

December 2017 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.1 percent in December 2017. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in December include Hood River (3.2%) and Wheeler (3.3%).

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in December 2017, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. Harney County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.5 percent.

Twelve of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide and national unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Wheeler County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 1.2 percentage points, more than any other county. Other counties that saw a large improvement in their unemployment rates were Grant and Wallowa, where the unemployment rates improved by 0.9 percentage point over the year.

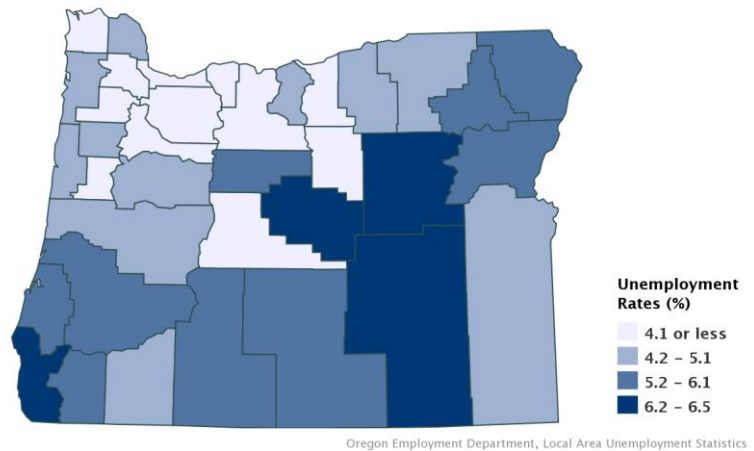
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between December 2016 and December 2017. The largest job gains occurred in the Willamette Valley (+2.9%) and Central Oregon (+2.8%). Portland (+2.6%), Southern Oregon (+1.9%), and Eastern Oregon (+1.3%) also saw growth. The Oregon Coast saw a negligible job growth rate of 0.1 percent.

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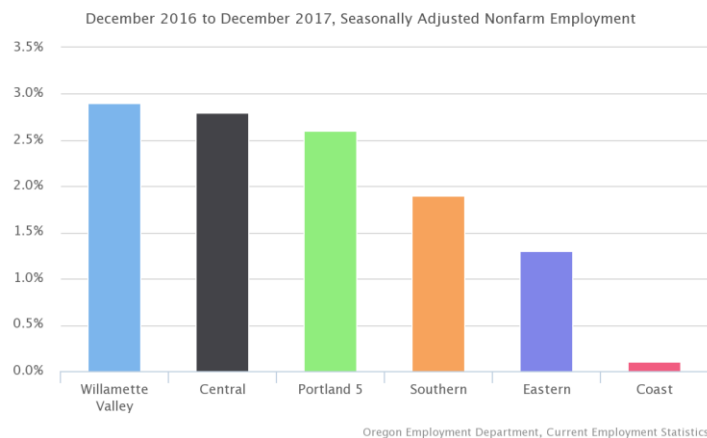
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2017



