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November 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.1 percent in November 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in November included Washington (3.2%), Hood River (3.3%), and Multnomah (3.4%). These four counties had unemployment rates below the national rate of 3.5 percent. Nine of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 3.9 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.8 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in November were Klamath (6.5%) and Wallowa (6.2%).

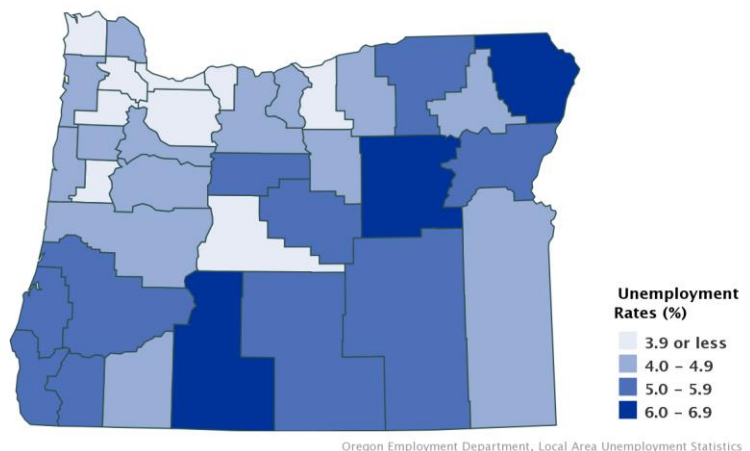
November 2019 unemployment rates for almost all of Oregon's counties were similar to what they were in November 2018. All but two of Oregon's counties had a change less than 1 percentage point. Curry County's unemployment rate decreased by 1.2 percentage points over the year, while Harney County's decreased 1.1 percentage points 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 November 2018 and November 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.5%). Southern Oregon (+1.7%), the Portland area (+1.0%), the Coast (+0.7%), Eastern Oregon (+0.6%), and the Willamette Valley (+0.6%) saw employment growth over the past year.

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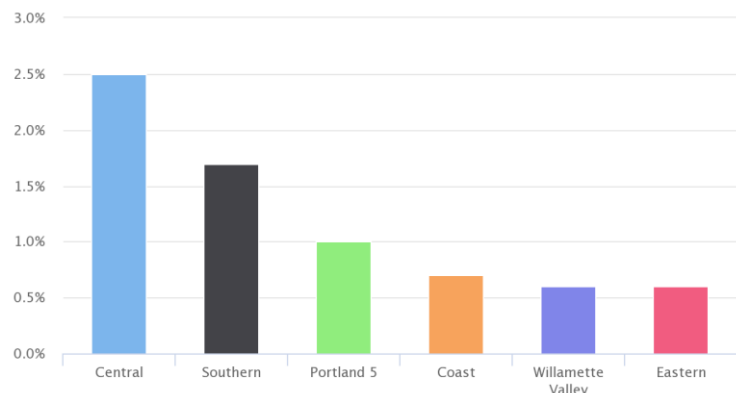
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for December on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, November 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

