

January 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 2.9 percent in January 2018. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in January include Wheeler (3.0%) and Hood River (3.2%).

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in January 2018, some of which were still at or close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.7 percent.

Sixteen of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide and national unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Harney County saw its unemployment rate increase over the year by 0.5 percentage point. All other counties in the state saw improvements in the unemployment rate over the past year. Wheeler County improved 1.4 percentage points, more than any other county.

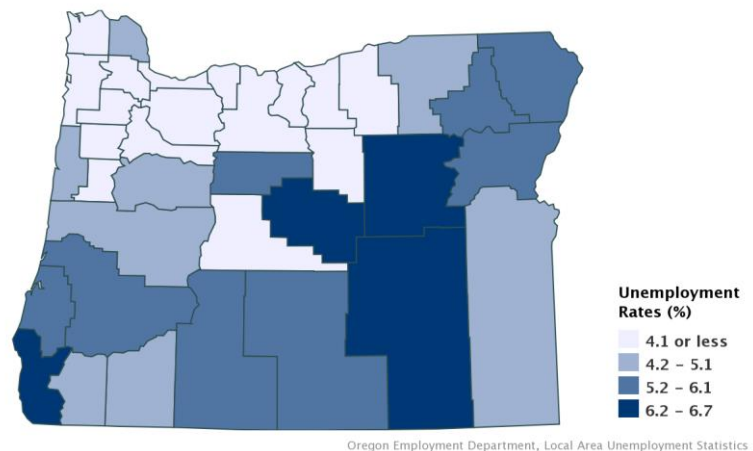
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between January 2017 and January 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+3.4%). Portland (+2.5%), Southern Oregon (+2.5%), the Willamette Valley (+2.1%), and Eastern Oregon (+1.9%) also saw growth. The Oregon Coast saw a negligible job growth rate of 0.1 percent.

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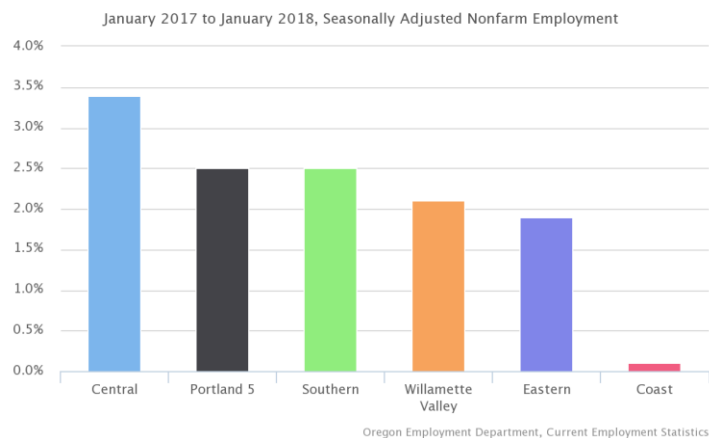
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, January 2018



