

## April 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in April 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in April included Washington (3.5%) and Hood River (3.6%). Only Benton, Washington, and Hood River counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 3.6 percent. Eight of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates below the statewide rate of 4.3 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 8.0 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in April were Klamath (6.9%) and Harney (6.6%).

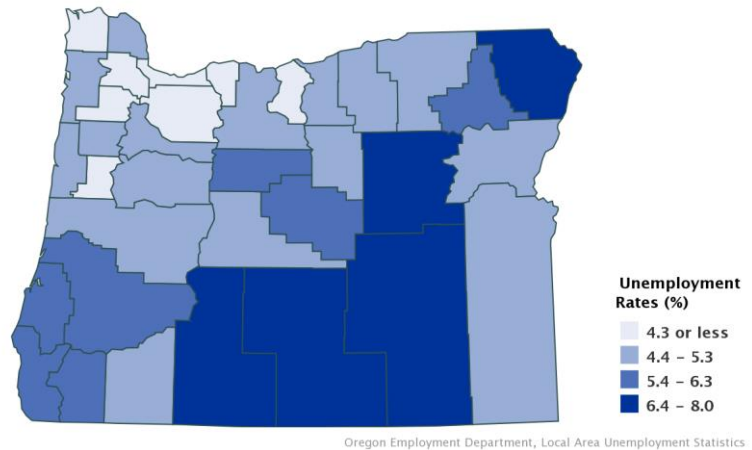
April 2019 unemployment rates for almost all of Oregon's counties were similar to what they were in April 2018. Only Wheeler (+1.5%), Gilliam (+1.1%), Grant (+1.1%), and Lake (+1.1%) counties had unemployment rates change more than 1 percentage point over the past year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between April 2018 and April 2019. The largest job gains occurred in the Willamette Valley (+2.4%). Southern Oregon (+2.2%), Central Oregon (+1.9%), the Portland area (+1.8%), Eastern Oregon (+1.7%), and the Coast (+0.6%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

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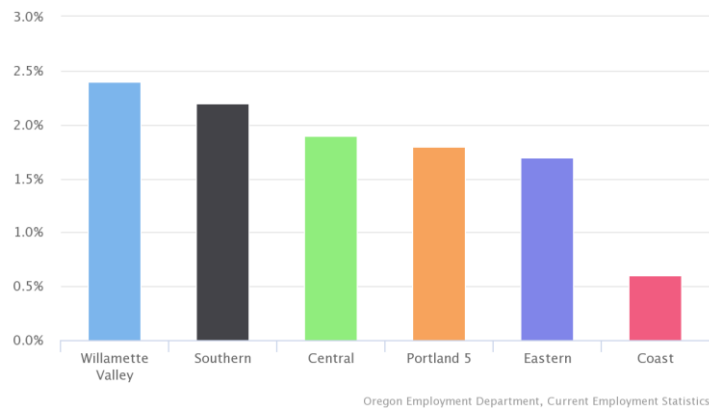
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for May on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. The May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, April 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

