

December 2018 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in December 2018. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in December included Hood River (3.5%), Washington (3.5%), and Multnomah (3.7%). Seven of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.1 percent and six were at or below the national rate of 3.9 percent.

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

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.4 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in December were Klamath (6.6%) and Curry (6.5%).

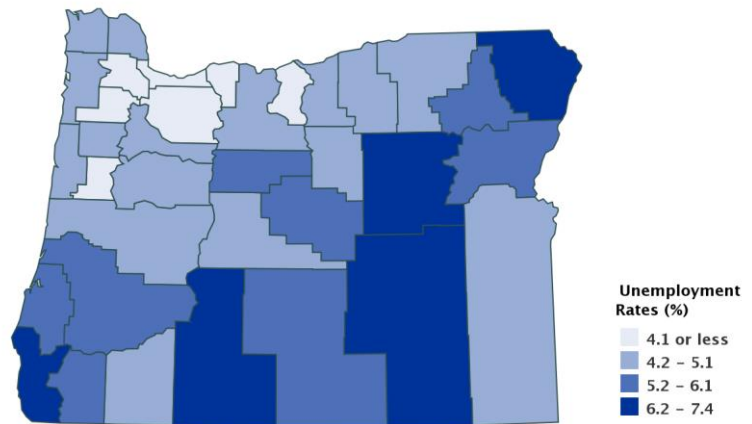
Harney County's unemployment rate improved over the year by 0.6 percentage point, more than any other county.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between December 2017 and December 2018. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.3%). The Portland Area (+1.4%), Willamette Valley (+1.4%), Southern Oregon (+1.2%), the Coast (+0.9%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.8%) also added jobs.

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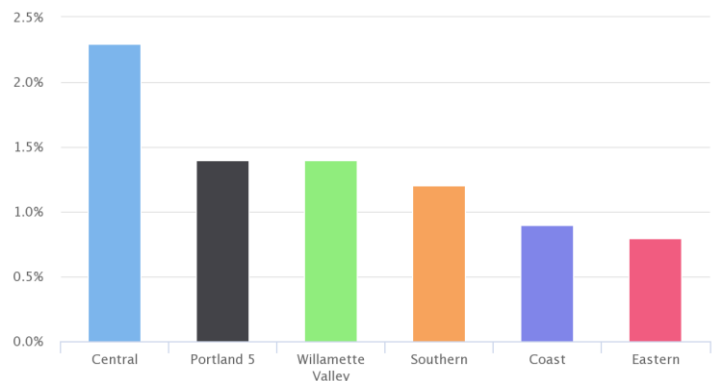
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January on Tuesday March 5, 2019. The January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2018



