

## April 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Wheeler County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.0 percent in April 2018. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in April included Benton (3.1%), Gilliam (3.2%), and Hood River (3.2%).

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in April 2018, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.2 percent.

Twelve of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 3.9 percent. Wheeler County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 1.4 percentage points, more than any other county. Klamath County saw its unemployment rate increase the most of any county over the past year, rising 0.5 percentage point to 6.3 percent.

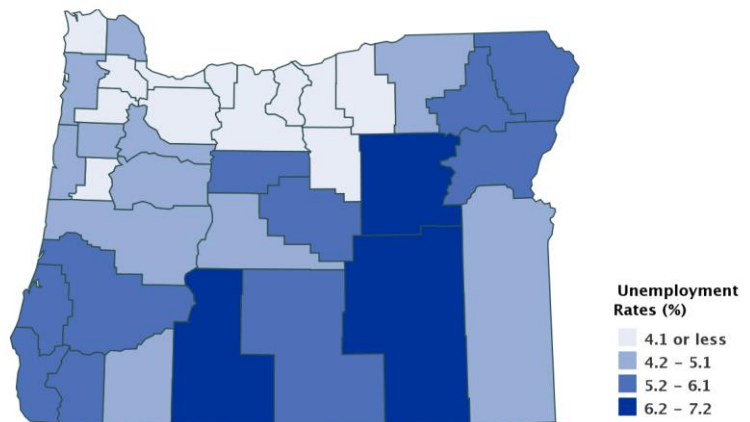
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in five of Oregon's six broad regions between April 2017 and April 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.9%). Southern Oregon (+2.7%), the Willamette Valley (+2.1%), the Portland area (+1.3%), and the Oregon Coast (+1.2%) also added jobs. Eastern Oregon had no growth over the past year.

### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for May on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. The May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

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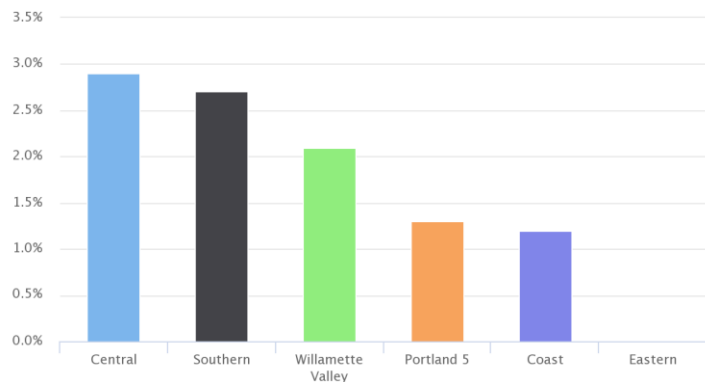
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, April 2018



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Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

