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October 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.3 percent in October 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in October included Hood River (3.4%), Washington (3.4%), and Multnomah (3.5%). These four counties had unemployment rates below the national rate of 3.6 percent. Ten of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.1 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 7.0 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in October were Klamath (6.7%) and Wallowa (6.5%).

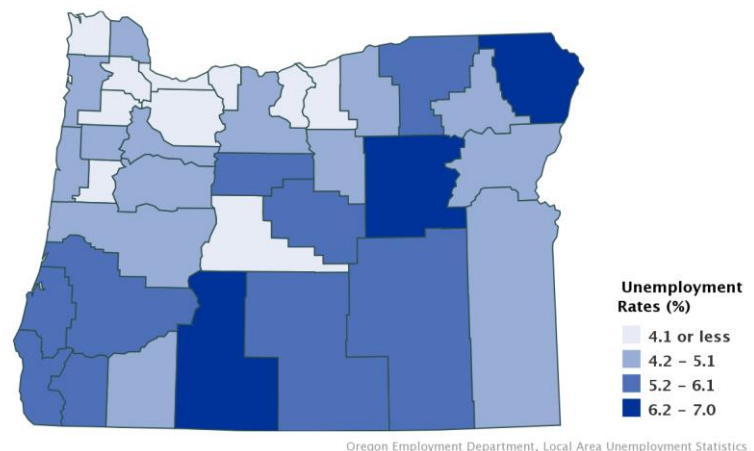
October 2019 unemployment rates for almost all of Oregon's counties were similar to what they were in October 2018. None of Oregon's counties had a change greater than 1 percentage point. Curry County's unemployment rate decreased by 0.6 percentage point over the year, while Wheeler County's increased 0.7 percentage point over the year. These were the most significant changes over the year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between October 2018 and October 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.5%). Southern Oregon (+1.1%), the Portland area (+0.9%), the Willamette Valley (+0.8%), the Coast (+0.8%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.5%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

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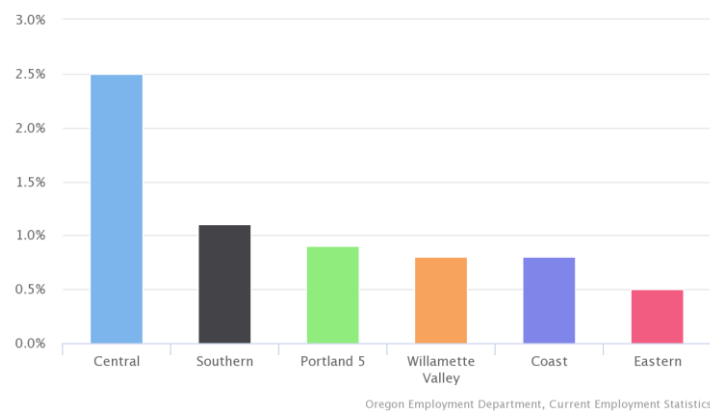
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for November on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, October 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

