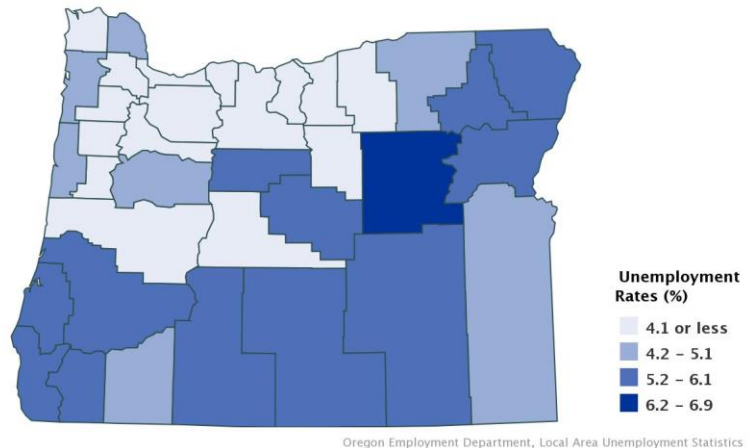


## May 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

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

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, May 2018

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in May 2018, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.9 percent and is close to its lowest unemployment rate on record of 6.4 percent in October 2017.

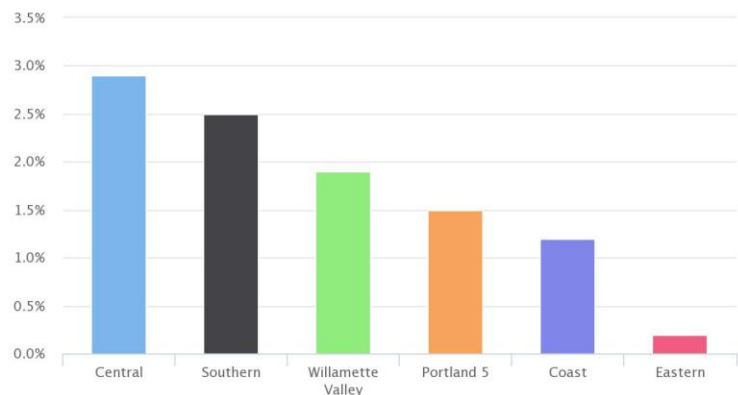


Sixteen of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Nine counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 3.8 percent. Gilliam and Wheeler counties saw their unemployment rates improve over the year by 1.1 percentage points, more than any other county.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between May 2017 and May 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.9%). Southern Oregon (+2.5%), the Willamette Valley (+1.9%), the Portland area (+1.5%), and the Oregon Coast (+1.2%) also added jobs. Eastern Oregon saw a negligible job growth rate of 0.2 percent.

Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

May 2017 to May 2018, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for June on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. The June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	May 2018					April 2018					May 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	161,765,000	156,009,000	5,756,000	3.6	3.8	161,280,000	155,348,000	5,932,000	3.7	3.9	159,979,000	153,407,000	6,572,000	4.1	4.3
State of Oregon	2,104,074	2,030,646	73,428	3.5	4.1	2,102,390	2,021,690	80,700	3.8	4.1	2,089,234	2,012,100	77,134	3.7	4.1
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,225	55,942	2,283	3.9	4.3	58,324	55,772	2,552	4.4	4.6	57,715	55,229	2,486	4.3	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,494	91,322	3,172	3.4	3.8	94,330	90,656	3,674	3.9	4.2	92,725	89,361	3,364	3.6	4.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,606	47,363	1,243	2.6	3.0	48,454	47,173	1,281	2.6	3.1	48,566	47,211	1,355	2.8	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	184,101	177,113	6,988	3.8	4.1	183,708	176,181	7,527	4.1	4.2	181,869	174,598	7,271	4.0	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,645	33,990	1,655	4.6	5.2	35,639	33,785	1,854	5.2	5.2	35,216	33,522	1,694	4.8	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	104,454	100,170	4,284	4.1	4.4	104,891	100,163	4,728	4.5	4.6	102,868	98,361	4,507	4.4	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,312,480	1,267,379	45,101	3.4	3.7	1,310,225	1,262,060	48,165	3.7	3.8	1,300,364	1,253,688	46,676	3.6	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	199,489	192,229	7,260	3.6	4.0	198,937	190,964	7,973	4.0	4.1	200,162	192,368	7,794	3.9	4.3
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	6,979	6,673	306	4.4	5.4	6,961	6,570	391	5.6	5.6	7,001	6,685	316	4.5	5.2
Benton	48,606	47,363	1,243	2.6	3.0	48,454	47,173	1,281	2.6	3.1	48,566	47,211	1,355	2.8	3.2
Clackamas	219,045	212,062	6,983	3.2	3.5	218,975	211,476	7,499	3.4	3.6	217,058	209,817	7,241	3.3	3.6
Clatsop	19,205	18,570	635	3.3	3.9	19,239	18,502	737	3.8	4.1	19,287	18,592	695	3.6	4.0
Columbia	24,200	23,159	1,041	4.3	4.9	24,232	23,095	1,137	4.7	5.0	24,025	22,918	1,107	4.6	5.0
Coos	26,287	25,089	1,198	4.6	5.2	26,267	24,913	1,354	5.2	5.4	26,477	25,172	1,305	4.9	5.4
Crook	9,510	9,052	458	4.8	5.5	9,474	8,957	517	5.5	5.8	9,499	8,962	537	5.7	6.1
Curry	9,132	8,664	468	5.1	5.7	9,088	8,564	524	5.8	5.9	9,001	8,505	496	5.5	6.0
Deschutes	94,494	91,322	3,172	3.4	3.8	94,330	90,656	3,674	3.9	4.2	92,725	89,361	3,364	3.6	4.0
Douglas	46,012	43,909	2,103	4.6	5.2	46,175	43,764	2,411	5.2	5.4	46,172	43,957	2,215	4.8	5.2
Gilliam	853	830	23	2.7	3.0	848	821	27	3.2	3.2	854	823	31	3.6	4.1
Grant	3,042	2,865	177	5.8	6.9	3,034	2,788	246	8.1	7.2	3,103	2,903	200	6.4	6.8
Harney	3,425	3,254	171	5.0	5.9	3,431	3,208	223	6.5	6.2	3,406	3,223	183	5.4	5.9
Hood River	13,957	13,533	424	3.0	3.2	14,177	13,738	439	3.1	3.2	13,872	13,409	463	3.3	3.6
Jackson	104,454	100,170	4,284	4.1	4.4	104,891	100,163	4,728	4.5	4.6	102,868	98,361	4,507	4.4	4.7
Jefferson	10,038	9,619	419	4.2	5.2	10,017	9,516	501	5.0	5.5	10,137	9,661	476	4.7	5.4
Josephine	35,645	33,990	1,655	4.6	5.2	35,639	33,785	1,854	5.2	5.2	35,216	33,522	1,694	4.8	5.4
Klamath	30,048	28,552	1,496	5.0	6.1	29,863	28,077	1,786	6.0	6.3	29,787	28,325	1,462	4.9	5.7
Lake	3,469	3,307	162	4.7	5.4	3,465	3,267	198	5.7	5.6	3,519	3,343	176	5.0	5.7
Lane	184,101	177,113	6,988	3.8	4.1	183,708	176,181	7,527	4.1	4.2	181,869	174,598	7,271	4.0	4.4
Lincoln	20,950	20,084	866	4.1	4.6	21,011	20,069	942	4.5	4.7	21,026	20,123	903	4.3	4.7
Linn	58,225	55,942	2,283	3.9	4.3	58,324	55,772	2,552	4.4	4.6	57,715	55,229	2,486	4.3	4.7
Malheur	12,337	11,879	458	3.7	4.4	12,448	11,948	500	4.0	4.5	12,610	12,127	483	3.8	4.3
Marion	160,433	154,585	5,848	3.6	4.0	159,963	153,551	6,412	4.0	4.2	160,987	154,697	6,290	3.9	4.2
Morrow	5,729	5,536	193	3.4	3.9	5,715	5,509	206	3.6	4.1	5,766	5,556	210	3.6	4.1
Multnomah	458,287	443,733	14,554	3.2	3.5	458,439	442,645	15,794	3.4	3.7	453,905	438,835	15,070	3.3	3.5
Polk	39,056	37,644	1,412	3.6	4.0	38,974	37,413	1,561	4.0	4.2	39,175	37,671	1,504	3.8	4.3
Sherman	870	837	33	3.8	4.0	868	835	33	3.8	3.9	901	862	39	4.3	4.9
Tillamook	11,898	11,461	437	3.7	4.2	11,809	11,317	492	4.2	4.3	11,791	11,349	442	3.7	4.2
Umatilla	36,658	35,193	1,465	4.0	4.9	36,416	34,750	1,666	4.6	5.0	36,774	35,263	1,511	4.1	4.7
Union	11,972	11,450	522	4.4	5.2	12,004	11,378	626	5.2	5.3	12,071	11,509	562	4.7	5.2
Wallowa	3,261	3,092	169	5.2	5.8	3,193	2,968	225	7.0	5.9	3,330	3,157	173	5.2	5.6
Wasco	13,068	12,614	454	3.5	3.9	12,934	12,415	519	4.0	4.1	13,162	12,674	488	3.7	3.9
Washington	323,590	313,982	9,608	3.0	3.3	322,934	312,681	10,253	3.2	3.4	320,701	310,655	10,046	3.1	3.4
Wheeler	696	674	22	3.2	3.1	700	677	23	3.3	3.0	727	697	30	4.1	4.2
Yamhill	54,540	52,845	1,695	3.1	3.5	54,393	52,550	1,843	3.4	3.6	54,153	52,349	1,804	3.3	3.7

(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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