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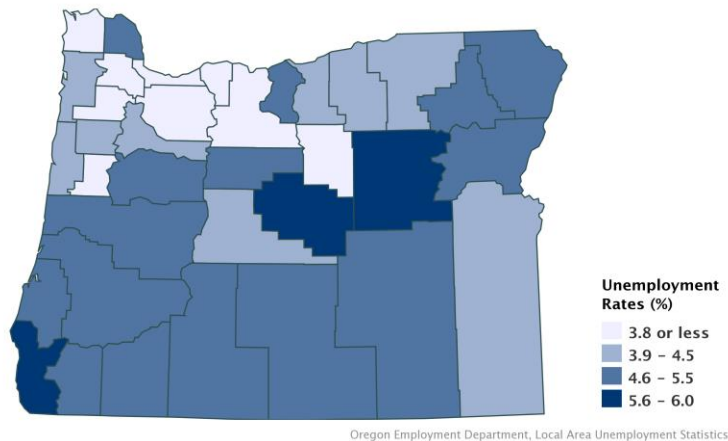
## July 2017 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Hood River and Washington counties had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July at 3.3 percent. Grant County (6.0%) registered the highest rate for the month. This was the lowest unemployment rate for Grant County since comparable records began in 1990. Besides Grant County, another three counties were at or tied with their historic low unemployment rates – Harney County (5.3%), Union County (4.6%), and Wheeler County (3.8%).

Nine of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 3.8 percent and 13 counties were at or below the national rate of 4.3 percent. Gilliam County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 2.3 percentage points, more than any other county. Other counties that saw a large improvement in their unemployment rates were Jefferson and Wallowa counties, where the unemployment rates improved by 1.8 percentage points over the year.

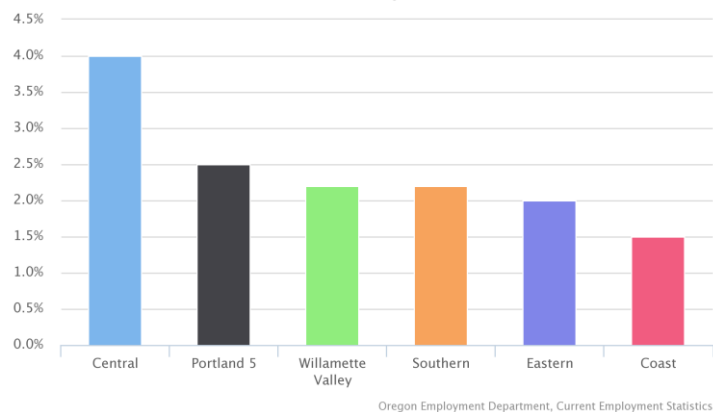
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between July 2016 and July 2017. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+4.0%). Portland (+2.5%), the Willamette Valley (+2.2%), Southern Oregon (+2.2%), Eastern Oregon (+2.0%), and the Oregon Coast (+1.5%) also saw growth.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, July 2017