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2017					November 2017					December 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	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9	4.1	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9	4.1	158,968,000	151,798,000	7,170,000	4.5	4.7
State of Oregon	2,134,356	2,053,717	80,639	3.8	4.1	2,147,040	2,064,328	82,712	3.9	4.2	2,052,822	1,967,105	85,717	4.2	4.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,311	56,772	2,539	4.3	4.4	59,722	57,136	2,586	4.3	4.4	57,121	54,371	2,750	4.8	5.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,136	90,173	3,963	4.2	4.1	94,910	91,072	3,838	4.0	4.1	89,684	85,647	4,037	4.5	4.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,799	47,487	1,312	2.7	3.1	49,104	47,715	1,389	2.8	3.2	47,338	45,849	1,489	3.1	3.6
Eugene (Lane County)	188,474	180,993	7,481	4.0	4.2	188,882	181,124	7,758	4.1	4.3	180,260	172,268	7,992	4.4	4.7
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,581	33,750	1,831	5.1	5.3	35,983	34,196	1,787	5.0	5.4	34,486	32,568	1,918	5.6	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	105,583	101,225	4,358	4.1	4.6	106,528	102,069	4,459	4.2	4.8	102,143	97,328	4,815	4.7	5.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,332,337	1,284,524	47,813	3.6	3.8	1,337,536	1,288,935	48,601	3.6	3.9	1,282,972	1,231,411	51,561	4.0	4.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	205,180	197,301	7,879	3.8	4.0	206,893	198,738	8,155	3.9	4.2	197,119	188,561	8,558	4.3	4.5
Counties:															
Baker	7,200	6,794	406	5.6	5.5	7,229	6,858	371	5.1	5.5	6,968	6,552	416	6.0	5.8
Benton	48,799	47,487	1,312	2.7	3.1	49,104	47,715	1,389	2.8	3.2	47,338	45,849	1,489	3.1	3.6
Clackamas	222,147	214,544	7,603	3.4	3.9	223,319	215,297	8,022	3.6	4.0	213,175	205,287	7,888	3.7	4.0
Clatsop	18,749	17,961	788	4.2	4.1	19,288	18,509	779	4.0	4.3	18,338	17,514	824	4.5	4.3
Columbia	24,425	23,286	1,139	4.7	5.1	24,515	23,305	1,210	4.9	5.4	23,542	22,266	1,276	5.4	5.7
Coos	26,931	25,526	1,405	5.2	5.4	27,271	25,822	1,449	5.3	5.6	26,136	24,639	1,497	5.7	6.0
Crook	9,559	8,939	620	6.5	6.2	9,643	9,085	558	5.8	6.3	9,161	8,555	606	6.6	6.4
Curry	8,661	8,114	547	6.3	6.3	8,853	8,296	557	6.3	6.5	8,732	8,150	582	6.7	6.5
Deschutes	94,136	90,173	3,963	4.2	4.1	94,910	91,072	3,838	4.0	4.1	89,684	85,647	4,037	4.5	4.4
Douglas	46,918	44,559	2,359	5.0	5.3	47,297	44,868	2,429	5.1	5.5	45,830	43,169	2,661	5.8	6.0
Gilliam	892	861	31	3.5	4.0	899	866	33	3.7	4.5	846	812	34	4.0	4.4
Grant	3,193	2,949	244	7.6	6.4	3,190	3,015	175	5.5	6.2	3,059	2,805	254	8.3	7.3
Harney	3,466	3,225	241	7.0	6.5	3,515	3,304	211	6.0	6.4	3,363	3,162	201	6.0	5.7
Hood River	14,001	13,583	418	3.0	3.2	13,772	13,326	446	3.2	3.5	13,519	12,970	549	4.1	4.0
Jackson	105,583	101,225	4,358	4.1	4.6	106,528	102,069	4,459	4.2	4.8	102,143	97,328	4,815	4.7	5.3
Jefferson	10,093	9,502	591	5.9	5.3	10,119	9,602	517	5.1	5.4	9,610	9,001	609	6.3	6.0
Josephine	35,581	33,750	1,831	5.1	5.3	35,983	34,196	1,787	5.0	5.4	34,486	32,568	1,918	5.6	5.7
Klamath	30,350	28,481	1,869	6.2	5.9	30,657	28,919	1,738	5.7	6.0	29,502	27,591	1,911	6.5	6.3
Lake	3,473	3,266	207	6.0	5.4	3,496	3,309	187	5.3	5.4	3,423	3,204	219	6.4	6.0
Lane	188,474	180,993	7,481	4.0	4.2	188,882	181,124	7,758	4.1	4.3	180,260	172,268	7,992	4.4	4.7
Lincoln	20,679	19,680	999	4.8	4.6	21,171	20,185	986	4.7	4.8	19,935	18,859	1,076	5.4	5.2
Linn	59,311	56,772	2,539	4.3	4.4	59,722	57,136	2,586	4.3	4.4	57,121	54,371	2,750	4.8	5.0
Malheur	12,639	12,074	565	4.5	4.4	12,832	12,320	512	4.0	4.6	12,435	11,799	636	5.1	5.1
Marion	165,209	158,862	6,347	3.8	4.0	166,645	160,080	6,565	3.9	4.0	158,713	151,830	6,883	4.3	4.5
Morrow	5,622	5,378	244	4.3	4.2	5,728	5,489	239	4.2	4.5	5,450	5,185	265	4.9	4.6
Multnomah	466,389	451,198	15,191	3.3	3.7	468,246	452,283	15,963	3.4	3.8	447,304	431,564	15,740	3.5	3.9
Polk	39,971	38,439	1,532	3.8	4.2	40,248	38,658	1,590	4.0	4.2	38,406	36,731	1,675	4.4	4.7
Sherman	904	870	34	3.8	4.2	898	862	36	4.0	4.9	897	855	42	4.7	4.3
Tillamook	11,474	10,985	489	4.3	4.2	11,774	11,281	493	4.2	4.4	11,266	10,725	541	4.8	4.6
Umatilla	36,736	34,868	1,868	5.1	4.8	37,227	35,564	1,663	4.5	4.9	35,441	33,504	1,937	5.5	5.1
Union	12,088	11,462	626	5.2	5.2	12,166	11,582	584	4.8	5.3	12,135	11,435	700	5.8	5.6
Wallowa	3,295	3,093	202	6.1	5.3	3,379	3,200	179	5.3	5.3	3,176	2,966	210	6.6	6.2
Wasco	13,173	12,609	564	4.3	4.1	13,269	12,712	557	4.2	4.2	12,788	12,219	569	4.4	4.1
Washington	328,867	318,693	10,174	3.1	3.5	329,668	318,802	10,866	3.3	3.6	315,303	304,519	10,784	3.4	3.7
Wheeler	776	754	22	2.8	3.3	790	765	25	3.2	3.7	717	686	31	4.3	4.5
Yamhill	54,593	52,762	1,831	3.4	3.7	54,804	52,852	1,952	3.6	3.9	52,619	50,520	2,099	4.0	4.2

(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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