

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

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in November 2018. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in November included Hood River (3.4%), Washington (3.4%), and Multnomah (3.6%). Seven of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 3.9 percent and four were at or below the national rate of 3.7 percent.

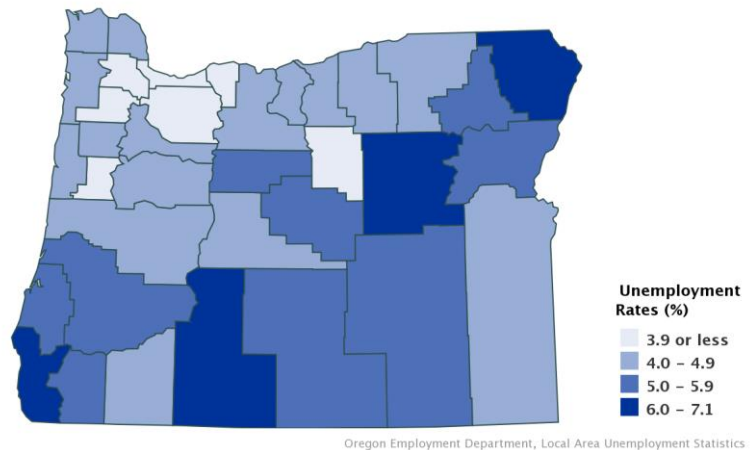
Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in November 2018, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.1 percent, which was 1 percentage higher than Grant's lowest unemployment rate since comparable records began in 1990.

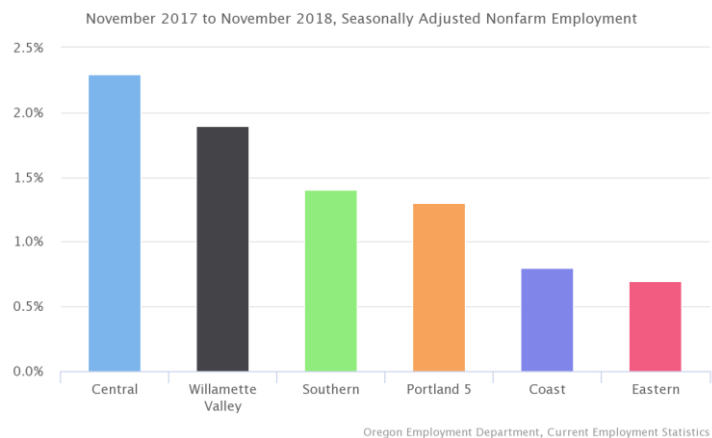
Harney County's unemployment rate improved over the year by 0.7 percentage point, more than any other county.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between November 2017 and November 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.3%). The Willamette Valley (+1.9%), Southern Oregon (+1.4%), the Portland area (+1.3%), the Oregon Coast (+0.8%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.7%) also added jobs.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, November 2018



