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May 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.2 percent in May 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in May included Washington (3.4%) and Hood River (3.5%). Only Benton, Washington, Hood River, and Multnomah 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 4.2 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.8 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in May were Klamath (6.7%); and Wallowa, Lake, and Harney (6.3%).

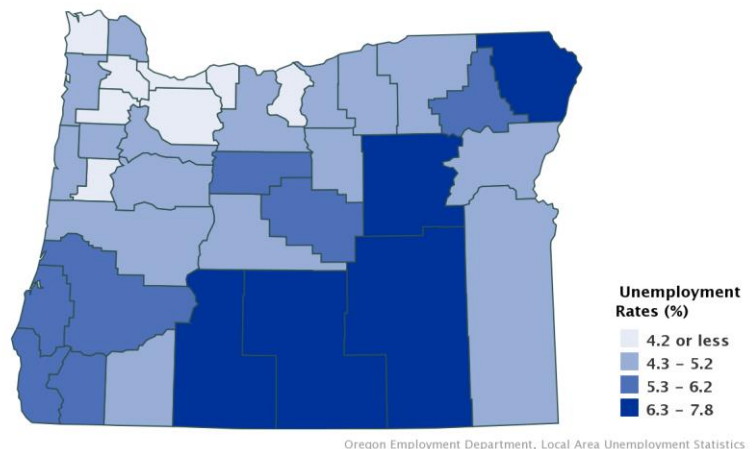
May 2019 unemployment rates for almost all of Oregon's counties were similar to what they were in May 2018. Only Wheeler (+1.5%), Grant (+1.1%), and Gilliam (+1.0%) counties had unemployment rates change more than 1 percentage point over the past year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between May 2018 and May 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Southern Oregon (+2.4%). The Willamette Valley (+2.2%), Central Oregon (+2.0%), the Portland area (+1.4%), Eastern Oregon (+1.4%), and the Coast (+0.9%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

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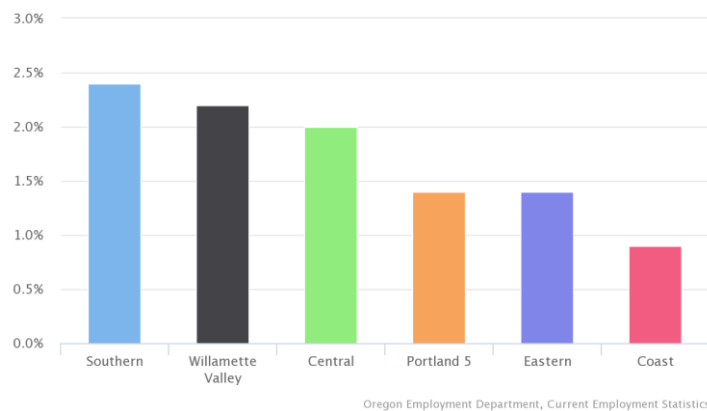
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for June on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, May 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

