

February 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.4 percent in February 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in February included Washington (3.7%) and Hood River (3.8%). Only these three counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 3.8 percent. Seven of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates below the statewide rate of 4.4 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 8.7 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in February were Klamath (7.4%) and Harney (7.1%).

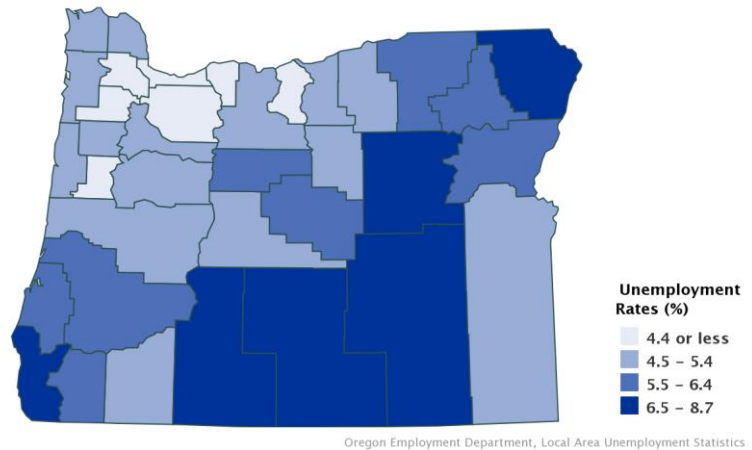
The February 2019 unemployment rates of all of Oregon's counties were higher than they were in February 2018. The largest changes from the previous year were in Wheeler (+1.8%), Grant (+1.7%), and Gilliam (+1.6%).

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between February 2018 and February 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+1.9%). Southern Oregon (+1.5%), the Willamette Valley (+1.1%), the Portland area (+1.0%), Eastern Oregon (+0.8%), and the Coast (+0.1%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