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region



### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for December on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. The December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	November 2018					October 2018					November 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	162,665,000	157,015,000	5,650,000	3.5	3.7	162,723,000	156,952,000	5,771,000	3.5	3.7	160,466,000	154,180,000	6,286,000	3.9	4.1
State of Oregon	2,123,381	2,038,656	84,725	4.0	3.9	2,129,357	2,042,793	86,564	4.1	3.8	2,127,353	2,043,690	83,663	3.9	4.2
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	59,079	56,351	2,728	4.6	4.8	59,127	56,396	2,731	4.6	4.7	58,679	56,064	2,615	4.5	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,970	92,060	3,910	4.1	4.1	96,359	92,573	3,786	3.9	4.0	94,778	90,872	3,906	4.1	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,676	47,197	1,479	3.0	3.3	48,575	46,968	1,607	3.3	3.3	49,087	47,664	1,423	2.9	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	184,339	176,498	7,841	4.3	4.5	184,602	176,400	8,202	4.4	4.6	185,377	177,530	7,847	4.2	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,590	33,670	1,920	5.4	5.8	36,151	34,233	1,918	5.3	5.9	35,658	33,865	1,793	5.0	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	106,409	101,647	4,762	4.5	4.8	106,846	102,049	4,797	4.5	4.8	106,271	101,744	4,527	4.3	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,333,477	1,283,865	49,612	3.7	4.0	1,330,915	1,280,151	50,764	3.8	4.0	1,328,228	1,278,634	49,594	3.7	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	203,043	194,588	8,455	4.2	4.4	203,559	194,924	8,635	4.2	4.6	204,232	195,974	8,258	4.0	4.3
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,002	6,649	353	5.0	5.2	7,179	6,838	341	4.7	5.1	7,081	6,706	375	5.3	5.6
Benton	48,676	47,197	1,479	3.0	3.3	48,575	46,968	1,607	3.3	3.3	49,087	47,664	1,423	2.9	3.2
Clackamas	222,076	213,984	8,092	3.6	3.8	221,942	213,475	8,467	3.8	3.7	222,139	214,057	8,082	3.6	3.8
Clatsop	18,923	18,107	816	4.3	4.2	19,150	18,358	792	4.1	4.0	19,095	18,302	793	4.2	4.2
Columbia	24,516	23,335	1,181	4.8	4.9	24,483	23,284	1,199	4.9	4.8	24,494	23,264	1,230	5.0	5.1
Coos	26,699	25,258	1,441	5.4	5.3	26,653	25,237	1,416	5.3	5.1	26,899	25,436	1,463	5.4	5.5
Crook	9,350	8,824	526	5.6	5.8	9,454	8,923	531	5.6	5.7	9,551	8,985	566	5.9	6.2
Curry	8,691	8,114	577	6.6	6.2	9,009	8,483	526	5.8	5.8	8,932	8,368	564	6.3	6.2
Deschutes	95,970	92,060	3,910	4.1	4.1	96,359	92,573	3,786	3.9	4.0	94,778	90,872	3,906	4.1	4.2
Douglas	46,393	43,984	2,409	5.2	5.2	46,565	44,142	2,423	5.2	5.1	46,870	44,421	2,449	5.2	5.3
Gilliam	846	809	37	4.4	4.6	843	805	38	4.5	4.5	857	823	34	4.0	4.2
Grant	3,073	2,866	207	6.7	7.1	3,141	2,979	162	5.2	6.6	3,095	2,919	176	5.7	6.5
Harney	3,362	3,166	196	5.8	5.9	3,438	3,269	169	4.9	5.6	3,406	3,194	212	6.2	6.6
Hood River	13,725	13,252	473	3.4	3.4	13,845	13,364	481	3.5	3.3	14,012	13,563	449	3.2	3.3
Jackson	106,409	101,647	4,762	4.5	4.8	106,846	102,049	4,797	4.5	4.8	106,271	101,744	4,527	4.3	4.7
Jefferson	10,162	9,608	554	5.5	5.4	10,269	9,768	501	4.9	5.2	10,005	9,479	526	5.3	5.4
Josephine	35,590	33,670	1,920	5.4	5.8	36,151	34,233	1,918	5.3	5.9	35,658	33,865	1,793	5.0	5.3
Klamath	29,267	27,466	1,801	6.2	6.3	30,037	28,332	1,705	5.7	6.1	30,291	28,540	1,751	5.8	6.0
Lake	3,443	3,242	201	5.8	5.7	3,524	3,346	178	5.1	5.5	3,479	3,292	187	5.4	5.5
Lane	184,339	176,498	7,841	4.3	4.5	184,602	176,400	8,202	4.4	4.6	185,377	177,530	7,847	4.2	4.4
Lincoln	20,684	19,637	1,047	5.1	4.8	21,075	20,081	994	4.7	4.6	20,788	19,792	996	4.8	4.7
Linn	59,079	56,351	2,728	4.6	4.8	59,127	56,396	2,731	4.6	4.7	58,679	56,064	2,615	4.5	4.6
Malheur	12,526	11,991	535	4.3	4.6	12,800	12,269	531	4.1	4.5	12,630	12,109	521	4.1	4.3
Marion	163,079	156,351	6,728	4.1	4.3	163,613	156,719	6,894	4.2	4.3	164,110	157,470	6,640	4.0	4.2
Morrow	5,744	5,492	252	4.4	4.5	5,859	5,626	233	4.0	4.4	5,817	5,573	244	4.2	3.9
Multnomah	463,619	447,283	16,336	3.5	3.6	463,816	446,750	17,066	3.7	3.5	462,941	446,810	16,131	3.5	3.6
Polk	39,964	38,237	1,727	4.3	4.6	39,946	38,205	1,741	4.4	4.5	40,122	38,504	1,618	4.0	4.3
Sherman	856	823	33	3.9	4.0	870	837	33	3.8	4.1	857	822	35	4.1	4.3
Tillamook	11,539	11,034	505	4.4	4.5	11,696	11,161	535	4.6	4.4	11,541	11,046	495	4.3	4.3
Umatilla	36,474	34,768	1,706	4.7	4.7	36,964	35,399	1,565	4.2	4.6	36,913	35,237	1,676	4.5	4.8
Union	12,045	11,401	644	5.3	5.4	12,062	11,482	580	4.8	5.1	12,065	11,472	593	4.9	5.2
Wallowa	3,243	3,032	211	6.5	6.0	3,334	3,175	159	4.8	5.8	3,321	3,140	181	5.5	5.5
Wasco	12,753	12,175	578	4.5	4.2	12,710	12,126	584	4.6	4.0	13,288	12,724	564	4.2	4.0
Washington	327,594	316,737	10,857	3.3	3.4	327,637	316,065	11,572	3.5	3.3	327,230	316,239	10,991	3.4	3.5
Wheeler	731	703	28	3.8	3.9	738	709	29	3.9	3.7	761	735	26	3.4	3.6
Yamhill	54,940	52,905	2,035	3.7	3.8	55,041	52,965	2,076	3.8	3.8	54,912	52,927	1,985	3.6	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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