

March 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.4 percent in March 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in March included Washington (3.6%), Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, and Yamhill (all at 3.9%). Only Benton and Washington 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 8.4 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in March were Klamath (7.3%) and Harney (6.9%).

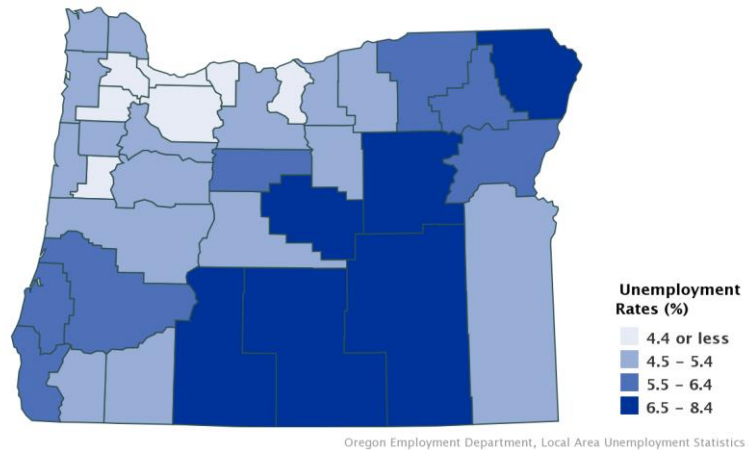
The March 2019 unemployment rates of almost all of Oregon's counties were higher than they were in March 2018. Baker County had the only decrease over the past year, -0.1 percentage point. Wheeler County had the largest increase over the past year (+2.2 percentage points).

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between March 2018 and March 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+1.9%). Southern Oregon (+1.7%), the Willamette Valley (+1.2%), the Portland area (+1.1%), Eastern Oregon (+0.8%), and the Coast (+0.5%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

