

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

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.2 percent in November 2017. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in November include Hood River (3.5%), Washington (3.6%), and Wheeler (3.6%).

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in November 2017, but rates remained close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. Curry and Harney counties registered the highest unemployment rates for the month at 6.4 percent.

Ten of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.2 percent and nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 4.1 percent. Wallowa County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 1.0 percentage point, more than any other county. Other counties that saw a large improvement in their unemployment rates were Grant and Wheeler, where the unemployment rates improved by 0.9 percentage point over the year.

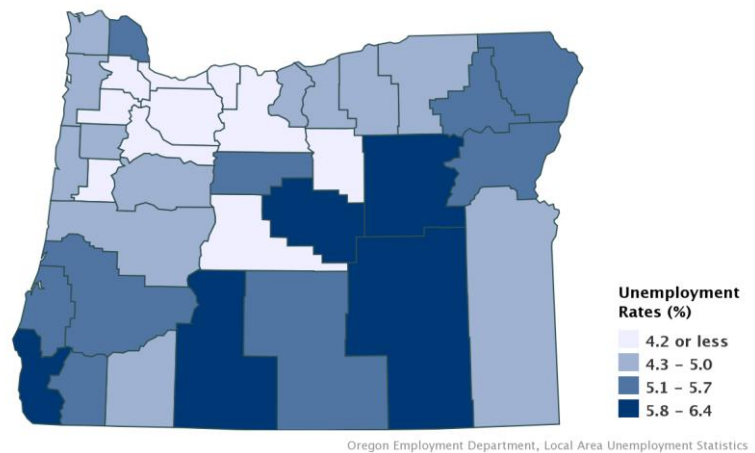
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between November 2016 and November 2017. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.4%). Portland (+2.2%), the Willamette Valley (+2.1%), Southern Oregon (+1.7%), Eastern Oregon (+1.1%), and the Oregon Coast (+0.7%) also saw growth.

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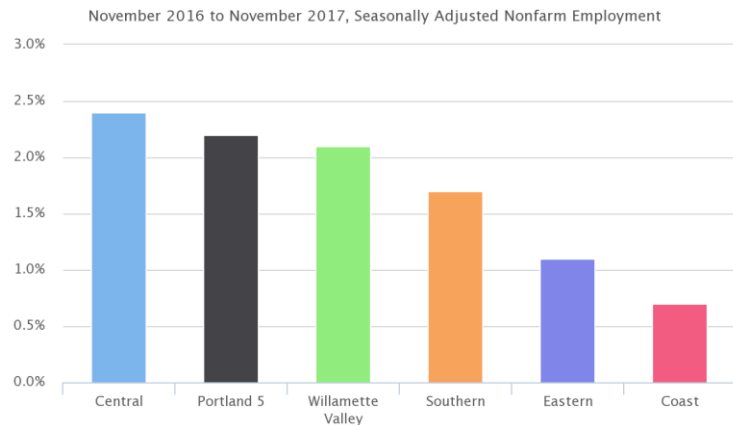
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for December on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, November 2017