October 2018 to October 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	October 2019					September 2019					October 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	164,576,000	159,067,000	5,510,000	3.3	3.6	163,943,000	158,478,000	5,465,000	3.3	3.5	162,723,000	156,952,000	5,771,000	3.5	3.8
State of Oregon	2,118,914	2,044,339	74,575	3.5	4.1	2,124,764	2,042,144	82,620	3.9	4.1	2,117,663	2,034,234	83,429	3.9	4.2
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,248	56,855	2,393	4.0	4.7	58,713	56,059	2,654	4.5	4.7	58,855	56,215	2,640	4.5	4.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	97,379	94,102	3,277	3.4	4.1	98,011	94,448	3,563	3.6	4.2	95,831	92,142	3,689	3.8	4.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,869	47,525	1,344	2.8	3.3	47,351	45,679	1,672	3.5	3.3	49,013	47,457	1,556	3.2	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	181,209	174,214	6,995	3.9	4.4	179,758	171,961	7,797	4.3	4.5	182,153	174,249	7,904	4.3	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,450	34,818	1,632	4.5	5.4	36,666	34,922	1,744	4.8	5.4	36,382	34,536	1,846	5.1	5.6
Medford (Jackson County)	106,847	102,962	3,885	3.6	4.6	106,797	102,452	4,345	4.1	4.7	106,374	101,783	4,591	4.3	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,336,318	1,289,301	47,017	3.5	3.9	1,333,540	1,283,370	50,170	3.8	3.9	1,323,190	1,273,683	49,507	3.7	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	202,273	194,720	7,553	3.7	4.4	203,540	195,114	8,426	4.1	4.4	203,005	194,673	8,332	4.1	4.5
Counties:															
Baker	7,004	6,712	292	4.2	5.1	6,938	6,643	295	4.3	5.1	7,077	6,750	327	4.6	5.4
Benton	48,869	47,525	1,344	2.8	3.3	47,351	45,679	1,672	3.5	3.3	49,013	47,457	1,556	3.2	3.3
Clackamas	220,933	213,590	7,343	3.3	3.7	221,520	213,379	8,141	3.7	3.7	220,461	212,327	8,134	3.7	3.9
Clatsop	19,340	18,654	686	3.5	4.0	19,718	18,978	740	3.8	4.1	19,380	18,617	763	3.9	4.2
Columbia	24,532	23,428	1,104	4.5	4.9	24,606	23,396	1,210	4.9	4.9	24,450	23,291	1,159	4.7	5.0
Coos	26,269	25,097	1,172	4.5	5.2	26,463	25,186	1,277	4.8	5.3	26,386	25,029	1,357	5.1	5.5
Crook	9,635	9,192	443	4.6	5.5	9,789	9,328	461	4.7	5.6	9,543	9,030	513	5.4	6.0
Curry	8,947	8,536	411	4.6	5.6	9,183	8,729	454	4.9	5.7	9,077	8,575	502	5.5	6.2
Deschutes	97,379	94,102	3,277	3.4	4.1	98,011	94,448	3,563	3.6	4.2	95,831	92,142	3,689	3.8	4.2
Douglas	46,148	43,996	2,152	4.7	5.3	46,697	44,358	2,339	5.0	5.4	46,416	44,086	2,330	5.0	5.4
Gilliam	996	960	36	3.6	3.9	989	952	37	3.7	4.0	842	805	37	4.4	4.5
Grant	3,164	3,014	150	4.7	7.0	3,241	3,095	146	4.5	7.0	3,108	2,951	157	5.1	7.4
Harney	3,428	3,298	130	3.8	5.5	3,503	3,357	146	4.2	5.7	3,423	3,263	160	4.7	5.9
Hood River	14,543	14,135	408	2.8	3.4	15,656	15,210	446	2.8	3.4	14,611	14,137	474	3.2	3.4
Jackson	106,847	102,962	3,885	3.6	4.6	106,797	102,452	4,345	4.1	4.7	106,374	101,783	4,591	4.3	5.0
Jefferson	10,106	9,688	418	4.1	5.3	10,291	9,839	452	4.4	5.4	10,256	9,768	488	4.8	5.5
Josephine	36,450	34,818	1,632	4.5	5.4	36,666	34,922	1,744	4.8	5.4	36,382	34,536	1,846	5.1	5.6
Klamath	28,941	27,333	1,608	5.6	6.7	29,175	27,373	1,802	6.2	6.7	29,856	28,217	1,639	5.5	6.5
Lake	3,476	3,335	141	4.1	5.8	3,595	3,437	158	4.4	6.0	3,511	3,340	171	4.9	6.0
Lane	181,209	174,214	6,995	3.9	4.4	179,758	171,961	7,797	4.3	4.5	182,153	174,249	7,904	4.3	4.6
Lincoln	20,922	20,075	847	4.0	4.7	21,610	20,697	913	4.2	4.7	21,168	20,203	965	4.6	4.9
Linn	59,248	56,855	2,393	4.0	4.7	58,713	56,059	2,654	4.5	4.7	58,855	56,215	2,640	4.5	4.8
Malheur	12,504	12,089	415	3.3	4.5	12,473	11,991	482	3.9	4.5	12,761	12,253	508	4.0	4.8
Marion	162,187	156,179	6,008	3.7	4.3	163,451	156,773	6,678	4.1	4.3	162,790	156,142	6,648	4.1	4.4
Morrow	5,850	5,657	193	3.3	4.5	5,958	5,739	219	3.7	4.5	5,857	5,635	222	3.8	4.5
Multnomah	460,941	446,179	14,762	3.2	3.5	461,582	445,416	16,166	3.5	3.6	459,851	443,388	16,463	3.6	3.7
Polk	40,086	38,541	1,545	3.9	4.5	40,089	38,341	1,748	4.4	4.5	40,215	38,531	1,684	4.2	4.6
Sherman	925	896	29	3.1	4.1	951	914	37	3.9	4.1	876	844	32	3.7	4.0
Tillamook	11,928	11,489	439	3.7	4.2	12,198	11,721	477	3.9	4.2	11,784	11,267	517	4.4	4.5
Umatilla	37,339	35,918	1,421	3.8	5.2	37,957	36,337	1,620	4.3	5.3	37,158	35,654	1,504	4.0	4.9
Union	11,982	11,508	474	4.0	5.0	11,864	11,346	518	4.4	5.1	11,998	11,440	558	4.7	5.5
Wallowa	3,343	3,198	145	4.3	6.5	3,470	3,327	143	4.1	6.6	3,387	3,233	154	4.5	6.2
Wasco	12,376	11,863	513	4.1	4.5	12,638	12,090	548	4.3	4.5	12,558	11,993	565	4.5	4.4
Washington	325,322	315,377	9,945	3.1	3.4	325,919	314,788	11,131	3.4	3.4	324,597	313,441	11,156	3.4	3.5
Wheeler	726	696	30	4.1	4.8	730	698	32	4.4	4.9	702	675	27	3.8	4.1
Yamhill	55,018	53,229	1,789	3.3	3.8	55,216	53,188	2,028	3.7	3.8	54,958	52,967	1,991	3.6	3.9

(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.