

January 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.4 percent in January 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in January included Hood River (3.5%) and Washington (3.7%). Seven of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.3 percent and the national rate of 4.0 percent.

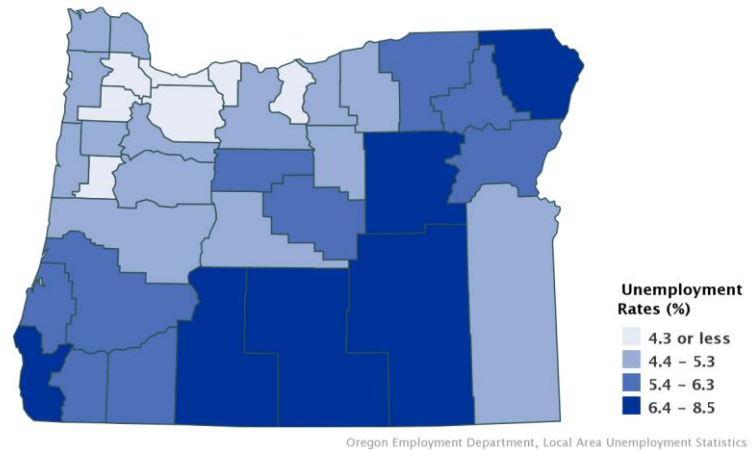
Eastern and Southern Oregon had higher unemployment rates in January 2019, which were still close to their record low unemployment rates since 1990.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 8.5 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in January were Harney and Klamath (7.2%).

Crook County's unemployment rate improved over the year by 0.1 percentage point, more than any other county.

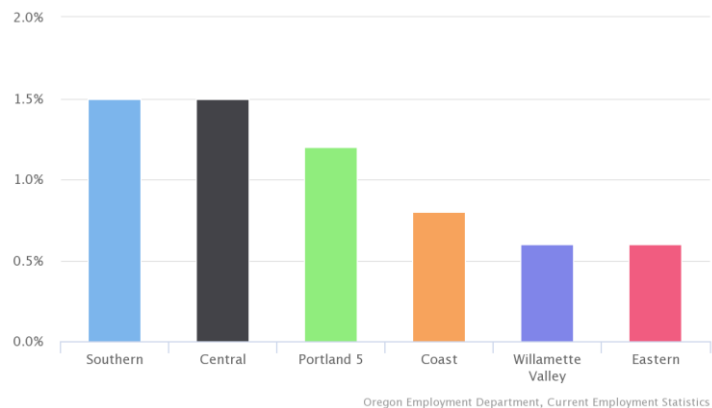
Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between January 2018 and January 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Southern Oregon and Central Oregon (+1.5%). The Portland Area (+1.2%), the Coast (+0.8%), the Willamette Valley (+0.6%) and Eastern Oregon (+0.6%) also added jobs.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, January 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

