January Employment and Unemployment in Oregon’s Counties

Benton County had Oregon’s lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 2.8 percent in January 2020. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in January include Washington (2.9%), Hood River (3.0%), and Multnomah (3.1%). Six counties had unemployment rates below the national rate of 3.6 percent. The same six counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 3.3 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.3 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in January were Klamath (6.2%) and Wallowa (5.5%).

In January 2020, all of Oregon’s counties were at or below their unemployment rates for January 2019. Sherman County had the same unemployment rate in January 2020 as in January 2019 (4.0%). Harney County’s unemployment rate decreased the most, dropping 1.9 percentage points from 6.6 percent in January 2019 to 4.7 percent in January 2020.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in four of Oregon’s six broad regions between January 2019 and January 2020. The largest job gains occurred in the Portland area (+1.1%). The Willamette Valley (+0.9%), Central Oregon (+0.7%), and Southern Oregon (+0.2%) saw employment growth over the past year.

Next News Releases
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February 2020 on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The February 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.
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### Metropolitan Statistical Areas:

- **Albany (Linn County)**: 58,518
- **Bend (Deschutes County)**: 95,549
- **Corvallis (Benton County)**: 48,639
- **Eugene (Lane County)**: 180,713
- **Grants Pass (Josephine County)**: 35,221
- **Medford (Jackson County)**: 101,115
- **Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)**: 1,331,976
- **Salem (Marion and Polk counties)**: 198,764

### Counties:

- **Baker**: 6,997
- **Benton**: 48,390
- **Clackamas**: 218,895
- **Clatsop**: 18,632
- **Columbia**: 24,544
- **Coos**: 25,683
- **Crook**: 9,513
- **Curry**: 8,675
- **Deschutes**: 95,549
- **Douglas**: 46,231
- **Gilliam**: 877
- **Grant**: 3,063
- **Harney**: 3,429
- **Hood River**: 332,818
- **Jackson**: 101,115
- **Jefferson**: 9,928
- **Josephine**: 35,221
- **Klamath**: 28,540
- **Lake**: 3,442
- **Lane**: 180,713
- **Lincoln**: 20,036
- **Linn**: 58,518
- **Malheur**: 11,018
- **Marion**: 159,377
- **Morrow**: 5,601
- **Multnomah**: 454,977
- **Polk**: 39,387
- **Shibman**: 5,321
- **Tillamook**: 11,473
- **Umatilla**: 35,586
- **Union**: 11,708
- **Wallowa**: 3,221
- **Wasco**: 12,226
- **Washington**: 234,720
- **Wheeler**: 725
- **Yamhill**: 54,525

### Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

(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 using divided unemployed by civilian labor force. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.


Next release: March 31, 2020

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