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region
December 2017 to December 2018, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2018					November 2018					December 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	162,510,000	156,481,000	6,029,000	3.7	3.9	162,665,000	157,015,000	5,650,000	3.5	3.7	159,880,000	153,602,000	6,278,000	3.9	4.1
State of Oregon	2,106,593	2,020,046	86,547	4.1	4.1	2,122,967	2,037,977	84,990	4.0	3.9	2,111,916	2,030,726	81,190	3.8	4.1
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,515	55,809	2,706	4.6	4.9	59,234	56,487	2,747	4.6	4.8	58,513	55,957	2,556	4.4	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,899	91,590	4,309	4.5	4.4	96,189	92,255	3,934	4.1	4.1	93,692	89,684	4,008	4.3	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,050	46,627	1,423	3.0	3.3	48,613	47,136	1,477	3.0	3.3	48,595	47,253	1,342	2.8	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	182,636	174,706	7,930	4.3	4.6	184,134	176,270	7,864	4.3	4.5	184,824	177,308	7,516	4.1	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,574	33,543	2,031	5.7	5.9	35,736	33,806	1,930	5.4	5.8	35,426	33,584	1,842	5.2	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	104,997	100,069	4,928	4.7	5.1	105,887	101,125	4,762	4.5	4.9	105,089	100,686	4,403	4.2	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,329,963	1,279,680	50,283	3.8	4.1	1,333,418	1,283,750	49,668	3.7	4.0	1,324,396	1,276,346	48,050	3.6	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	199,854	191,272	8,582	4.3	4.5	203,156	194,669	8,487	4.2	4.5	202,072	194,142	7,930	3.9	4.1
Counties:															
Baker	6,932	6,550	382	5.5	5.3	7,008	6,653	355	5.1	5.2	7,053	6,646	407	5.8	5.6
Benton	48,050	46,627	1,423	3.0	3.3	48,613	47,136	1,477	3.0	3.3	48,595	47,253	1,342	2.8	3.2
Clackamas	220,711	212,622	8,089	3.7	3.9	222,012	213,896	8,116	3.7	3.8	220,807	213,177	7,630	3.5	3.8
Clatsop	18,549	17,695	854	4.6	4.3	18,937	18,119	818	4.3	4.2	18,536	17,738	798	4.3	4.2
Columbia	24,408	23,225	1,183	4.8	5.0	24,506	23,325	1,181	4.8	4.9	24,383	23,238	1,145	4.7	5.0
Coos	26,567	25,070	1,497	5.6	5.5	26,703	25,259	1,444	5.4	5.3	26,456	25,041	1,415	5.3	5.5
Crook	9,297	8,710	587	6.3	5.9	9,361	8,829	532	5.7	5.8	9,458	8,834	624	6.6	6.3
Curry	8,518	7,917	601	7.1	6.5	8,698	8,120	578	6.6	6.2	8,752	8,191	561	6.4	6.2
Deschutes	95,899	91,590	4,309	4.5	4.4	96,189	92,255	3,934	4.1	4.1	93,692	89,684	4,008	4.3	4.3
Douglas	46,200	43,664	2,536	5.5	5.4	46,427	44,008	2,419	5.2	5.2	46,458	44,080	2,378	5.1	5.3
Gilliam	843	806	37	4.4	4.6	846	809	37	4.4	4.6	843	809	34	4.0	4.2
Grant	3,050	2,787	263	8.6	7.4	3,076	2,867	209	6.8	7.1	3,098	2,859	239	7.7	6.6
Harney	3,349	3,116	233	7.0	6.2	3,379	3,182	197	5.8	5.9	3,369	3,131	238	7.1	6.8
Hood River	13,799	13,337	462	3.3	3.5	13,716	13,245	471	3.4	3.4	13,882	13,461	421	3.0	3.3
Jackson	104,997	100,069	4,928	4.7	5.1	105,887	101,125	4,762	4.5	4.9	105,089	100,686	4,403	4.2	4.7
Jefferson	10,073	9,469	604	6.0	5.5	10,189	9,636	553	5.4	5.4	9,966	9,366	600	6.0	5.6
Josephine	35,574	33,543	2,031	5.7	5.9	35,736	33,806	1,930	5.4	5.8	35,426	33,584	1,842	5.2	5.4
Klamath	29,062	26,958	2,104	7.2	6.6	29,304	27,465	1,839	6.3	6.3	30,051	28,128	1,923	6.4	6.1
Lake	3,431	3,205	226	6.6	6.0	3,446	3,243	203	5.9	5.8	3,463	3,256	207	6.0	5.6
Lane	182,636	174,706	7,930	4.3	4.6	184,134	176,270	7,864	4.3	4.5	184,824	177,308	7,516	4.1	4.3
Lincoln	20,401	19,311	1,090	5.3	5.0	20,701	19,646	1,055	5.1	4.8	20,243	19,239	1,004	5.0	4.8
Linn	58,515	55,809	2,706	4.6	4.9	59,234	56,487	2,747	4.6	4.8	58,513	55,957	2,556	4.4	4.6
Malheur	12,296	11,662	634	5.2	4.9	12,537	11,994	543	4.3	4.7	12,417	11,845	572	4.6	4.3
Marion	160,571	153,748	6,823	4.2	4.5	163,164	156,416	6,748	4.1	4.3	162,439	156,053	6,386	3.9	4.2
Morrow	5,584	5,313	271	4.9	4.6	5,746	5,494	252	4.4	4.5	5,618	5,374	244	4.3	3.9
Multnomah	461,352	445,202	16,150	3.5	3.7	463,446	447,093	16,353	3.5	3.6	460,950	445,709	15,241	3.3	3.6
Polk	39,283	37,524	1,759	4.5	4.7	39,992	38,253	1,739	4.3	4.6	39,633	38,089	1,544	3.9	4.2
Sherman	867	831	36	4.2	4.0	857	824	33	3.9	4.0	874	840	34	3.9	4.0
Tillamook	11,387	10,830	557	4.9	4.6	11,540	11,038	502	4.4	4.4	11,293	10,806	487	4.3	4.2
Umatilla	35,762	33,839	1,923	5.4	4.9	36,496	34,786	1,710	4.7	4.7	36,031	34,168	1,863	5.2	4.8
Union	11,890	11,191	699	5.9	5.6	11,949	11,299	650	5.4	5.4	12,010	11,372	638	5.3	5.2
Wallowa	3,171	2,945	226	7.1	6.2	3,244	3,032	212	6.5	6.1	3,241	3,039	202	6.2	5.5
Wasco	12,559	11,955	604	4.8	4.3	12,759	12,181	578	4.5	4.2	12,985	12,419	566	4.4	4.0
Washington	325,812	315,009	10,803	3.3	3.5	327,479	316,601	10,878	3.3	3.4	326,168	315,928	10,240	3.1	3.5
Wheeler	705	675	30	4.3	4.2	732	704	28	3.8	3.9	731	709	22	3.0	3.4
Yamhill	54,496	52,536	1,960	3.6	3.8	54,926	52,884	2,042	3.7	3.9	54,572	52,713	1,859	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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