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March Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

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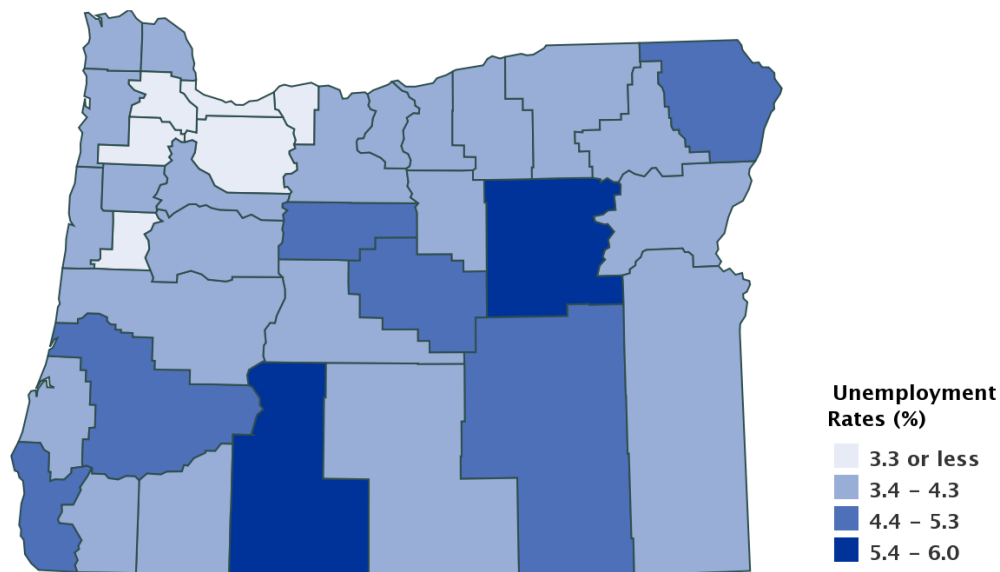
March data from Oregon's establishment and household surveys do not reflect the early effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the labor market. This is because the data used for today's report was collected prior to public health measures related to social distancing began on March 17th. We expect the April data, published on May 27th, to show the early effects on employment and the unemployment rate in Oregon. Please see the [Weekly New Unemployment Insurance Claims](#) report for the latest information on initial claims for unemployment insurance.

March Employment and Unemployment

In March, Benton County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 2.6 percent. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in March include Washington County (2.8%), Hood River (2.8%), and Multnomah (3.0%). Twenty-nine counties had unemployment rates below the national rate of 4.4 percent. Six counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 3.3 percent.

Grant and Klamath counties registered the highest unemployment rates for the month at 6.0 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in March were Wallowa (5.1%) and Crook (4.9%).

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, March 2020



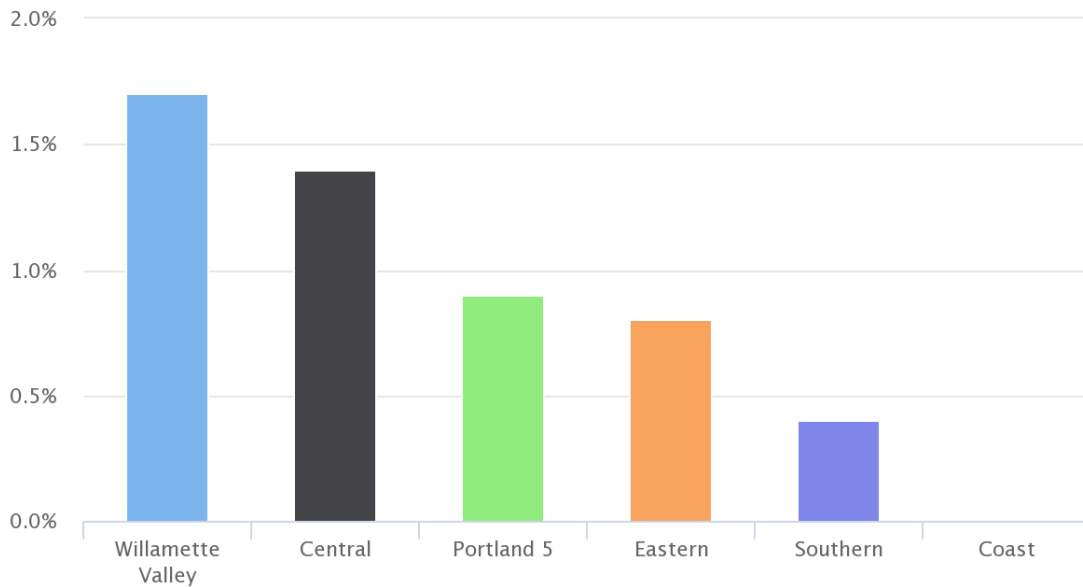
Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

