

September 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton and Hood River counties had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.0 percent in September 2018. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in September included Washington (3.2%), Wheeler (3.2%), and Multnomah (3.3%). Ten of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 3.8 percent and eight were at or below the national rate of 3.7 percent.

Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in September 2018, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990. In Oregon, 18 counties had record low unemployment rates in September.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.3 percent, which was close to Grant's lowest unemployment rate since comparable records began in 1990.

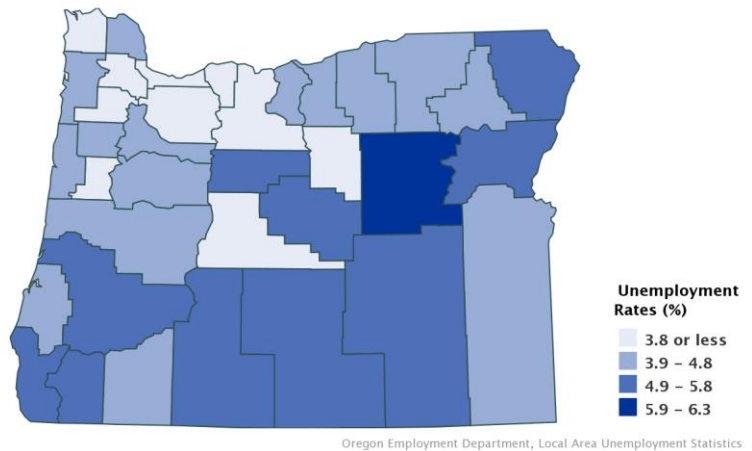
Crook County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 1.0 percentage point, more than any other county. Other counties showing decreases were Coos (-0.8%), Curry (-0.7%), and Sherman (-0.7%).

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between September 2017 and September 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+3.6%). The Willamette Valley (+2.5%), Southern Oregon (+2.3%), the Oregon Coast (+1.7%), the Portland area (+1.6%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.7%) also added jobs.

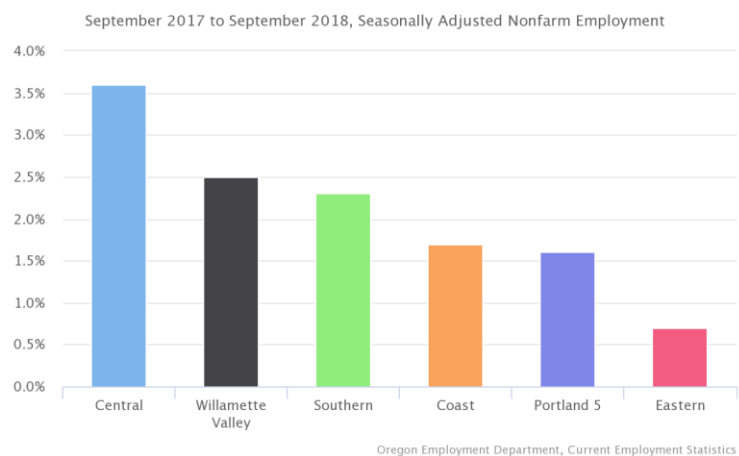
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The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for October on Tuesday, November 14, 2018. The October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, September 2018



