

October 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton, Hood River, and Washington counties had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in October 2018.

Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in October included Multnomah (3.5%), Clackamas (3.7%), and Wheeler (3.7%). Seven of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 3.8 percent and six were at or below the national rate of 3.7 percent.

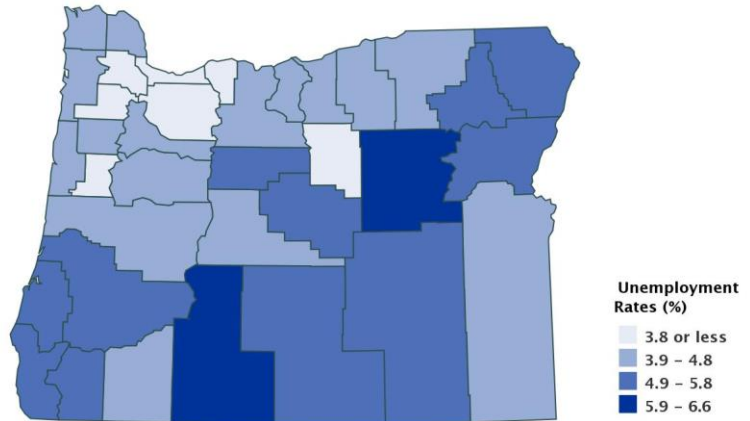
Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in October 2018, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.6 percent, which was close to Grant's lowest unemployment rate since comparable records began in 1990.

Sherman and Harney counties saw their unemployment rates improve over the year by 0.7 percentage point, more than any other county.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between October 2017 and October 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.8%). The Willamette Valley (+1.9%), the Portland area (+1.5%), Southern Oregon (+1.3%), the Oregon Coast (+0.5%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.5%) also added jobs.

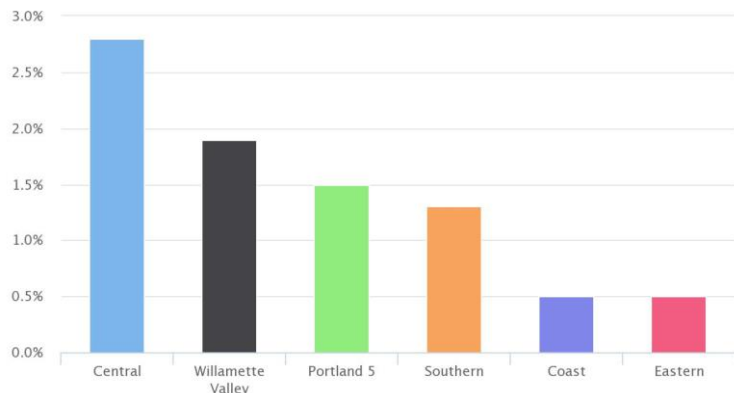
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, October 2018