November 2018 to November 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	November 2019					October 2019					November 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	164,386,000	158,945,000	5,441,000	3.3	3.5	164,576,000	159,067,000	5,510,000	3.3	3.6	162,665,000	157,015,000	5,650,000	3.5	3.7
State of Oregon	2,109,609	2,044,569	65,040	3.1	3.9	2,119,417	2,044,941	74,476	3.5	4.0	2,117,387	2,031,656	85,731	4.0	4.3
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,830	56,730	2,100	3.6	4.5	59,176	56,785	2,391	4.0	4.7	58,968	56,189	2,779	4.7	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,530	93,548	2,982	3.1	3.9	97,296	94,026	3,270	3.4	4.1	96,098	92,096	4,002	4.2	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,151	48,054	1,097	2.2	3.1	48,966	47,632	1,334	2.7	3.2	49,307	47,812	1,495	3.0	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	181,396	175,337	6,059	3.3	4.2	181,773	174,786	6,987	3.8	4.4	182,036	174,104	7,932	4.4	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,179	34,712	1,467	4.1	5.2	36,501	34,866	1,635	4.5	5.4	36,131	34,183	1,948	5.4	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	106,454	103,046	3,408	3.2	4.4	106,829	102,947	3,882	3.6	4.6	105,973	101,195	4,778	4.5	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,337,907	1,296,098	41,809	3.1	3.8	1,336,179	1,289,257	46,922	3.5	3.9	1,329,266	1,279,303	49,963	3.8	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	200,139	193,620	6,519	3.3	4.2	201,962	194,417	7,545	3.7	4.4	202,927	194,361	8,566	4.2	4.5
Counties:															
Baker	6,916	6,632	284	4.1	5.0	7,008	6,719	289	4.1	5.1	6,971	6,613	358	5.1	5.5
Benton	49,151	48,054	1,097	2.2	3.1	48,966	47,632	1,334	2.7	3.2	49,307	47,812	1,495	3.0	3.3
Clackamas	220,817	214,569	6,248	2.8	3.6	220,957	213,634	7,323	3.3	3.7	221,315	213,151	8,164	3.7	4.0
Clatsop	19,048	18,415	633	3.3	3.9	19,351	18,661	690	3.6	4.0	19,215	18,392	823	4.3	4.3
Columbia	24,514	23,554	960	3.9	4.8	24,530	23,432	1,098	4.5	4.9	24,585	23,393	1,192	4.8	5.1
Coos	26,149	25,123	1,026	3.9	5.0	26,247	25,077	1,170	4.5	5.2	26,501	25,051	1,450	5.5	5.7
Crook	9,497	9,064	433	4.6	5.4	9,620	9,179	441	4.6	5.5	9,460	8,923	537	5.7	6.0
Curry	8,692	8,287	405	4.7	5.4	8,966	8,556	410	4.6	5.6	8,747	8,167	580	6.6	6.6
Deschutes	96,530	93,548	2,982	3.1	3.9	97,296	94,026	3,270	3.4	4.1	96,098	92,096	4,002	4.2	4.3
Douglas	46,017	44,148	1,869	4.1	5.1	46,316	44,156	2,160	4.7	5.3	46,386	43,949	2,437	5.3	5.5
Gilliam	993	961	32	3.2	3.8	997	961	36	3.6	3.9	847	809	38	4.5	4.6
Grant	3,077	2,907	170	5.5	6.8	3,165	3,016	149	4.7	7.0	3,062	2,851	211	6.9	7.6
Harney	3,396	3,271	125	3.7	5.1	3,443	3,314	129	3.7	5.5	3,404	3,207	197	5.8	6.2
Hood River	13,686	13,338	348	2.5	3.3	14,540	14,134	406	2.8	3.4	13,760	13,289	471	3.4	3.4
Jackson	106,454	103,046	3,408	3.2	4.4	106,829	102,947	3,882	3.6	4.6	105,973	101,195	4,778	4.5	5.0
Jefferson	9,969	9,575	394	4.0	5.0	10,120	9,703	417	4.1	5.3	10,197	9,637	560	5.5	5.6
Josephine	36,179	34,712	1,467	4.1	5.2	36,501	34,866	1,635	4.5	5.4	36,131	34,183	1,948	5.4	5.7
Klamath	28,240	26,739	1,501	5.3	6.5	28,944	27,333	1,611	5.6	6.7	29,190	27,335	1,855	6.4	6.8
Lake	3,317	3,187	130	3.9	5.5	3,476	3,335	141	4.1	5.8	3,395	3,192	203	6.0	6.2
Lane	181,396	175,337	6,059	3.3	4.2	181,773	174,786	6,987	3.8	4.4	182,036	174,104	7,932	4.4	4.6
Lincoln	20,479	19,667	812	4.0	4.5	20,821	19,974	847	4.1	4.7	20,857	19,788	1,069	5.1	5.1
Linn	58,830	56,730	2,100	3.6	4.5	59,176	56,785	2,391	4.0	4.7	58,968	56,189	2,779	4.7	4.9
Malheur	12,282	11,902	380	3.1	4.3	12,509	12,103	406	3.2	4.5	12,504	11,958	546	4.4	5.0
Marion	160,393	155,193	5,200	3.2	4.1	161,932	155,936	5,996	3.7	4.3	162,592	155,787	6,805	4.2	4.5
Morrow	5,737	5,552	185	3.2	4.2	5,851	5,659	192	3.3	4.5	5,777	5,523	254	4.4	4.6
Multnomah	460,675	447,992	12,683	2.8	3.4	461,014	446,271	14,743	3.2	3.5	461,421	444,909	16,512	3.6	3.8
Polk	39,746	38,427	1,319	3.3	4.3	40,030	38,481	1,549	3.9	4.5	40,335	38,574	1,761	4.4	4.7
Sherman	921	887	34	3.7	4.0	927	898	29	3.1	4.1	871	838	33	3.8	4.0
Tillamook	11,662	11,281	381	3.3	4.0	11,917	11,476	441	3.7	4.2	11,659	11,150	509	4.4	4.6
Umatilla	36,665	35,313	1,352	3.7	5.0	37,358	35,931	1,427	3.8	5.2	36,738	35,014	1,724	4.7	5.0
Union	11,766	11,329	437	3.7	4.8	11,995	11,522	473	3.9	5.0	11,896	11,244	652	5.5	5.7
Wallowa	3,198	3,052	146	4.6	6.2	3,331	3,187	144	4.3	6.5	3,304	3,089	215	6.5	6.3
Wasco	12,443	11,982	461	3.7	4.3	12,384	11,873	511	4.1	4.5	12,704	12,118	586	4.6	4.5
Washington	325,489	317,094	8,395	2.6	3.2	325,374	315,442	9,932	3.1	3.4	325,731	314,755	10,976	3.4	3.6
Wheeler	717	690	27	3.8	4.6	726	696	30	4.1	4.8	710	683	27	3.8	4.3
Yamhill	54,566	53,010	1,556	2.9	3.6	55,030	53,241	1,789	3.3	3.8	54,736	52,687	2,049	3.7	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.