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	November 2017					October 2017					November 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	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9	4.1	160,465,000	154,223,000	6,242,000	3.9	4.1	159,451,000	152,385,000	7,066,000	4.4	4.6
State of Oregon	2,146,652	2,063,870	82,782	3.9	4.2	2,149,135	2,060,797	88,338	4.1	4.3	2,070,415	1,980,731	89,684	4.3	4.6
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	59,737	57,142	2,595	4.3	4.4	59,777	56,956	2,821	4.7	4.8	57,692	54,787	2,905	5.0	5.2
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,945	91,115	3,830	4.0	4.1	95,009	91,060	3,949	4.2	4.2	90,552	86,590	3,962	4.4	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,168	47,780	1,388	2.8	3.2	49,043	47,494	1,549	3.2	3.3	47,634	46,061	1,573	3.3	3.7
Eugene (Lane County)	188,810	181,045	7,765	4.1	4.3	188,622	180,362	8,260	4.4	4.6	181,911	173,485	8,426	4.6	4.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,898	34,111	1,787	5.0	5.4	36,240	34,335	1,905	5.3	5.9	34,745	32,767	1,978	5.7	6.0
Medford (Jackson County)	106,298	101,840	4,458	4.2	4.8	106,431	101,687	4,744	4.5	5.2	103,173	98,096	5,077	4.9	5.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,336,879	1,288,157	48,722	3.6	3.9	1,334,639	1,282,806	51,833	3.9	4.2	1,289,464	1,235,529	53,935	4.2	4.5
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	206,900	198,734	8,166	3.9	4.2	206,300	197,653	8,647	4.2	4.6	198,906	190,011	8,895	4.5	4.8
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,233	6,860	373	5.2	5.6	7,397	7,027	370	5.0	5.5	6,957	6,556	401	5.8	6.0
Benton	49,168	47,780	1,388	2.8	3.2	49,043	47,494	1,549	3.2	3.3	47,634	46,061	1,573	3.3	3.7
Clackamas	223,246	215,215	8,031	3.6	4.0	222,707	214,132	8,575	3.9	4.1	215,038	206,544	8,494	3.9	4.2
Clatsop	19,296	18,517	779	4.0	4.3	19,679	18,861	818	4.2	4.4	18,805	17,977	828	4.4	4.4
Columbia	24,511	23,296	1,215	5.0	5.4	24,475	23,177	1,298	5.3	5.5	23,677	22,355	1,322	5.6	5.8
Coos	27,332	25,884	1,448	5.3	5.6	27,342	25,828	1,514	5.5	5.7	26,397	24,821	1,576	6.0	6.1
Crook	9,651	9,090	561	5.8	6.3	9,764	9,190	574	5.9	6.5	9,291	8,709	582	6.3	6.5
Curry	8,870	8,316	554	6.2	6.4	9,106	8,548	558	6.1	6.5	8,937	8,334	603	6.7	6.7
Deschutes	94,945	91,115	3,830	4.0	4.1	95,009	91,060	3,949	4.2	4.2	90,552	86,590	3,962	4.4	4.5
Douglas	47,359	44,928	2,431	5.1	5.5	47,293	44,749	2,544	5.4	5.6	46,251	43,551	2,700	5.8	6.1
Gilliam	901	867	34	3.8	4.5	892	857	35	3.9	4.7	845	807	38	4.5	4.8
Grant	3,189	3,013	176	5.5	6.3	3,295	3,139	156	4.7	6.3	3,071	2,881	190	6.2	7.2
Harney	3,516	3,305	211	6.0	6.4	3,603	3,399	204	5.7	6.3	3,402	3,215	187	5.5	5.9
Hood River	13,732	13,288	444	3.2	3.5	13,898	13,462	436	3.1	3.7	13,033	12,499	534	4.1	4.0
Jackson	106,298	101,840	4,458	4.2	4.8	106,431	101,687	4,744	4.5	5.2	103,173	98,096	5,077	4.9	5.6
Jefferson	10,120	9,609	511	5.0	5.4	10,235	9,732	503	4.9	5.6	9,721	9,133	588	6.0	6.1
Josephine	35,898	34,111	1,787	5.0	5.4	36,240	34,335	1,905	5.3	5.9	34,745	32,767	1,978	5.7	6.0
Klamath	30,649	28,934	1,715	5.6	6.0	31,126	29,432	1,694	5.4	6.0	29,651	27,848	1,803	6.1	6.3
Lake	3,500	3,312	188	5.4	5.5	3,588	3,419	169	4.7	5.6	3,418	3,207	211	6.2	6.1
Lane	188,810	181,045	7,765	4.1	4.3	188,622	180,362	8,260	4.4	4.6	181,911	173,485	8,426	4.6	4.8
Lincoln	21,211	20,218	993	4.7	4.8	21,582	20,570	1,012	4.7	4.9	20,520	19,418	1,102	5.4	5.3
Linn	59,737	57,142	2,595	4.3	4.4	59,777	56,956	2,821	4.7	4.8	57,692	54,787	2,905	5.0	5.2
Malheur	12,849	12,342	507	3.9	4.6	13,118	12,608	510	3.9	4.8	12,626	12,043	583	4.6	5.2
Marion	166,650	160,077	6,573	3.9	4.0	166,217	159,295	6,922	4.2	4.3	160,203	153,053	7,150	4.5	4.6
Morrow	5,731	5,492	239	4.2	4.5	5,808	5,587	221	3.8	4.9	5,555	5,286	269	4.8	4.8
Multnomah	468,115	452,101	16,014	3.4	3.8	467,847	450,278	17,569	3.8	3.9	450,887	433,739	17,148	3.8	4.0
Polk	40,250	38,657	1,593	4.0	4.3	40,083	38,358	1,725	4.3	4.5	38,703	36,958	1,745	4.5	4.9
Sherman	898	862	36	4.0	4.9	914	870	44	4.8	5.3	883	847	36	4.1	4.4
Tillamook	11,799	11,301	498	4.2	4.5	12,007	11,481	526	4.4	4.6	11,489	10,957	532	4.6	4.7
Umatilla	37,244	35,579	1,665	4.5	4.9	38,005	36,334	1,671	4.4	5.1	35,958	34,144	1,814	5.0	5.2
Union	12,164	11,575	589	4.8	5.3	12,256	11,660	596	4.9	5.3	12,174	11,536	638	5.2	5.7
Wallowa	3,384	3,206	178	5.3	5.3	3,502	3,351	151	4.3	5.3	3,254	3,054	200	6.1	6.3
Wasco	13,278	12,721	557	4.2	4.2	13,284	12,700	584	4.4	4.4	12,938	12,338	600	4.6	4.3
Washington	329,544	318,670	10,874	3.3	3.6	329,315	317,274	12,041	3.7	3.7	317,337	305,713	11,624	3.7	3.9
Wheeler	794	770	24	3.0	3.6	792	764	28	3.5	3.9	712	682	30	4.2	4.5
Yamhill	54,780	52,832	1,948	3.6	3.9	54,887	52,823	2,064	3.8	4.1	52,974	50,740	2,234	4.2	4.4

(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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