3.4	4.6	100,768	97,337	3,431	3.4	4.9	100,371	94,465	5,906	5.9	6.2
Douglas	47,594	45,684	1,910	4.0	5.1	47,773	45,853	1,920	4.0	5.3	48,030	45,155	2,875	6.0	6.5
Gilliam	910	883	27	3.0	4.2	917	887	30	3.3	4.5	997	944	53	5.3	5.6
Grant	3,172	3,030	142	4.5	6.2	3,256	3,132	124	3.8	6.4	3,261	3,044	217	6.7	7.7
Harney	3,833	3,693	140	3.7	4.8	3,885	3,752	133	3.4	4.9	3,869	3,683	186	4.8	5.6
Hood River	14,152	13,772	380	2.7	3.9	14,754	14,369	385	2.6	4.2	14,033	13,337	696	5.0	5.2
Jackson	108,185	104,424	3,761	3.5	4.6	108,916	105,086	3,830	3.5	4.8	107,474	101,083	6,391	5.9	6.5
Jefferson	10,403	9,960	443	4.3	5.6	10,589	10,152	437	4.1	5.8	10,402	9,692	710	6.8	7.4
Josephine	36,799	35,232	1,567	4.3	5.3	37,055	35,522	1,533	4.1	5.5	36,798	34,519	2,279	6.2	6.8
Klamath	29,721	28,369	1,352	4.5	6.0	30,226	28,937	1,289	4.3	6.3	29,622	27,633	1,989	6.7	7.5
Lake	3,696	3,554	142	3.8	5.0	3,779	3,647	132	3.5	5.2	3,670	3,495	175	4.8	5.4
Lane	183,142	176,579	6,563	3.6	4.6	182,794	175,975	6,819	3.7	4.9	179,310	168,342	10,968	6.1	6.6
Lincoln	20,597	19,636	961	4.7	5.7	21,192	20,249	943	4.4	6.1	20,294	18,704	1,590	7.8	8.0
Linn	60,846	58,567	2,279	3.7	4.7	60,832	58,488	2,344	3.9	4.9	59,500	55,807	3,693	6.2	6.7
Malheur	12,678	12,335	343	2.7	3.8	13,028	12,681	347	2.7	3.9	12,936	12,409	527	4.1	4.8
Marion	167,157	161,656	5,501	3.3	4.2	168,118	162,451	5,667	3.4	4.4	165,799	156,437	9,362	5.6	6.1
Morrow	5,834	5,656	178	3.1	4.0	5,992	5,816	176	2.9	4.2	5,754	5,503	251	4.4	4.8
Multnomah	472,082	455,469	16,613	3.5	4.4	469,914	452,871	17,043	3.6	4.7	463,867	430,497	33,370	7.2	7.7
Polk	41,553	40,232	1,321	3.2	4.0	41,731	40,344	1,387	3.3	4.2	41,070	38,931	2,139	5.2	5.7
Sherman	937	907	30	3.2	3.8	955	925	30	3.1	3.9	971	928	43	4.4	4.8
Tillamook	12,073	11,638	435	3.6	4.5	12,230	11,798	432	3.5	4.8	11,633	10,908	725	6.2	6.5
Umatilla	37,920	36,602	1,318	3.5	4.5	38,654	37,379	1,275	3.3	4.7	37,401	35,477	1,924	5.1	5.7
Union	12,361	11,936	425	3.4	4.7	12,410	11,994	416	3.4	5.0	12,281	11,596	685	5.6	6.2
Wallowa	3,597	3,455	142	3.9	5.1	3,727	3,603	124	3.3	5.3	3,517	3,321	196	5.6	6.1
Wasco	12,897	12,433	464	3.6	4.7	12,859	12,391	468	3.6	5.0	12,893	12,165	728	5.6	6.0
Washington	336,011	326,936	9,075	2.7	3.5	334,663	325,041	9,622	2.9	3.7	326,474	309,109	17,365	5.3	5.8
Wheeler	713	694	19	2.7	2.8	723	706	17	2.4	2.8	715	686	29	4.1	4.5
Yamhill	56,140	54,471	1,669	3.0	3.8	56,404	54,642	1,762	3.1	4.1	54,640	51,678	2,962	5.4	5.8

(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.