May 2018 to May 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	May 2019					April 2019					May 2018				
	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
	Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed			
United States	162,655,000	157,152,000	5,503,000	3.4	3.6	162,097,000	156,710,000	5,387,000	3.3	3.6	161,765,000	156,009,000	5,756,000	3.6	3.8
State of Oregon	2,106,365	2,036,182	70,183	3.3	4.2	2,106,615	2,023,964	82,651	3.9	4.3	2,090,640	2,015,864	74,776	3.6	4.0
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,530	56,283	2,247	3.8	4.7	58,763	56,090	2,673	4.5	4.9	58,247	55,919	2,328	4.0	4.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,086	92,896	3,190	3.3	4.3	95,944	92,101	3,843	4.0	4.4	94,568	91,294	3,274	3.5	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,892	47,654	1,238	2.5	3.2	48,801	47,392	1,409	2.9	3.3	48,878	47,608	1,270	2.6	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	181,937	175,401	6,536	3.6	4.4	182,138	174,349	7,789	4.3	4.6	182,200	175,105	7,095	3.9	4.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,331	34,754	1,577	4.3	5.4	36,069	34,193	1,876	5.2	5.5	35,918	34,228	1,690	4.7	5.4
Medford (Jackson County)	105,282	101,209	4,073	3.9	4.8	105,074	100,123	4,951	4.7	4.9	103,982	99,640	4,342	4.2	4.6
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,319,891	1,276,294	43,597	3.3	3.8	1,322,236	1,273,074	49,162	3.7	3.9	1,300,973	1,255,798	45,175	3.5	3.8
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	201,994	194,810	7,184	3.6	4.3	201,314	192,900	8,414	4.2	4.4	199,959	192,556	7,403	3.7	4.2
Counties:															
Baker	7,019	6,741	278	4.0	5.1	7,000	6,643	357	5.1	5.3	7,012	6,702	310	4.4	5.3
Benton	48,892	47,654	1,238	2.5	3.2	48,801	47,392	1,409	2.9	3.3	48,878	47,608	1,270	2.6	3.0
Clackamas	219,153	212,395	6,758	3.1	3.7	219,648	211,871	7,777	3.5	3.8	216,960	209,881	7,079	3.3	3.6
Clatsop	19,503	18,862	641	3.3	4.1	19,306	18,562	744	3.9	4.3	19,363	18,719	644	3.3	3.9
Columbia	24,358	23,362	996	4.1	4.9	24,466	23,324	1,142	4.7	5.0	24,121	23,062	1,059	4.4	4.9
Coos	26,338	25,179	1,159	4.4	5.4	26,187	24,826	1,361	5.2	5.6	26,420	25,203	1,217	4.6	5.2
Crook	9,476	9,042	434	4.6	5.8	9,424	8,915	509	5.4	6.0	9,392	8,924	468	5.0	5.7
Curry	8,894	8,496	398	4.5	5.9	8,819	8,321	498	5.6	6.2	8,893	8,415	478	5.4	5.9
Deschutes	96,086	92,896	3,190	3.3	4.3	95,944	92,101	3,843	4.0	4.4	94,568	91,294	3,274	3.5	4.2
Douglas	45,776	43,811	1,965	4.3	5.4	45,934	43,476	2,458	5.4	5.6	46,042	43,898	2,144	4.7	5.2
Gilliam	857	827	30	3.5	4.3	848	819	29	3.4	4.5	829	806	23	2.8	3.3
Grant	3,084	2,908	176	5.7	7.8	3,089	2,785	304	9.8	8.0	3,070	2,890	180	5.9	6.7
Harney	3,361	3,206	155	4.6	6.3	3,381	3,166	215	6.4	6.5	3,367	3,192	175	5.2	6.0
Hood River	13,721	13,321	400	2.9	3.5	13,944	13,487	457	3.3	3.6	13,740	13,310	430	3.1	3.3
Jackson	105,282	101,209	4,073	3.9	4.8	105,074	100,123	4,951	4.7	4.9	103,982	99,640	4,342	4.2	4.6
Jefferson	10,392	9,970	422	4.1	5.6	10,389	9,838	551	5.3	5.8	10,286	9,856	430	4.2	5.1
Josephine	36,331	34,754	1,577	4.3	5.4	36,069	34,193	1,876	5.2	5.5	35,918	34,228	1,690	4.7	5.4
Klamath	29,237	27,789	1,448	5.0	6.7	29,175	27,311	1,864	6.4	6.9	29,384	27,851	1,533	5.2	6.1
Lake	3,494	3,328	166	4.8	6.3	3,464	3,235	229	6.6	6.5	3,460	3,296	164	4.7	5.4
Lane	181,937	175,401	6,536	3.6	4.4	182,138	174,349	7,789	4.3	4.6	182,200	175,105	7,095	3.9	4.4
Lincoln	21,004	20,222	782	3.7	4.7	20,782	19,840	942	4.5	4.9	21,134	20,242	892	4.2	4.7
Linn	58,530	56,283	2,247	3.8	4.7	58,763	56,090	2,673	4.5	4.9	58,247	55,919	2,328	4.0	4.6
Malheur	12,578	12,150	428	3.4	4.6	12,698	12,166	532	4.2	4.8	12,479	12,016	463	3.7	4.3
Marion	162,205	156,462	5,743	3.5	4.3	161,670	154,927	6,743	4.2	4.4	160,624	154,661	5,963	3.7	4.1
Morrow	5,657	5,475	182	3.2	4.4	5,726	5,508	218	3.8	4.6	5,673	5,477	196	3.5	4.0
Multnomah	457,145	443,451	13,694	3.0	3.6	458,096	442,517	15,579	3.4	3.7	452,915	438,070	14,845	3.3	3.6
Polk	39,789	38,348	1,441	3.6	4.4	39,644	37,973	1,671	4.2	4.6	39,335	37,895	1,440	3.7	4.1
Sherman	902	876	26	2.9	3.7	913	880	33	3.6	3.9	910	877	33	3.6	4.2
Tillamook	11,972	11,565	407	3.4	4.3	11,856	11,398	458	3.9	4.4	11,955	11,508	447	3.7	4.3
Umatilla	36,783	35,374	1,409	3.8	5.1	36,481	34,817	1,664	4.6	5.3	36,813	35,328	1,485	4.0	4.8
Union	12,023	11,560	463	3.9	5.4	12,041	11,436	605	5.0	5.6	11,957	11,429	528	4.4	5.1
Wallowa	3,366	3,189	177	5.3	6.3	3,314	3,042	272	8.2	6.4	3,258	3,087	171	5.2	5.9
Wasco	12,770	12,299	471	3.7	4.6	12,653	12,085	568	4.5	4.7	12,868	12,404	464	3.6	4.0
Washington	323,199	314,186	9,013	2.8	3.4	323,703	313,342	10,361	3.2	3.5	319,791	310,013	9,778	3.1	3.4
Wheeler	696	666	30	4.3	4.7	695	664	31	4.5	4.7	753	730	23	3.1	3.2
Yamhill	54,551	52,923	1,628	3.0	3.7	54,483	52,543	1,940	3.6	3.8	54,042	52,327	1,715	3.2	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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