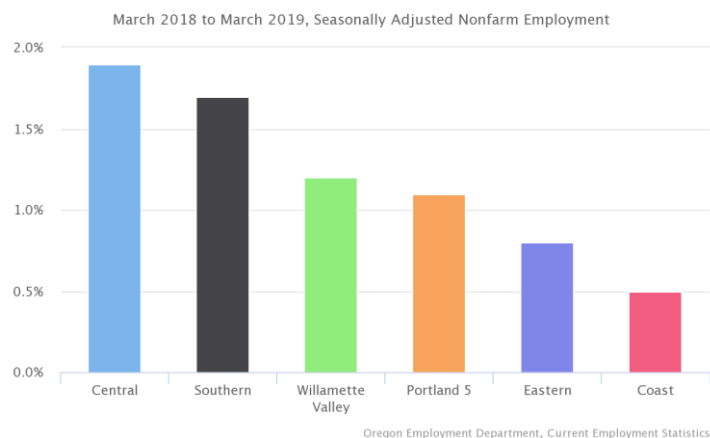
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The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for April on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, March 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	March 2019					February 2019					March 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	162,823,000	156,441,000	6,382,000	3.9	3.8	162,793,000	156,167,000	6,625,000	4.1	3.8	161,548,000	154,877,000	6,671,000	4.1	4.0
State of Oregon	2,112,727	2,016,009	96,718	4.6	4.4	2,115,245	2,016,407	98,838	4.7	4.4	2,092,084	1,997,568	94,516	4.5	4.1
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,907	55,904	3,003	5.1	4.9	59,037	55,837	3,200	5.4	5.1	58,425	55,447	2,978	5.1	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,386	91,323	5,063	5.3	4.7	96,751	91,643	5,108	5.3	4.6	94,101	89,563	4,538	4.8	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,911	47,219	1,692	3.5	3.4	48,983	47,314	1,669	3.4	3.4	48,796	47,212	1,584	3.2	3.1
Eugene (Lane County)	182,377	173,437	8,940	4.9	4.6	182,357	173,436	8,921	4.9	4.7	182,545	173,791	8,754	4.8	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,168	33,959	2,209	6.1	5.4	36,196	33,862	2,334	6.4	5.6	35,539	33,309	2,230	6.3	5.2
Medford (Jackson County)	105,411	99,714	5,697	5.4	4.9	105,426	99,669	5,757	5.5	5.0	104,183	98,590	5,593	5.4	4.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,327,860	1,272,563	55,297	4.2	3.8	1,329,667	1,274,679	54,988	4.1	3.8	1,307,443	1,253,120	54,323	4.2	3.7
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	202,023	192,392	9,631	4.8	4.3	201,467	191,691	9,776	4.9	4.5	198,954	189,676	9,278	4.7	4.1
Counties:															
Baker	6,876	6,440	436	6.3	5.5	6,909	6,441	468	6.8	5.6	6,879	6,397	482	7.0	5.6
Benton	48,911	47,219	1,692	3.5	3.4	48,983	47,314	1,669	3.4	3.4	48,796	47,212	1,584	3.2	3.1
Clackamas	220,474	211,538	8,936	4.1	3.9	220,817	211,789	9,028	4.1	4.0	217,877	209,169	8,708	4.0	3.6
Clatsop	19,025	18,137	888	4.7	4.5	18,979	18,005	974	5.1	4.6	18,964	18,064	900	4.7	4.1
Columbia	24,563	23,310	1,253	5.1	5.2	24,689	23,350	1,339	5.4	5.3	24,361	23,019	1,342	5.5	5.1
Coos	26,363	24,797	1,566	5.9	5.9	26,603	24,987	1,616	6.1	5.9	26,543	24,987	1,556	5.9	5.5
Crook	9,441	8,737	704	7.5	6.5	9,378	8,722	656	7.0	6.3	9,282	8,632	650	7.0	6.0
Curry	8,813	8,224	589	6.7	6.4	8,794	8,177	617	7.0	6.7	8,913	8,296	617	6.9	6.1
Deschutes	96,386	91,323	5,063	5.3	4.7	96,751	91,643	5,108	5.3	4.6	94,101	89,563	4,538	4.8	4.2
Douglas	46,059	43,259	2,800	6.1	5.9	46,359	43,476	2,883	6.2	5.9	45,982	43,198	2,784	6.1	5.4
Gilliam	858	814	44	5.1	5.0	868	815	53	6.1	5.0	826	792	34	4.1	3.4
Grant	3,043	2,721	322	10.6	8.4	3,058	2,690	368	12.0	8.7	3,028	2,715	313	10.3	7.3
Harney	3,353	3,095	258	7.7	6.9	3,357	3,067	290	8.6	7.1	3,354	3,081	273	8.1	6.3
Hood River	14,196	13,593	603	4.2	3.9	14,122	13,396	726	5.1	3.8	14,084	13,595	489	3.5	3.2
Jackson	105,411	99,714	5,697	5.4	4.9	105,426	99,669	5,757	5.5	5.0	104,183	98,590	5,593	5.4	4.8
Jefferson	10,439	9,689	750	7.2	6.2	10,398	9,641	757	7.3	6.0	10,036	9,405	631	6.3	5.6
Josephine	36,168	33,959	2,209	6.1	5.4	36,196	33,862	2,334	6.4	5.6	35,539	33,309	2,230	6.3	5.2
Klamath	29,027	26,734	2,293	7.9	7.3	29,350	26,774	2,576	8.8	7.4	29,420	27,185	2,235	7.6	6.3
Lake	3,460	3,179	281	8.1	6.8	3,496	3,211	285	8.2	6.7	3,413	3,179	234	6.9	5.6
Lane	182,377	173,437	8,940	4.9	4.6	182,357	173,436	8,921	4.9	4.7	182,545	173,791	8,754	4.8	4.3
Lincoln	20,792	19,691	1,101	5.3	5.1	20,747	19,620	1,127	5.4	5.2	20,829	19,715	1,114	5.3	4.8
Linn	58,907	55,904	3,003	5.1	4.9	59,037	55,837	3,200	5.4	5.1	58,425	55,447	2,978	5.1	4.7
Malheur	12,497	11,846	651	5.2	5.0	12,287	11,605	682	5.6	5.0	12,418	11,809	609	4.9	4.5
Marion	162,179	154,459	7,720	4.8	4.5	161,625	153,811	7,814	4.8	4.6	159,728	152,287	7,441	4.7	4.3
Morrow	5,669	5,378	291	5.1	4.9	5,623	5,310	313	5.6	4.8	5,631	5,380	251	4.5	4.2
Multnomah	460,233	442,277	17,956	3.9	3.9	461,095	443,074	18,021	3.9	3.9	455,210	437,226	17,984	4.0	3.7
Polk	39,844	37,933	1,911	4.8	4.5	39,842	37,880	1,962	4.9	4.7	39,226	37,389	1,837	4.7	4.2
Sherman	891	850	41	4.6	4.0	874	835	39	4.5	3.9	887	847	40	4.5	3.7
Tillamook	11,699	11,120	579	4.9	4.6	11,686	11,089	597	5.1	4.7	11,688	11,118	570	4.9	4.3
Umatilla	36,570	34,411	2,159	5.9	5.7	36,594	34,122	2,472	6.8	5.7	36,346	34,383	1,963	5.4	5.0
Union	11,910	11,135	775	6.5	6.0	11,978	11,100	878	7.3	6.1	11,916	11,177	739	6.2	5.4
Wallowa	3,296	2,968	328	10.0	6.5	3,274	2,967	307	9.4	6.5	3,176	2,883	293	9.2	5.9
Wasco	12,566	11,854	712	5.7	5.0	12,673	11,873	800	6.3	5.0	12,642	11,995	647	5.1	4.1
Washington	324,996	313,057	11,939	3.7	3.6	325,462	313,560	11,902	3.7	3.7	320,955	309,050	11,905	3.7	3.4
Wheeler	702	662	40	5.7	5.1	693	658	35	5.1	4.7	736	713	23	3.1	2.9
Yamhill	54,730	52,541	2,189	4.0	3.9	54,866	52,600	2,266	4.1	3.9	54,144	51,970	2,174	4.0	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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