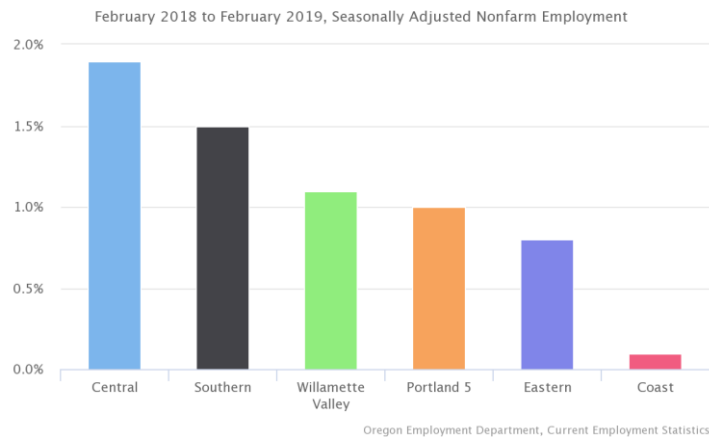
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The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for March on Tuesday April 16, 2019. The March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, February 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	February 2019					January 2019					February 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	162,793,000	156,167,000	6,625,000	4.1	3.8	162,104,000	154,964,000	7,140,000	4.4	4.0	161,494,000	154,403,000	7,091,000	4.4	4.1
State of Oregon	2,115,510	2,017,043	98,467	4.7	4.4	2,103,009	1,998,836	104,173	5.0	4.3	2,094,704	1,997,550	97,154	4.6	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,108	55,926	3,182	5.4	5.1	58,662	55,406	3,256	5.6	5.2	58,571	55,468	3,103	5.3	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	97,004	91,917	5,087	5.2	4.5	96,429	90,955	5,474	5.7	4.8	94,188	89,395	4,793	5.1	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,066	47,395	1,671	3.4	3.4	48,260	46,596	1,664	3.4	3.4	48,825	47,171	1,654	3.4	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	183,430	174,528	8,902	4.9	4.6	181,792	172,433	9,359	5.1	4.8	183,175	174,234	8,941	4.9	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,103	33,785	2,318	6.4	5.6	36,058	33,509	2,549	7.1	6.0	35,521	33,273	2,248	6.3	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	105,617	99,893	5,724	5.4	5.0	104,622	98,436	6,186	5.9	5.4	104,280	98,575	5,705	5.5	4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,327,542	1,272,659	54,883	4.1	3.8	1,323,777	1,266,685	57,092	4.3	4.0	1,308,636	1,252,796	55,840	4.3	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	201,817	192,070	9,747	4.8	4.5	199,198	189,020	10,178	5.1	4.6	199,121	189,620	9,501	4.8	4.0
Counties:															
Baker	6,923	6,454	469	6.8	5.7	6,905	6,383	522	7.6	5.6	6,882	6,382	500	7.3	5.6
Benton	49,066	47,395	1,671	3.4	3.4	48,260	46,596	1,664	3.4	3.4	48,825	47,171	1,654	3.4	3.1
Clackamas	220,517	211,493	9,024	4.1	4.0	219,721	210,413	9,308	4.2	4.0	218,059	209,212	8,847	4.1	3.6
Clatsop	18,942	17,973	969	5.1	4.6	18,753	17,740	1,013	5.4	4.5	18,866	17,975	891	4.7	4.1
Columbia	24,652	23,317	1,335	5.4	5.3	24,580	23,188	1,392	5.7	5.2	24,420	23,046	1,374	5.6	5.0
Coos	26,545	24,936	1,609	6.1	5.9	26,081	24,356	1,725	6.6	5.9	26,621	25,027	1,594	6.0	5.5
Crook	9,404	8,745	659	7.0	6.3	9,384	8,637	747	8.0	6.3	9,248	8,581	667	7.2	6.2
Curry	8,790	8,186	604	6.9	6.7	8,664	7,952	712	8.2	6.9	8,874	8,247	627	7.1	6.2
Deschutes	97,004	91,917	5,087	5.2	4.5	96,429	90,955	5,474	5.7	4.8	94,188	89,395	4,793	5.1	4.2
Douglas	46,379	43,512	2,867	6.2	5.9	46,370	43,299	3,071	6.6	5.8	46,121	43,369	2,752	6.0	5.3
Gilliam	871	819	52	6.0	5.0	847	803	44	5.2	4.7	836	804	32	3.8	3.4
Grant	3,057	2,687	370	12.1	8.7	3,099	2,630	469	15.1	8.5	3,020	2,681	339	11.2	7.0
Harney	3,355	3,070	285	8.5	7.1	3,424	3,028	396	11.6	7.1	3,356	3,075	281	8.4	6.4
Hood River	14,142	13,417	725	5.1	3.8	13,768	13,207	561	4.1	3.4	13,939	13,408	531	3.8	3.1
Jackson	105,617	99,893	5,724	5.4	5.0	104,622	98,436	6,186	5.9	5.4	104,280	98,575	5,705	5.5	4.8
Jefferson	10,407	9,645	762	7.3	6.0	10,265	9,435	830	8.1	5.9	10,045	9,334	711	7.1	5.7
Josephine	36,103	33,785	2,318	6.4	5.6	36,058	33,509	2,549	7.1	6.0	35,521	33,273	2,248	6.3	5.0
Klamath	29,307	26,786	2,521	8.6	7.4	29,489	26,616	2,873	9.7	7.2	29,563	27,230	2,333	7.9	6.2
Lake	3,494	3,211	283	8.1	6.7	3,510	3,142	368	10.5	6.7	3,444	3,185	259	7.5	5.6
Lane	183,430	174,528	8,902	4.9	4.6	181,792	172,433	9,359	5.1	4.8	183,175	174,234	8,941	4.9	4.3
Lincoln	20,666	19,542	1,124	5.4	5.2	20,596	19,358	1,238	6.0	5.2	20,812	19,667	1,145	5.5	4.8
Linn	59,108	55,926	3,182	5.4	5.1	58,662	55,406	3,256	5.6	5.2	58,571	55,468	3,103	5.3	4.8
Malheur	12,304	11,626	678	5.5	5.0	12,202	11,388	814	6.7	5.1	12,286	11,597	689	5.6	4.6
Marion	161,913	154,115	7,798	4.8	4.6	159,747	151,628	8,119	5.1	4.8	159,786	152,154	7,632	4.8	4.3
Morrow	5,630	5,319	311	5.5	4.8	5,539	5,191	348	6.3	4.8	5,607	5,303	304	5.4	4.2
Multnomah	460,385	442,438	17,947	3.9	3.9	459,129	440,281	18,848	4.1	3.9	455,710	437,558	18,152	4.0	3.6
Polk	39,904	37,955	1,949	4.9	4.7	39,451	37,392	2,059	5.2	4.9	39,335	37,466	1,869	4.8	4.2
Sherman	870	832	38	4.4	3.9	869	830	39	4.5	4.0	867	825	42	4.8	3.7
Tillamook	11,686	11,094	592	5.1	4.7	11,606	10,978	628	5.4	4.7	11,600	11,012	588	5.1	4.2
Umatilla	36,642	34,182	2,460	6.7	5.6	36,709	33,644	3,065	8.3	5.5	36,398	34,029	2,369	6.5	5.1
Union	11,991	11,117	874	7.3	6.1	11,847	10,920	927	7.8	6.0	11,933	11,114	819	6.9	5.4
Wallowa	3,274	2,968	306	9.3	6.5	3,245	2,938	307	9.5	6.5	3,169	2,875	294	9.3	5.7
Wasco	12,669	11,876	793	6.3	4.9	12,501	11,710	791	6.3	4.7	12,775	12,087	688	5.4	4.1
Washington	324,982	313,099	11,883	3.7	3.7	323,642	311,498	12,144	3.8	3.7	321,608	309,505	12,103	3.8	3.4
Wheeler	691	655	36	5.2	4.8	684	647	37	5.4	4.5	712	688	24	3.4	3.0
Yamhill	54,793	52,533	2,260	4.1	3.9	54,559	52,268	2,291	4.2	3.9	54,251	51,996	2,255	4.2	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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