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

October 2017 to October 2018, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for November on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. The November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	October 2018					September 2018					October 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	162,723,000	156,952,000	5,771,000	3.5	3.7	161,958,000	156,191,000	5,766,000	3.6	3.7	160,465,000	154,223,000	6,242,000	3.9	4.1
State of Oregon	2,128,399	2,042,724	85,675	4.0	3.8	2,122,489	2,043,685	78,804	3.7	3.8	2,130,000	2,045,845	84,155	4.0	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,213	56,518	2,695	4.6	4.6	58,547	56,041	2,506	4.3	4.4	58,834	56,144	2,690	4.6	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,165	92,412	3,753	3.9	4.0	96,848	93,440	3,408	3.5	3.8	94,665	90,873	3,792	4.0	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,732	47,124	1,608	3.3	3.3	47,183	45,708	1,475	3.1	3.0	48,972	47,483	1,489	3.0	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	184,837	176,730	8,107	4.4	4.5	183,092	175,548	7,544	4.1	4.3	185,148	177,276	7,872	4.3	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,104	34,215	1,889	5.2	5.8	36,127	34,410	1,717	4.8	5.6	36,008	34,204	1,804	5.0	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	106,300	101,549	4,751	4.5	4.8	106,166	101,724	4,442	4.2	4.5	106,492	101,955	4,537	4.3	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,330,824	1,280,404	50,420	3.8	4.0	1,318,353	1,271,822	46,531	3.5	3.8	1,325,764	1,275,473	50,291	3.8	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	203,555	195,011	8,544	4.2	4.5	203,370	195,495	7,875	3.9	4.3	203,944	195,697	8,247	4.0	4.4
Counties:															
Baker	7,181	6,842	339	4.7	5.1	7,042	6,743	299	4.2	4.9	7,258	6,908	350	4.8	5.5
Benton	48,732	47,124	1,608	3.3	3.3	47,183	45,708	1,475	3.1	3.0	48,972	47,483	1,489	3.0	3.3
Clackamas	221,940	213,543	8,397	3.8	3.7	220,857	213,146	7,711	3.5	3.5	221,703	213,563	8,140	3.7	3.9
Clatsop	19,122	18,342	780	4.1	4.0	19,530	18,827	703	3.6	3.8	19,430	18,645	785	4.0	4.2
Columbia	24,475	23,292	1,183	4.8	4.8	24,335	23,212	1,123	4.6	4.7	24,465	23,221	1,244	5.1	5.2
Coos	26,603	25,210	1,393	5.2	5.1	26,584	25,337	1,247	4.7	4.9	26,985	25,548	1,437	5.3	5.5
Crook	9,439	8,924	515	5.5	5.7	9,540	9,070	470	4.9	5.5	9,642	9,092	550	5.7	6.2
Curry	9,017	8,499	518	5.7	5.8	9,090	8,640	450	5.0	5.6	9,204	8,673	531	5.8	6.2
Deschutes	96,165	92,412	3,753	3.9	4.0	96,848	93,440	3,408	3.5	3.8	94,665	90,873	3,792	4.0	4.2
Douglas	46,417	44,035	2,382	5.1	5.1	46,825	44,594	2,231	4.8	5.0	46,858	44,446	2,412	5.1	5.3
Gilliam	837	799	38	4.5	4.5	853	818	35	4.1	4.0	850	818	32	3.8	4.2
Grant	3,137	2,977	160	5.1	6.6	3,207	3,055	152	4.7	6.3	3,186	3,040	146	4.6	6.4
Harney	3,435	3,264	171	5.0	5.7	3,467	3,310	157	4.5	5.6	3,495	3,302	193	5.5	6.4
Hood River	13,796	13,317	479	3.5	3.3	15,788	15,379	409	2.6	3.1	13,792	13,380	412	3.0	3.4
Jackson	106,300	101,549	4,751	4.5	4.8	106,166	101,724	4,442	4.2	4.5	106,492	101,955	4,537	4.3	4.7
Jefferson	10,208	9,711	497	4.9	5.2	10,368	9,912	456	4.4	4.9	10,094	9,613	481	4.8	5.4
Josephine	36,104	34,215	1,889	5.2	5.8	36,127	34,410	1,717	4.8	5.6	36,008	34,204	1,804	5.0	5.4
Klamath	29,998	28,321	1,677	5.6	6.0	29,859	28,314	1,545	5.2	5.8	30,693	29,089	1,604	5.2	5.9
Lake	3,512	3,338	174	5.0	5.4	3,606	3,456	150	4.2	5.2	3,553	3,394	159	4.5	5.4
Lane	184,837	176,730	8,107	4.4	4.5	183,092	175,548	7,544	4.1	4.3	185,148	177,276	7,872	4.3	4.4
Lincoln	21,017	20,041	976	4.6	4.6	21,590	20,704	886	4.1	4.4	21,115	20,154	961	4.6	4.7
Linn	59,213	56,518	2,695	4.6	4.6	58,547	56,041	2,506	4.3	4.4	58,834	56,144	2,690	4.6	4.7
Malheur	12,775	12,250	525	4.1	4.4	12,767	12,305	462	3.6	4.2	12,871	12,382	489	3.8	4.3
Marion	163,613	156,789	6,824	4.2	4.3	163,588	157,308	6,280	3.8	4.0	163,942	157,347	6,595	4.0	4.2
Morrow	5,846	5,615	231	4.0	4.3	5,913	5,707	206	3.5	4.1	5,933	5,722	211	3.6	3.9
Multnomah	463,807	446,900	16,907	3.6	3.5	460,754	445,220	15,534	3.4	3.3	463,124	446,406	16,718	3.6	3.6
Polk	39,942	38,222	1,720	4.3	4.5	39,782	38,187	1,595	4.0	4.3	40,002	38,350	1,652	4.1	4.4
Sherman	872	839	33	3.8	4.1	889	857	32	3.6	4.2	881	839	42	4.8	4.8
Tillamook	11,683	11,158	525	4.5	4.4	11,863	11,397	466	3.9	4.2	11,778	11,282	496	4.2	4.3
Umatilla	36,860	35,319	1,541	4.2	4.6	37,202	35,768	1,434	3.9	4.4	37,551	35,970	1,581	4.2	4.9
Union	12,052	11,472	580	4.8	5.1	11,885	11,351	534	4.5	4.8	12,158	11,586	572	4.7	5.2
Wallowa	3,330	3,177	153	4.6	5.7	3,429	3,304	125	3.6	5.6	3,440	3,296	144	4.2	5.5
Wasco	12,696	12,117	579	4.6	4.0	12,730	12,227	503	4.0	3.7	13,106	12,551	555	4.2	4.1
Washington	327,658	316,176	11,482	3.5	3.3	325,285	314,740	10,545	3.2	3.2	327,017	315,543	11,474	3.5	3.5
Wheeler	738	709	29	3.9	3.7	745	720	25	3.4	3.4	767	740	27	3.5	3.7
Yamhill	55,043	52,979	2,064	3.7	3.8	55,152	53,205	1,947	3.5	3.6	54,987	53,010	1,977	3.6	3.8

(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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