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## August 2020 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

### Wildfires Impact

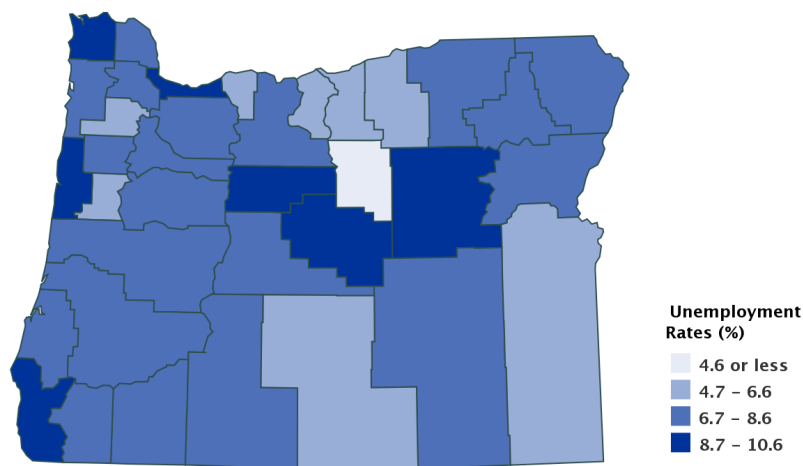
Devastating wildfires have ravaged workplaces, homes, communities, and more than 1 million acres of land across Oregon in recent weeks. This release covers the Oregon employment situation in August. It does not capture the personal and economic disruption caused by these disasters.

In August 2020, all 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. In 26 counties, unemployment rates dropped by 2 percentage points or more. Lincoln County experienced the largest over-the-month decrease at 4.9 percentage points. Counties with the smallest percentage point changes in their unemployment rates since July 2020 include Wheeler (-0.5pp), Morrow (-0.8pp), and Malheur (-1.0pp).

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August at 10.6 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates include Multnomah (9.7%), and Jefferson (9.1%).

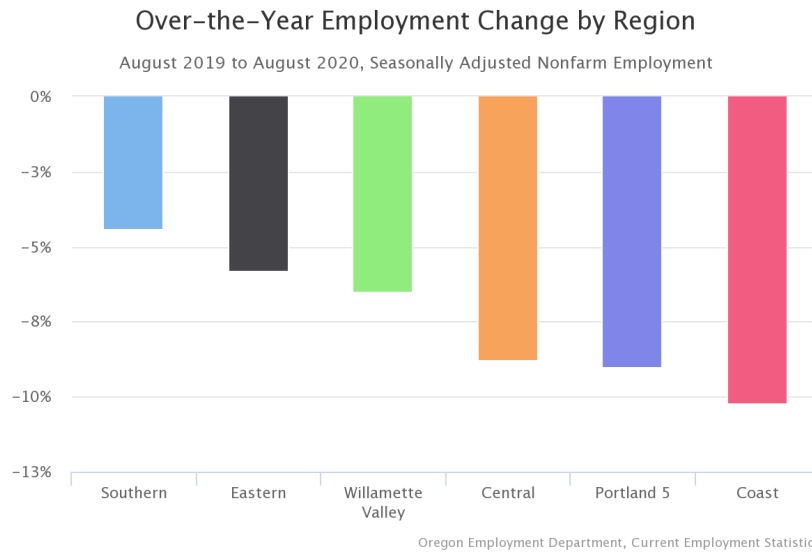
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 4.4 percent. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in August were Morrow (5.2%) and Benton (5.7%). Twenty-eight counties had unemployment rates at or below the national rate of 8.4 percent. Twenty-four counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 7.7 percent.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, August 2020



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined sharply in all six of Oregon's broad regions between August 2019 and August 2020. The largest job losses occurred in the Coast region (-10.2%). Portland-5 (-9.0%), Central Oregon (-8.8%), and the Willamette Valley (-6.5%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses.



### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for September 2020 on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. The September 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