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	January 2018					December 2017					January 2017				
	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	160,037,000	152,848,000	7,189,000	4.5	4.1	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9	4.1	158,676,000	150,527,000	8,149,000	5.1	4.8
State of Oregon	2,109,910	2,018,463	91,447	4.3	4.1	2,111,916	2,030,726	81,190	3.8	4.1	2,046,258	1,953,967	92,291	4.5	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,995	56,100	2,895	4.9	4.6	58,513	55,957	2,556	4.4	4.4	57,164	54,170	2,994	5.2	5.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,734	90,135	4,599	4.9	4.1	93,693	89,685	4,008	4.3	4.1	90,245	85,610	4,635	5.1	4.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,589	47,170	1,419	2.9	2.9	48,595	47,253	1,342	2.8	3.1	47,240	45,681	1,559	3.3	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	184,720	176,378	8,342	4.5	4.2	184,824	177,308	7,516	4.1	4.2	179,245	170,899	8,346	4.7	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,463	33,321	2,142	6.0	5.0	35,426	33,584	1,842	5.2	5.3	34,358	32,235	2,123	6.2	5.1
Medford (Jackson County)	104,300	98,992	5,308	5.1	4.4	105,089	100,686	4,403	4.2	4.6	100,722	95,295	5,427	5.4	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,317,316	1,264,699	52,617	4.0	3.7	1,324,271	1,276,221	48,050	3.6	3.8	1,282,367	1,228,519	53,848	4.2	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	200,243	191,353	8,890	4.4	3.9	202,073	194,143	7,930	3.9	4.0	195,114	185,797	9,317	4.8	4.2
Counties:															
Baker	7,026	6,532	494	7.0	5.5	7,053	6,646	407	5.8	5.5	6,878	6,398	480	7.0	5.8
Benton	48,589	47,170	1,419	2.9	2.9	48,595	47,253	1,342	2.8	3.1	47,240	45,681	1,559	3.3	3.2
Clackamas	220,072	211,770	8,302	3.8	3.7	220,808	213,178	7,630	3.5	3.9	213,237	204,921	8,316	3.9	3.9
Clatsop	18,637	17,750	887	4.8	4.1	18,536	17,738	798	4.3	4.1	18,466	17,582	884	4.8	4.2
Columbia	24,470	23,197	1,273	5.2	4.9	24,383	23,238	1,145	4.7	5.1	23,775	22,438	1,337	5.6	5.6
Coos	26,383	24,836	1,547	5.9	5.4	26,456	25,041	1,415	5.3	5.4	26,188	24,622	1,566	6.0	5.9
Crook	9,536	8,819	717	7.5	6.2	9,458	8,834	624	6.6	6.2	9,350	8,590	760	8.1	6.6
Curry	8,777	8,145	632	7.2	6.2	8,752	8,191	561	6.4	6.3	8,899	8,266	633	7.1	6.5
Deschutes	94,734	90,135	4,599	4.9	4.1	93,693	89,685	4,008	4.3	4.1	90,245	85,610	4,635	5.1	4.6
Douglas	46,953	44,273	2,680	5.7	5.2	46,458	44,080	2,378	5.1	5.3	45,874	43,168	2,706	5.9	5.8
Gilliam	865	833	32	3.7	3.3	843	809	34	4.0	4.0	830	793	37	4.5	3.8
Grant	3,095	2,774	321	10.4	6.7	3,098	2,859	239	7.7	6.4	3,013	2,687	326	10.8	7.4
Harney	3,378	3,090	288	8.5	6.5	3,369	3,131	238	7.1	6.5	3,332	3,043	289	8.7	6.0
Hood River	13,267	12,740	527	4.0	3.2	13,882	13,461	421	3.0	3.2	12,883	12,219	664	5.2	4.1
Jackson	104,300	98,992	5,308	5.1	4.4	105,089	100,686	4,403	4.2	4.6	100,722	95,295	5,427	5.4	4.7
Jefferson	10,005	9,255	750	7.5	5.6	9,966	9,366	600	6.0	5.3	9,592	8,876	716	7.5	6.0
Josephine	35,463	33,321	2,142	6.0	5.0	35,426	33,584	1,842	5.2	5.3	34,358	32,235	2,123	6.2	5.1
Klamath	30,291	28,014	2,277	7.5	6.0	30,051	28,128	1,923	6.4	5.9	28,992	26,862	2,130	7.3	6.2
Lake	3,460	3,207	253	7.3	5.5	3,463	3,256	207	6.0	5.4	3,356	3,083	273	8.1	6.1
Lane	184,720	176,378	8,342	4.5	4.2	184,824	177,308	7,516	4.1	4.2	179,245	170,899	8,346	4.7	4.4
Lincoln	20,714	19,583	1,131	5.5	4.7	20,243	19,239	1,004	5.0	4.6	20,558	19,446	1,112	5.4	5.1
Linn	58,995	56,100	2,895	4.9	4.6	58,513	55,957	2,556	4.4	4.4	57,164	54,170	2,994	5.2	5.0
Malheur	12,397	11,673	724	5.8	4.5	12,417	11,845	572	4.6	4.4	12,189	11,475	714	5.9	5.0
Marion	160,898	153,754	7,144	4.4	4.0	162,440	156,054	6,386	3.9	4.0	156,814	149,296	7,518	4.8	4.5
Morrow	5,713	5,416	297	5.2	4.0	5,617	5,373	244	4.3	4.2	5,585	5,257	328	5.9	4.7
Multnomah	460,749	443,738	17,011	3.7	3.6	460,951	445,710	15,241	3.3	3.7	445,740	429,211	16,529	3.7	3.7
Polk	39,345	37,599	1,746	4.4	4.1	39,633	38,089	1,544	3.9	4.2	38,300	36,501	1,799	4.7	4.4
Sherman	870	830	40	4.6	3.9	874	840	34	3.9	4.2	865	817	48	5.5	4.4
Tillamook	11,553	10,996	557	4.8	4.1	11,293	10,806	487	4.3	4.2	11,492	10,931	561	4.9	4.5
Umatilla	36,257	33,928	2,329	6.4	4.8	36,024	34,161	1,863	5.2	4.8	35,021	32,766	2,255	6.4	5.2
Union	12,030	11,235	795	6.6	5.3	12,010	11,372	638	5.3	5.2	11,852	11,022	830	7.0	5.7
Wallowa	3,234	2,985	249	7.7	5.4	3,241	3,039	202	6.2	5.3	3,161	2,918	243	7.7	6.0
Wasco	12,713	12,049	664	5.2	4.0	12,985	12,419	566	4.4	4.1	12,451	11,728	723	5.8	4.1
Washington	324,968	313,908	11,060	3.4	3.4	326,169	315,929	10,240	3.1	3.5	314,580	303,402	11,178	3.6	3.6
Wheeler	714	691	23	3.2	3.0	731	709	22	3.0	3.3	711	674	37	5.2	4.4
Yamhill	54,736	52,744	1,992	3.6	3.5	54,573	52,714	1,859	3.4	3.7	53,304	51,088	2,216	4.2	4.1

(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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