In March 2020, all but one of Oregon’s counties were at or below their unemployment rates for March 2019. Sherman County’s unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage point from March 2019 to 4.1 percent. Lake County’s unemployment rate decreased the most, dropping 2.3 percentage points from 6.5 percent in March 2019 to 4.2 percent in March 2020.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in five of Oregon’s broad regions between March 2019 and March 2020. The largest job gains occurred in the Willamette Valley (+1.7%). Central Oregon (+1.4%) and the Portland region (+0.9%) also experienced some of the largest over-the-year employment gains.

Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

March 2019 to March 2020, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for April 2020 on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. The April 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	March 2020					February 2020					March 2019				
	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	162,537,000	155,167,000	7,370,000	4.5	4.4	164,235,000	158,017,000	6,218,000	3.8	3.5	162,823,000	156,441,000	6,382,000	3.9	3.8
State of Oregon	2,105,533	2,024,476	81,057	3.8	3.3	2,100,525	2,021,682	78,843	3.8	3.3	2,096,772	2,002,317	94,455	4.5	4.1
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,113	56,453	2,660	4.5	3.9	58,878	56,384	2,494	4.2	3.9	58,877	55,918	2,959	5.0	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	95,952	92,169	3,783	3.9	3.4	95,628	91,731	3,897	4.1	3.4	94,850	89,878	4,972	5.2	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,423	47,988	1,435	2.9	2.6	49,214	47,852	1,362	2.8	2.7	48,747	47,094	1,653	3.4	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	183,121	175,790	7,331	4.0	3.6	182,398	175,338	7,060	3.9	3.7	181,248	172,514	8,734	4.8	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,792	33,963	1,829	5.1	4.3	35,664	33,851	1,813	5.1	4.4	35,615	33,444	2,171	6.1	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	102,521	97,787	4,734	4.6	3.9	102,301	97,723	4,578	4.5	3.9	103,253	97,688	5,565	5.4	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,332,501	1,285,226	47,275	3.5	3.2	1,335,977	1,289,809	46,168	3.5	3.3	1,324,868	1,270,915	53,953	4.1	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	201,902	193,777	8,125	4.0	3.6	201,531	193,516	8,015	4.0	3.7	200,439	191,025	9,414	4.7	4.4
Counties:															
Baker	7,036	6,662	374	5.3	4.3	7,007	6,635	372	5.3	4.4	7,022	6,592	430	6.1	5.4
Benton	49,423	47,988	1,435	2.9	2.6	49,214	47,852	1,362	2.8	2.7	48,747	47,094	1,653	3.4	3.3
Clackamas	220,246	212,543	7,703	3.5	3.1	219,763	212,442	7,321	3.3	3.2	219,230	210,569	8,661	4.0	3.9
Clatsop	18,976	18,206	770	4.1	3.5	18,847	18,103	744	3.9	3.5	19,065	18,198	867	4.5	4.3