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

	August 2020					July 2020					August 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	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5	8.4	161,374,000	144,492,000	16,882,000	10.5	10.2	164,019,000	157,816,000	6,203,000	3.8	3.7
State of Oregon	2,072,940	1,911,101	161,839	7.8	10.4	2,084,949	1,863,489	221,460	10.6	11.6	2,123,490	2,041,350	82,140	3.9	3.7
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,171	53,658	4,513	7.8	10.0	58,100	52,030	6,070	10.4	10.8	58,418	55,811	2,607	4.5	4.3
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	93,722	86,826	6,896	7.4	10.8	93,969	83,914	10,055	10.7	12.4	97,993	94,469	3,524	3.6	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	44,251	41,522	2,729	6.2	7.7	44,767	40,972	3,795	8.5	8.6	46,439	44,812	1,627	3.5	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	181,932	167,853	14,079	7.7	10.2	182,271	162,784	19,487	10.7	11.6	179,490	171,686	7,804	4.3	4.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	34,373	31,574	2,799	8.1	10.6	34,384	30,693	3,691	10.7	11.5	36,275	34,442	1,833	5.1	4.9
Medford (Jackson County)	103,385	95,239	8,146	7.9	10.4	102,504	91,281	11,223	10.9	11.6	104,367	99,699	4,668	4.5	4.3
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,311,412	1,200,950	110,462	8.4	11.0	1,323,474	1,175,244	148,230	11.2	11.6	1,333,061	1,283,090	49,971	3.7	3.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	196,818	183,028	13,790	7.0	9.6	197,408	178,811	18,597	9.4	10.7	204,630	196,091	8,539	4.2	4.1
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,042	6,551	491	7.0	10.3	6,965	6,294	671	9.6	10.9	7,202	6,904	298	4.1	4.7
Benton	44,251	41,522	2,729	6.2	7.7	44,767	40,972	3,795	8.5	8.6	46,439	44,812	1,627	3.5	3.0
Clackamas	215,040	198,582	16,458	7.7	9.9	215,477	193,398	22,079	10.2	11.0	221,315	213,326	7,989	3.6	3.4
Clatsop	19,398	17,821	1,577	8.1	12.9	19,601	17,284	2,317	11.8	15.5	20,046	19,344	702	3.5	3.8
Columbia	23,623	21,733	1,890	8.0	10.2	23,695	21,195	2,500	10.6	11.4	24,551	23,396	1,155	4.7	4.5
Coos	25,608	23,438	2,170	8.5	11.4	25,600	22,630	2,970	11.6	12.7	26,375	25,063	1,312	5.0	5.0
Crook	9,869	9,051	818	8.3	11.7	9,835	8,714	1,121	11.4	13.3	9,837	9,373	464	4.7	5.2
Curry	8,718	8,000	718	8.2	11.9	8,535	7,548	987	11.6	13.7	9,321	8,899	422	4.5	5.2
Deschutes	93,722	86,826	6,896	7.4	10.8	93,969	83,914	10,055	10.7	12.4	97,993	94,469	3,524	3.6	3.8
Douglas	45,032	41,736	3,296	7.3	9.8	45,059	40,552	4,507	10.0	10.8	46,870	44,504	2,366	5.0	5.0
Gilliam	1,023	962	61	6.0	8.3	1,031	948	83	8.1	8.7	966	934	32	3.3	3.4
Grant	3,197	2,985	212	6.6	11.5	3,155	2,877	278	8.8	11.9	3,304	3,161	143	4.3	6.3
Harney	3,546	3,358	188	5.3	8.2	3,492	3,253	239	6.8	8.4	3,692	3,537	155	4.2	5.1
Hood River	15,250	14,419	831	5.4	8.6	15,415	14,175	1,240	8.0	10.1	16,439	15,965	474	2.9	2.8
Jackson	103,385	95,239	8,146	7.9	10.4	102,504	91,281	11,223	10.9	11.6	104,367	99,699	4,668	4.5	4.3
Jefferson	9,663	8,838	825	8.5	11.3	9,588	8,568	1,020	10.6	13.3	10,272	9,808	464	4.5	5.0
Josephine	34,373	31,574	2,799	8.1	10.6	34,384	30,693	3,691	10.7	11.5	36,275	34,442	1,833	5.1	4.9
Klamath	28,237	25,994	2,243	7.9	11.0	28,157	25,155	3,002	10.7	12.2	29,574	27,943	1,631	5.5	6.0
Lake	3,714	3,529	185	5.0	8.1	3,678	3,422	256	7.0	8.1	3,831	3,663	168	4.4	5.2
Lane	181,932	167,853	14,079	7.7	10.2	182,271	162,784	19,487	10.7	11.6	179,490	171,686	7,804	4.3	4.1
Lincoln	20,469	18,444	2,025	9.9	15.2	20,824	17,750	3,074	14.8	17.3	21,669	20,770	899	4.1	4.4
Linn	58,171	53,658	4,513	7.8	10.0	58,100	52,030	6,070	10.4	10.8	58,418	55,811	2,607	4.5	4.3
Malheur	12,373	11,716	657	5.3	7.1	12,252	11,344	908	7.4	7.3	12,630	12,126	504	4.0	4.1
Marion	158,278	147,144	11,134	7.0	9.3	158,809	143,767	15,042	9.5	10.4	164,387	157,604	6,783	4.1	4.0
Morrow	5,783	5,495	288	5.0	6.0	5,725	5,345	380	6.6	6.6	5,917	5,687	230	3.9	4.0
Multnomah	453,996	410,952	43,044	9.5	12.7	459,058	400,089	58,969	12.8	13.6	458,074	442,260	15,814	3.5	3.3
Polk	38,540	35,884	2,656	6.9	8.8	38,599	35,044	3,555	9.2	9.7	40,243	38,487	1,756	4.4	4.2
Sherman	947	887	60	6.3	7.8	952	880	72	7.6	8.9	1,000	965	35	3.5	3.4
Tillamook	11,836	10,975	861	7.3	11.3	11,823	10,569	1,254	10.6	12.8	12,318	11,857	461	3.7	3.9
Umatilla	37,214	34,744	2,470	6.6	7.7	37,151	34,203	2,948	7.9	8.6	37,882	36,263	1,619	4.3	4.3
Union	11,656	10,868	788	6.8	10.2	11,632	10,485	1,147	9.9	10.4	11,978	11,445	533	4.4	4.8
Wallowa	3,520	3,333	187	5.3	9.8	3,445	3,192	253	7.3	10.6	3,665	3,511	154	4.2	5.1
Wasco	13,224	12,345	879	6.6	9.2	17,873	16,638	1,235	6.9	11.1	13,726	13,194	532	3.9	4.1
Washington	316,014	294,020	21,994	7.0	9.2	316,917	286,972	29,945	9.4	9.9	327,126	316,254	10,872	3.3	3.1
Wheeler	664	635	29	4.4	5.3	645	613	32	5.0	5.7	710	680	30	4.2	4.5
Yamhill	53,632	49,990	3,642	6.8	9.0	53,964	48,911	5,053	9.4	10.0	55,586	53,507	2,079	3.7	3.5

(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.