January 2018 to January 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February on Tuesday March 19, 2019. The February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	January 2019					December 2018					January 2018				
	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	162,104,000	154,964,000	7,140,000	4.4	4.0	162,510,000	156,481,000	6,029,000	3.7	3.9	160,037,000	152,848,000	7,189,000	4.5	4.1
State of Oregon	2,101,756	1,997,791	103,965	4.9	4.3	2,104,382	2,014,797	89,585	4.3	4.3	2,081,656	1,984,282	97,374	4.7	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,733	55,485	3,248	5.5	5.2	58,472	55,665	2,807	4.8	4.9	58,392	55,304	3,088	5.3	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,974	90,533	5,441	5.7	4.7	96,237	91,744	4,493	4.7	4.4	93,812	88,877	4,935	5.3	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,163	46,509	1,654	3.4	3.4	48,663	47,185	1,478	3.0	3.3	47,971	46,463	1,508	3.1	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	181,537	172,196	9,341	5.1	4.8	180,879	172,671	8,208	4.5	4.6	181,735	172,871	8,864	4.9	4.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,076	33,555	2,521	7.0	6.0	35,945	33,847	2,098	5.8	5.9	35,432	33,139	2,293	6.5	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	104,709	98,552	6,157	5.9	5.4	105,313	100,227	5,086	4.8	5.1	103,136	97,502	5,634	5.5	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,323,343	1,266,233	57,110	4.3	4.0	1,326,617	1,274,949	51,668	3.9	4.1	1,303,217	1,248,089	55,128	4.2	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	198,948	188,788	10,160	5.1	4.6	199,988	191,075	8,913	4.5	4.5	197,528	188,071	9,457	4.8	3.9
Counties:															
Baker	6,906	6,385	521	7.5	5.6	6,931	6,535	396	5.7	5.3	6,888	6,364	524	7.6	5.6
Benton	48,163	46,509	1,654	3.4	3.4	48,663	47,185	1,478	3.0	3.3	47,971	46,463	1,508	3.1	3.0
Clackamas	219,658	210,344	9,314	4.2	4.0	220,104	211,751	8,353	3.8	3.9	216,978	208,181	8,797	4.1	3.7
Clatsop	18,740	17,728	1,012	5.4	4.5	18,817	17,937	880	4.7	4.3	18,621	17,676	945	5.1	4.1
Columbia	24,571	23,180	1,391	5.7	5.2	24,520	23,294	1,226	5.0	5.0	24,298	22,944	1,354	5.6	4.9
Coos	26,069	24,354	1,715	6.6	5.9	26,446	24,903	1,543	5.8	5.5	26,258	24,613	1,645	6.3	5.5
Crook	9,385	8,637	748	8.0	6.3	9,425	8,820	605	6.4	5.9	9,280	8,517	763	8.2	6.4
Curry	8,661	7,955	706	8.2	6.8	8,633	8,006	627	7.3	6.5	8,707	8,029	678	7.8	6.3
Deschutes	95,974	90,533	5,441	5.7	4.7	96,237	91,744	4,493	4.7	4.4	93,812	88,877	4,935	5.3	4.2
Douglas	46,376	43,302	3,074	6.6	5.8	46,320	43,711	2,609	5.6	5.4	46,245	43,384	2,861	6.2	5.3
Gilliam	842	800	42	5.0	4.7	846	809	37	4.4	4.6	830	796	34	4.1	3.8
Grant	3,102	2,635	467	15.1	8.5	3,050	2,775	275	9.0	7.4	3,033	2,684	349	11.5	6.8
Harney	3,439	3,041	398	11.6	7.2	3,376	3,130	246	7.3	6.2	3,357	3,049	308	9.2	6.6
Hood River	13,779	13,214	565	4.1	3.5	13,849	13,373	476	3.4	3.5	13,762	13,203	559	4.1	3.1
Jackson	104,709	98,552	6,157	5.9	5.4	105,313	100,227	5,086	4.8	5.1	103,136	97,502	5,634	5.5	4.7
Jefferson	10,243	9,419	824	8.0	5.9	10,095	9,471	624	6.2	5.5	10,020	9,220	800	8.0	5.7
Josephine	36,076	33,555	2,521	7.0	6.0	35,945	33,847	2,098	5.8	5.9	35,432	33,139	2,293	6.5	5.0
Klamath	29,426	26,609	2,817	9.6	7.2	29,114	26,909	2,205	7.6	6.6	29,639	27,149	2,490	8.4	6.2
Lake	3,511	3,142	369	10.5	6.7	3,377	3,138	239	7.1	6.0	3,438	3,167	271	7.9	5.6
Lane	181,537	172,196	9,341	5.1	4.8	180,879	172,671	8,208	4.5	4.6	181,735	172,871	8,864	4.9	4.2
Lincoln	20,618	19,381	1,237	6.0	5.2	20,553	19,418	1,135	5.5	5.0	20,444	19,231	1,213	5.9	4.8
Linn	58,733	55,485	3,248	5.5	5.2	58,472	55,665	2,807	4.8	4.9	58,392	55,304	3,088	5.3	4.6
Malheur	12,231	11,398	833	6.8	5.1	12,324	11,675	649	5.3	4.9	12,268	11,506	762	6.2	4.5
Marion	159,557	151,442	8,115	5.1	4.8	160,392	153,303	7,089	4.4	4.5	158,469	150,868	7,601	4.8	4.1
Morrow	5,544	5,194	350	6.3	4.8	5,604	5,329	275	4.9	4.6	5,504	5,195	309	5.6	4.0
Multnomah	458,944	440,131	18,813	4.1	3.9	459,821	443,130	16,691	3.6	3.7	453,549	435,434	18,115	4.0	3.6
Polk	39,391	37,346	2,045	5.2	4.9	39,596	37,772	1,824	4.6	4.7	39,059	37,203	1,856	4.8	4.0
Sherman	870	831	39	4.5	4.0	885	848	37	4.2	4.0	882	841	41	4.6	3.9
Tillamook	11,598	10,973	625	5.4	4.7	11,531	10,952	579	5.0	4.6	11,412	10,819	593	5.2	4.2
Umatilla	36,715	33,658	3,057	8.3	5.5	35,920	33,928	1,992	5.5	4.9	36,086	33,606	2,480	6.9	4.9
Union	11,846	10,922	924	7.8	6.0	11,870	11,157	713	6.0	5.6	11,844	10,998	846	7.1	5.3
Wallowa	3,248	2,938	310	9.5	6.5	3,232	2,996	236	7.3	6.2	3,105	2,841	264	8.5	5.5
Wasco	12,508	11,714	794	6.3	4.7	12,556	11,932	624	5.0	4.3	12,685	11,978	707	5.6	4.1
Washington	323,563	311,389	12,174	3.8	3.7	324,541	313,368	11,173	3.4	3.5	319,930	308,177	11,753	3.7	3.4
Wheeler	684	647	37	5.4	4.5	670	639	31	4.6	4.2	699	675	24	3.4	3.1
Yamhill	54,537	52,252	2,285	4.2	3.9	54,472	52,446	2,026	3.7	3.8	53,886	51,776	2,110	3.9	3.5

(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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