April 2017 to April 2018, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	April 2018					March 2018					April 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	161,280,000	155,348,000	5,932,000	3.7	3.9	161,548,000	154,877,000	6,671,000	4.1	4.1	159,817,000	153,262,000	6,555,000	4.1	4.4
State of Oregon	2,101,298	2,020,394	80,904	3.9	4.1	2,116,790	2,025,342	91,448	4.3	4.1	2,085,262	2,005,801	79,461	3.8	4.1
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,387	55,826	2,561	4.4	4.6	58,957	56,083	2,874	4.9	4.7	57,705	55,145	2,560	4.4	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,099	90,419	3,680	3.9	4.2	94,853	90,502	4,351	4.6	4.2	92,319	88,783	3,536	3.8	4.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,545	47,260	1,285	2.6	3.1	49,029	47,504	1,525	3.1	3.1	48,290	46,970	1,320	2.7	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	183,638	176,095	7,543	4.1	4.2	185,619	177,147	8,472	4.6	4.3	181,524	174,018	7,506	4.1	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,593	33,744	1,849	5.2	5.2	35,854	33,695	2,159	6.0	5.2	35,122	33,346	1,776	5.1	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	105,039	100,301	4,738	4.5	4.6	105,536	100,100	5,436	5.2	4.8	102,655	97,882	4,773	4.6	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,308,873	1,260,524	48,349	3.7	3.8	1,319,690	1,266,412	53,278	4.0	3.7	1,300,730	1,253,565	47,165	3.6	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	198,797	190,814	7,983	4.0	4.1	200,271	191,305	8,966	4.5	4.1	199,496	191,579	7,917	4.0	4.1
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	6,945	6,553	392	5.6	5.6	6,987	6,518	469	6.7	5.6	6,974	6,599	375	5.4	5.4
Benton	48,545	47,260	1,285	2.6	3.1	49,029	47,504	1,525	3.1	3.1	48,290	46,970	1,320	2.7	3.2
Clackamas	218,802	211,264	7,538	3.4	3.6	220,535	212,081	8,454	3.8	3.6	217,161	209,774	7,387	3.4	3.6
Clatsop	19,265	18,523	742	3.9	4.1	19,176	18,309	867	4.5	4.1	19,118	18,383	735	3.8	4.0
Columbia	24,207	23,071	1,136	4.7	5.0	24,484	23,186	1,298	5.3	5.1	24,077	22,920	1,157	4.8	5.1
Coos	26,298	24,941	1,357	5.2	5.4	26,722	25,213	1,509	5.6	5.5	26,359	25,000	1,359	5.2	5.4
Crook	9,470	8,952	518	5.5	5.8	9,505	8,876	629	6.6	6.0	9,356	8,778	578	6.2	6.1
Curry	9,097	8,575	522	5.7	5.9	9,041	8,441	600	6.6	6.1	8,891	8,355	536	6.0	6.0
Deschutes	94,099	90,419	3,680	3.9	4.2	94,853	90,502	4,351	4.6	4.2	92,319	88,783	3,536	3.8	4.0
Douglas	46,233	43,816	2,417	5.2	5.4	46,563	43,864	2,699	5.8	5.4	46,058	43,719	2,339	5.1	5.2
Gilliam	848	821	27	3.2	3.2	858	825	33	3.8	3.4	843	805	38	4.5	4.2
Grant	3,025	2,780	245	8.1	7.2	3,054	2,750	304	10.0	7.3	3,074	2,820	254	8.3	7.0
Harney	3,435	3,210	225	6.6	6.3	3,425	3,161	264	7.7	6.3	3,396	3,185	211	6.2	6.1
Hood River	14,184	13,745	439	3.1	3.2	14,038	13,563	475	3.4	3.2	14,001	13,531	470	3.4	3.7
Jackson	105,039	100,301	4,738	4.5	4.6	105,536	100,100	5,436	5.2	4.8	102,655	97,882	4,773	4.6	4.7
Jefferson	9,990	9,484	506	5.1	5.5	9,941	9,332	609	6.1	5.6	10,019	9,493	526	5.3	5.5
Josephine	35,593	33,744	1,849	5.2	5.2	35,854	33,695	2,159	6.0	5.2	35,122	33,346	1,776	5.1	5.3
Klamath	29,843	28,064	1,779	6.0	6.3	30,113	27,956	2,157	7.2	6.3	29,498	27,847	1,651	5.6	5.8
Lake	3,466	3,268	198	5.7	5.6	3,430	3,204	226	6.6	5.6	3,478	3,274	204	5.9	5.7
Lane	183,638	176,095	7,543	4.1	4.2	185,619	177,147	8,472	4.6	4.3	181,524	174,018	7,506	4.1	4.3
Lincoln	21,008	20,065	943	4.5	4.7	20,983	19,913	1,070	5.1	4.8	20,911	19,970	941	4.5	4.6
Linn	58,387	55,826	2,561	4.4	4.6	58,957	56,083	2,874	4.9	4.7	57,705	55,145	2,560	4.4	4.7
Malheur	12,450	11,940	510	4.1	4.6	12,264	11,677	587	4.8	4.5	12,765	12,264	501	3.9	4.4
Marion	159,846	153,430	6,416	4.0	4.2	160,987	153,796	7,191	4.5	4.3	160,423	154,044	6,379	4.0	4.2
Morrow	5,715	5,506	209	3.7	4.1	5,829	5,581	248	4.3	4.2	5,727	5,517	210	3.7	4.1
Multnomah	458,021	442,190	15,831	3.5	3.7	461,432	444,047	17,385	3.8	3.7	454,206	438,905	15,301	3.4	3.5
Polk	38,951	37,384	1,567	4.0	4.3	39,284	37,509	1,775	4.5	4.2	39,073	37,535	1,538	3.9	4.2
Sherman	865	832	33	3.8	3.9	874	835	39	4.5	3.7	906	863	43	4.7	4.8
Tillamook	11,807	11,310	497	4.2	4.3	11,729	11,178	551	4.7	4.3	11,744	11,276	468	4.0	4.1
Umatilla	36,392	34,724	1,668	4.6	5.0	36,526	34,625	1,901	5.2	5.0	36,305	34,740	1,565	4.3	4.7
Union	12,009	11,385	624	5.2	5.3	12,094	11,374	720	6.0	5.4	11,985	11,373	612	5.1	5.3
Wallowa	3,204	2,976	228	7.1	5.9	3,194	2,911	283	8.9	5.9	3,254	3,026	228	7.0	5.6
Wasco	12,933	12,411	522	4.0	4.1	12,900	12,274	626	4.9	4.1	12,941	12,437	504	3.9	3.9
Washington	322,645	312,356	10,289	3.2	3.4	325,266	313,747	11,519	3.5	3.4	320,355	310,336	10,019	3.1	3.4
Wheeler	700	677	23	3.3	3.0	690	668	22	3.2	2.9	731	700	31	4.2	4.4
Yamhill	54,345	52,500	1,845	3.4	3.6	55,015	52,894	2,121	3.9	3.6	54,018	52,188	1,830	3.4	3.6

(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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