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	September 2018					August 2018					September 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	161,958,000	156,191,000	5,766,000	3.6	3.7	161,909,000	155,539,000	6,370,000	3.9	3.9	161,049,000	154,494,000	6,556,000	4.1	4.2
State of Oregon	2,118,955	2,041,841	77,114	3.6	3.8	2,124,482	2,040,061	84,421	4.0	3.8	2,134,310	2,049,228	85,082	4.0	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,264	55,811	2,453	4.2	4.3	58,365	55,674	2,691	4.6	4.4	58,123	55,409	2,714	4.7	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,909	93,583	3,326	3.4	3.8	97,084	93,576	3,508	3.6	3.7	95,503	91,840	3,663	3.8	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,078	45,618	1,460	3.1	3.0	46,107	44,518	1,589	3.4	2.8	47,937	46,319	1,618	3.4	3.4
Eugene (Lane County)	183,604	176,244	7,360	4.0	4.2	182,029	174,014	8,015	4.4	4.2	183,160	175,140	8,020	4.4	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,054	34,358	1,696	4.7	5.5	35,930	34,004	1,926	5.4	5.4	36,332	34,519	1,813	5.0	5.6
Medford (Jackson County)	105,514	101,172	4,342	4.1	4.4	105,645	100,707	4,938	4.7	4.4	106,149	101,489	4,660	4.4	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,315,911	1,270,122	45,789	3.5	3.7	1,317,308	1,267,481	49,827	3.8	3.6	1,323,059	1,272,080	50,979	3.9	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	203,046	195,332	7,714	3.8	4.3	204,625	195,961	8,664	4.2	4.1	205,685	197,168	8,517	4.1	4.6
Counties:															
Baker	6,958	6,664	294	4.2	4.9	6,975	6,665	310	4.4	5.0	7,182	6,854	328	4.6	5.4
Benton	47,078	45,618	1,460	3.1	3.0	46,107	44,518	1,589	3.4	2.8	47,937	46,319	1,618	3.4	3.4
Clackamas	220,333	212,767	7,566	3.4	3.5	220,992	212,767	8,225	3.7	3.4	221,861	213,579	8,282	3.7	3.9
Clatsop	19,588	18,899	689	3.5	3.8	19,779	19,057	722	3.7	3.7	19,772	19,007	765	3.9	4.3
Columbia	24,271	23,172	1,099	4.5	4.7	24,348	23,131	1,217	5.0	4.7	24,484	23,226	1,258	5.1	5.3
Coos	26,418	25,215	1,203	4.6	4.8	26,455	25,101	1,354	5.1	4.9	26,988	25,581	1,407	5.2	5.6
Crook	9,570	9,115	455	4.8	5.4	9,585	9,098	487	5.1	5.4	9,823	9,277	546	5.6	6.4
Curry	9,169	8,729	440	4.8	5.5	9,244	8,775	469	5.1	5.5	9,386	8,885	501	5.3	6.2
Deschutes	96,909	93,583	3,326	3.4	3.8	97,084	93,576	3,508	3.6	3.7	95,503	91,840	3,663	3.8	4.3
Douglas	46,782	44,620	2,162	4.6	4.9	46,773	44,363	2,410	5.2	5.0	47,389	44,949	2,440	5.1	5.4
Gilliam	851	819	32	3.8	3.9	880	846	34	3.9	3.6	873	837	36	4.1	4.4
Grant	3,143	2,995	148	4.7	6.3	3,208	3,051	157	4.9	6.1	3,287	3,143	144	4.4	6.5
Harney	3,454	3,298	156	4.5	5.6	3,488	3,320	168	4.8	5.6	3,511	3,343	168	4.8	6.2
Hood River	15,817	15,418	399	2.5	3.0	16,393	15,932	461	2.8	3.0	15,858	15,406	452	2.9	3.5
Jackson	105,514	101,172	4,342	4.1	4.4	105,645	100,707	4,938	4.7	4.4	106,149	101,489	4,660	4.4	4.7
Jefferson	10,245	9,798	447	4.4	4.9	10,324	9,855	469	4.5	4.9	10,292	9,805	487	4.7	5.5
Josephine	36,054	34,358	1,696	4.7	5.5	35,930	34,004	1,926	5.4	5.4	36,332	34,519	1,813	5.0	5.6
Klamath	29,685	28,179	1,506	5.1	5.8	29,748	28,083	1,665	5.6	5.7	30,496	28,970	1,526	5.0	5.9
Lake	3,625	3,485	140	3.9	5.0	3,688	3,523	165	4.5	5.0	3,700	3,546	154	4.2	5.5
Lane	183,604	176,244	7,360	4.0	4.2	182,029	174,014	8,015	4.4	4.2	183,160	175,140	8,020	4.4	4.5
Lincoln	21,572	20,701	871	4.0	4.4	22,009	21,108	901	4.1	4.4	21,813	20,854	959	4.4	4.8
Linn	58,264	55,811	2,453	4.2	4.3	58,365	55,674	2,691	4.6	4.4	58,123	55,409	2,714	4.7	4.8
Malheur	12,685	12,227	458	3.6	4.2	12,605	12,090	515	4.1	4.1	12,863	12,355	508	3.9	4.2
Marion	163,327	157,176	6,151	3.8	4.0	164,779	157,839	6,940	4.2	4.0	165,466	158,659	6,807	4.1	4.3
Morrow	5,944	5,746	198	3.3	4.0	6,062	5,818	244	4.0	3.9	6,077	5,843	234	3.9	3.9
Multnomah	459,665	444,429	15,236	3.3	3.3	460,165	443,772	16,393	3.6	3.3	462,751	445,975	16,776	3.6	3.7
Polk	39,719	38,156	1,563	3.9	4.2	39,846	38,122	1,724	4.3	4.1	40,219	38,509	1,710	4.3	4.5
Sherman	882	848	34	3.9	4.4	878	844	34	3.9	4.2	917	877	40	4.4	5.1
Tillamook	11,870	11,417	453	3.8	4.1	12,223	11,736	487	4.0	4.1	11,977	11,497	480	4.0	4.4
Umatilla	37,493	36,088	1,405	3.7	4.4	37,584	35,985	1,599	4.3	4.5	38,244	36,623	1,621	4.2	4.9
Union	11,889	11,378	511	4.3	4.8	12,030	11,472	558	4.6	4.7	12,040	11,489	551	4.6	5.2
Wallowa	3,406	3,281	125	3.7	5.6	3,464	3,330	134	3.9	5.6	3,534	3,400	134	3.8	5.6
Wasco	12,892	12,406	486	3.8	3.7	14,128	13,609	519	3.7	3.6	13,239	12,696	543	4.1	4.1
Washington	324,512	314,180	10,332	3.2	3.2	325,478	314,200	11,278	3.5	3.2	326,979	315,293	11,686	3.6	3.6
Wheeler	761	737	24	3.2	3.2	751	727	24	3.2	3.1	772	747	25	3.2	3.7
Yamhill	55,010	53,112	1,898	3.5	3.6	55,435	53,346	2,089	3.8	3.5	55,315	53,288	2,027	3.7	3.9

(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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