Columbia	24,578	23,473	1,105	4.5	4.3	24,589	23,468	1,121	4.6	4.4	24,456	23,236	1,220	5.0	5.1
Coos	26,097	24,836	1,261	4.8	4.3	26,084	24,866	1,218	4.7	4.4	26,310	24,777	1,533	5.8	5.7
Crook	9,497	8,962	535	5.6	4.9	9,502	8,961	541	5.7	5.0	9,452	8,751	701	7.4	6.1
Curry	8,677	8,192	485	5.6	4.7	8,698	8,224	474	5.4	4.8	8,840	8,263	577	6.5	6.4
Deschutes	95,952	92,169	3,783	3.9	3.4	95,628	91,731	3,897	4.1	3.4	94,850	89,878	4,972	5.2	4.5
Douglas	46,272	43,969	2,303	5.0	4.5	46,142	43,890	2,252	4.9	4.6	46,237	43,497	2,740	5.9	5.6
Gilliam	899	855	44	4.9	4.1	905	853	52	5.7	4.0	981	940	41	4.2	4.7
Grant	3,105	2,830	275	8.9	6.0	3,064	2,776	288	9.4	6.1	3,123	2,810	313	10.0	8.0
Harney	3,475	3,273	202	5.8	4.5	3,435	3,217	218	6.3	4.5	3,514	3,257	257	7.3	6.6
Hood River	13,545	13,126	419	3.1	2.8	13,366	12,958	408	3.1	2.9	13,724	13,137	587	4.3	3.7
Jackson	102,521	97,787	4,734	4.6	3.9	102,301	97,723	4,578	4.5	3.9	103,253	97,688	5,565	5.4	5.0
Jefferson	9,900	9,374	526	5.3	4.4	9,971	9,398	573	5.7	4.5	10,064	9,330	734	7.3	5.8
Josephine	35,792	33,963	1,829	5.1	4.3	35,664	33,851	1,813	5.1	4.4	35,615	33,444	2,171	6.1	5.7
Klamath	28,495	26,464	2,031	7.1	6.0	28,512	26,367	2,145	7.5	6.1	29,068	26,805	2,263	7.8	7.0
Lake	3,504	3,327	177	5.1	4.2	3,519	3,336	183	5.2	4.4	3,469	3,193	276	8.0	6.5
Lane	183,121	175,790	7,331	4.0	3.6	182,398	175,338	7,060	3.9	3.7	181,248	172,514	8,734	4.8	4.6
Lincoln	20,329	19,383	946	4.7	4.0	20,298	19,359	939	4.6	4.0	20,514	19,437	1,077	5.3	5.0
Linn	59,113	56,453	2,660	4.5	3.9	58,878	56,384	2,494	4.2	3.9	58,877	55,918	2,959	5.0	4.9
Malheur	12,285	11,801	484	3.9	3.6	12,180	11,633	547	4.5	3.7	12,122	11,491	631	5.2	4.8
Marion	161,988	155,484	6,504	4.0	3.6	161,623	155,199	6,424	4.0	3.7	160,813	153,281	7,532	4.7	4.5
Morrow	5,597	5,360	237	4.2	3.7	5,588	5,327	261	4.7	3.8	5,564	5,282	282	5.1	4.7
Multnomah	457,306	441,672	15,634	3.4	3.0	456,615	441,912	14,703	3.2	3.0	455,019	437,557	17,462	3.8	3.8
Polk	39,914	38,293	1,621	4.1	3.7	39,908	38,317	1,591	4.0	3.8	39,626	37,744	1,882	4.7	4.6
Sherman	955	906	49	5.1	4.1	930	884	46	4.9	4.0	898	860	38	4.2	3.9
Tillamook	11,733	11,261	472	4.0	3.6	11,650	11,173	477	4.1	3.6	11,805	11,244	561	4.8	4.6
Umatilla	35,952	34,287	1,665	4.6	4.1	35,698	33,865	1,833	5.1	4.2	35,802	33,696	2,106	5.9	5.3
Union	11,894	11,254	640	5.4	4.3	11,845	11,193	652	5.5	4.3	11,989	11,220	769	6.4	5.8
Wallowa	3,275	3,035	240	7.3	5.1	3,259	3,017	242	7.4	5.3	3,344	3,201	143	9.7	6.4
Wasco	12,281	11,697	584	4.8	3.8	12,233	11,650	583	4.8	3.9	12,396	11,705	691	5.6	4.7
Washington	326,189	316,140	10,049	3.1	2.8	325,690	316,144	9,546	2.9	2.9	324,427	312,757	11,670	3.6	3.6
Wheeler	747	722	25	3.3	3.7	741	714	27	3.6	4.0	729	691	38	5.2	4.6
Yamhill	54,865	52,941	1,924	3.5	3.1	54,781	52,923	1,858	3.4	3.1	54,578	52,440	2,138	3.9	3.8

(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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