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

July 2016 to July 2017, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for August on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	July 2017					June 2017					July 2016				
	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	161,911,000	154,470,000	7,441,000	4.6	4.3	161,337,000	154,086,000	7,250,000	4.5	4.4	160,705,000	152,437,000	8,267,000	5.1	4.9
State of Oregon	2,153,370	2,058,727	94,643	4.4	3.8	2,130,484	2,045,149	85,335	4.0	3.7	2,084,202	1,973,524	110,678	5.3	5.1
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,867	55,873	2,994	5.1	4.8	58,774	56,108	2,666	4.5	4.4	57,187	53,648	3,539	6.2	5.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,981	92,064	3,917	4.1	4.0	94,546	90,908	3,638	3.8	3.8	92,254	87,685	4,569	5.0	5.1
Corvallis (Benton County)	46,641	44,772	1,869	4.0	3.4	48,959	47,263	1,696	3.5	3.1	45,593	43,351	2,242	4.9	4.2
Eugene (Lane County)	183,482	174,469	9,013	4.9	4.6	183,844	175,682	8,162	4.4	4.2	178,554	168,291	10,263	5.7	5.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,033	34,001	2,032	5.6	5.5	36,002	34,186	1,816	5.0	5.1	34,610	32,194	2,416	7.0	6.8
Medford (Jackson County)	104,760	99,357	5,403	5.2	4.7	104,480	99,659	4,821	4.6	4.4	101,802	95,265	6,537	6.4	6.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,332,499	1,277,431	55,068	4.1	4.0	1,312,456	1,261,842	50,614	3.9	3.7	1,286,315	1,220,444	65,871	5.1	5.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	207,770	198,045	9,725	4.7	4.4	204,714	195,987	8,727	4.3	4.1	200,988	189,670	11,318	5.6	5.5
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,224	6,867	357	4.9	4.9	7,172	6,840	332	4.6	4.8	7,084	6,651	433	6.1	6.6
Benton	46,641	44,772	1,869	4.0	3.4	48,959	47,263	1,696	3.5	3.1	45,593	43,351	2,242	4.9	4.2
Clackamas	223,223	214,097	9,126	4.1	3.6	219,864	211,610	8,254	3.8	3.3	215,587	204,908	10,679	5.0	4.7
Clatsop	20,229	19,418	811	4.0	3.8	19,751	19,004	747	3.8	3.6	19,866	18,889	977	4.9	5.0
Columbia	24,509	23,145	1,364	5.6	4.8	24,047	22,857	1,190	4.9	4.5	23,686	22,127	1,559	6.6	6.4
Coos	27,382	25,795	1,587	5.8	5.1	27,415	25,987	1,428	5.2	4.8	26,849	24,985	1,864	6.9	6.6
Crook	9,940	9,369	571	5.7	5.7	9,850	9,320	530	5.4	5.5	9,590	8,930	660	6.9	7.1
Curry	9,213	8,682	531	5.8	5.6	9,136	8,630	506	5.5	5.4	9,315	8,698	617	6.6	6.8
Deschutes	95,981	92,064	3,917	4.1	4.0	94,546	90,908	3,638	3.8	3.8	92,254	87,685	4,569	5.0	5.1
Douglas	47,304	44,659	2,645	5.6	5.0	47,334	44,968	2,366	5.0	4.7	46,391	43,248	3,143	6.8	6.6
Gilliam	878	840	38	4.3	4.3	865	829	36	4.2	4.2	845	792	53	6.3	6.6
Grant	3,395	3,231	164	4.8	6.0	3,385	3,229	156	4.6	6.2	3,230	3,022	208	6.4	7.7
Harney	3,665	3,485	180	4.9	5.3	3,571	3,398	173	4.8	5.3	3,557	3,359	198	5.6	6.5
Hood River	16,371	15,756	615	3.8	3.3	14,544	13,989	555	3.8	3.2	15,818	15,116	702	4.4	4.2
Jackson	104,760	99,357	5,403	5.2	4.7	104,480	99,659	4,821	4.6	4.4	101,802	95,265	6,537	6.4	6.1
Jefferson	10,497	9,951	546	5.2	5.1	10,346	9,853	493	4.8	4.9	10,132	9,472	660	6.5	6.9
Josephine	36,033	34,001	2,032	5.6	5.5	36,002	34,186	1,816	5.0	5.1	34,610	32,194	2,416	7.0	6.8
Klamath	30,655	28,963	1,692	5.5	5.3	30,648	29,095	1,553	5.1	5.1	29,630	27,623	2,007	6.8	7.0
Lake	3,811	3,627	184	4.8	5.4	3,721	3,516	205	5.5	5.4	3,677	3,467	210	5.7	6.4
Lane	183,482	174,469	9,013	4.9	4.6	183,844	175,682	8,162	4.4	4.2	178,554	168,291	10,263	5.7	5.4
Lincoln	22,704	21,654	1,050	4.6	4.5	21,727	20,759	968	4.5	4.2	22,110	20,896	1,214	5.5	5.7
Linn	58,867	55,873	2,994	5.1	4.8	58,774	56,108	2,666	4.5	4.4	57,187	53,648	3,539	6.2	5.9
Malheur	13,054	12,234	820	6.3	4.4	12,860	12,297	563	4.4	3.9	12,668	11,787	881	7.0	5.9
Marion	167,630	159,857	7,773	4.6	4.4	165,124	158,131	6,993	4.2	4.0	162,196	153,112	9,084	5.6	5.4
Morrow	6,225	5,860	365	5.9	4.5	6,025	5,770	255	4.2	3.8	6,003	5,679	324	5.4	5.4
Multnomah	466,855	448,599	18,256	3.9	3.4	460,461	443,911	16,550	3.6	3.2	450,534	429,183	21,351	4.7	4.5
Polk	40,140	38,188	1,952	4.9	4.2	39,590	37,856	1,734	4.4	4.0	38,792	36,558	2,234	5.8	5.3
Sherman	922	879	43	4.7	4.7	917	876	41	4.5	4.5	917	878	39	4.3	4.5
Tillamook	12,506	11,969	537	4.3	4.1	12,190	11,700	490	4.0	3.8	12,210	11,600	610	5.0	5.2
Umatilla	38,275	36,371	1,904	5.0	4.4	37,751	36,126	1,625	4.3	4.2	37,200	35,148	2,052	5.5	5.6
Union	12,414	11,830	584	4.7	4.6	12,338	11,777	561	4.5	4.6	12,160	11,434	726	6.0	6.0
Wallowa	3,694	3,548	146	4.0	5.0	3,546	3,409	137	3.9	4.9	3,557	3,368	189	5.3	6.8
Wasco	18,335	17,744	591	3.2	3.8	19,429	18,875	554	2.9	3.6	17,908	17,199	709	4.0	5.0
Washington	330,099	317,446	12,653	3.8	3.3	324,724	313,298	11,426	3.5	3.1	318,062	303,154	14,908	4.7	4.4
Wheeler	754	723	31	4.1	3.8	741	715	26	3.5	3.9	690	658	32	4.6	4.5
Yamhill	55,704	53,404	2,300	4.1	3.6	54,810	52,720	2,090	3.8	3.3	53,936	51,146	2,790	5.2	4.9

(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) 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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