April 2018 to April 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	April 2019					March 2019					April 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	162,097,000	156,710,000	5,387,000	3.3	3.6	162,823,000	156,441,000	6,382,000	3.9	3.8	161,280,000	155,348,000	5,932,000	3.7	3.9
State of Oregon	2,106,225	2,023,167	83,058	3.9	4.3	2,113,625	2,016,400	97,225	4.6	4.4	2,089,666	2,006,665	83,001	4.0	4.1
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,974	56,293	2,681	4.5	4.9	58,943	55,912	3,031	5.1	4.9	58,387	55,756	2,631	4.5	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,837	91,968	3,869	4.0	4.4	96,393	91,303	5,090	5.3	4.5	94,434	90,619	3,815	4.0	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,047	47,637	1,410	2.9	3.3	48,968	47,270	1,698	3.5	3.3	48,734	47,412	1,322	2.7	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	182,329	174,505	7,824	4.3	4.6	182,362	173,392	8,970	4.9	4.6	181,891	174,153	7,738	4.3	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,087	34,199	1,888	5.2	5.6	36,166	33,933	2,233	6.2	5.7	35,646	33,739	1,907	5.3	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	105,282	100,326	4,956	4.7	4.9	105,440	99,708	5,732	5.4	5.0	104,202	99,355	4,847	4.7	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,321,475	1,272,000	49,475	3.7	3.9	1,328,582	1,273,063	55,519	4.2	3.9	1,302,206	1,253,413	48,793	3.7	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	200,940	192,476	8,464	4.2	4.4	201,866	192,204	9,662	4.8	4.4	199,027	190,819	8,208	4.1	4.1
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	6,998	6,640	358	5.1	5.3	6,963	6,523	440	6.3	5.4	6,949	6,551	398	5.7	5.5
Benton	49,047	47,637	1,410	2.9	3.3	48,968	47,270	1,698	3.5	3.3	48,734	47,412	1,322	2.7	3.0
Clackamas	219,518	211,691	7,827	3.6	3.8	220,466	211,506	8,960	4.1	3.9	217,353	209,660	7,693	3.5	3.6
Clatsop	19,373	18,626	747	3.9	4.3	19,193	18,300	893	4.7	4.3	19,205	18,444	761	4.0	4.0
Columbia	24,455	23,303	1,152	4.7	5.0	24,566	23,307	1,259	5.1	5.1	24,210	23,040	1,170	4.8	4.9
Coos	26,210	24,846	1,364	5.2	5.6	26,496	24,914	1,582	6.0	5.7	26,280	24,890	1,390	5.3	5.3
Crook	9,422	8,911	511	5.4	6.0	9,519	8,807	712	7.5	6.1	9,299	8,765	534	5.7	5.7
Curry	8,801	8,305	496	5.6	6.2	8,885	8,288	597	6.7	6.4	8,877	8,342	535	6.0	5.9
Deschutes	95,837	91,968	3,869	4.0	4.4	96,393	91,303	5,090	5.3	4.5	94,434	90,619	3,815	4.0	4.2
Douglas	46,043	43,556	2,487	5.4	5.6	46,173	43,360	2,813	6.1	5.6	46,008	43,531	2,477	5.4	5.3
Gilliam	845	816	29	3.4	4.5	868	826	42	4.8	4.7	824	797	27	3.3	3.4
Grant	3,087	2,781	306	9.9	8.0	3,075	2,754	321	10.4	8.0	3,041	2,788	253	8.3	6.9
Harney	3,389	3,170	219	6.5	6.6	3,354	3,094	260	7.8	6.6	3,387	3,158	229	6.8	6.3
Hood River	13,852	13,389	463	3.3	3.6	14,171	13,565	606	4.3	3.7	13,947	13,495	452	3.2	3.3
Jackson	105,282	100,326	4,956	4.7	4.9	105,440	99,708	5,732	5.4	5.0	104,202	99,355	4,847	4.7	4.7
Jefferson	10,382	9,830	552	5.3	5.8	10,343	9,590	753	7.3	5.8	10,219	9,700	519	5.1	5.2
Josephine	36,087	34,199	1,888	5.2	5.6	36,166	33,933	2,233	6.2	5.7	35,646	33,739	1,907	5.3	5.4
Klamath	29,101	27,247	1,854	6.4	6.9	29,133	26,807	2,326	8.0	7.0	29,369	27,530	1,839	6.3	6.2
Lake	3,454	3,225	229	6.6	6.5	3,451	3,169	282	8.2	6.5	3,451	3,248	203	5.9	5.4
Lane	182,329	174,505	7,824	4.3	4.6	182,362	173,392	8,970	4.9	4.6	181,891	174,153	7,738	4.3	4.4
Lincoln	20,782	19,838	944	4.5	4.9	20,698	19,587	1,111	5.4	5.0	21,026	20,053	973	4.6	4.7
Linn	58,974	56,293	2,681	4.5	4.9	58,943	55,912	3,031	5.1	4.9	58,387	55,756	2,631	4.5	4.6
Malheur	12,693	12,158	535	4.2	4.8	12,544	11,892	652	5.2	4.8	12,571	12,058	513	4.1	4.4
Marion	161,369	154,588	6,781	4.2	4.5	162,041	154,308	7,733	4.8	4.5	159,866	153,267	6,599	4.1	4.2
Morrow	5,713	5,497	216	3.8	4.6	5,658	5,368	290	5.1	4.7	5,709	5,501	208	3.6	4.0
Multnomah	457,774	442,136	15,638	3.4	3.7	460,274	442,214	18,060	3.9	3.8	454,047	437,803	16,244	3.6	3.6
Polk	39,571	37,888	1,683	4.3	4.6	39,825	37,896	1,929	4.8	4.6	39,161	37,552	1,609	4.1	4.2
Sherman	914	880	34	3.7	3.9	900	859	41	4.6	3.9	899	863	36	4.0	4.0
Tillamook	11,874	11,412	462	3.9	4.4	11,859	11,279	580	4.9	4.6	11,887	11,379	508	4.3	4.3
Umatilla	36,400	34,722	1,678	4.6	5.3	36,491	34,323	2,168	5.9	5.3	36,407	34,694	1,713	4.7	4.9
Union	12,041	11,431	610	5.1	5.6	12,074	11,289	785	6.5	5.8	11,912	11,272	640	5.4	5.2
Wallowa	3,313	3,039	274	8.3	6.4	3,298	2,971	327	9.9	6.4	3,197	2,966	231	7.2	5.9
Wasco	12,655	12,082	573	4.5	4.7	12,608	11,892	716	5.7	4.7	12,715	12,181	534	4.2	4.1
Washington	323,494	313,069	10,425	3.2	3.5	325,007	313,016	11,991	3.7	3.6	319,912	309,367	10,545	3.3	3.4
Wheeler	693	664	29	4.2	4.6	685	645	40	5.8	4.6	755	732	23	3.0	3.1
Yamhill	54,454	52,500	1,954	3.6	3.8	54,733	52,531	2,202	4.0	3.8	53,891	52,004	1,887	3.5	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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