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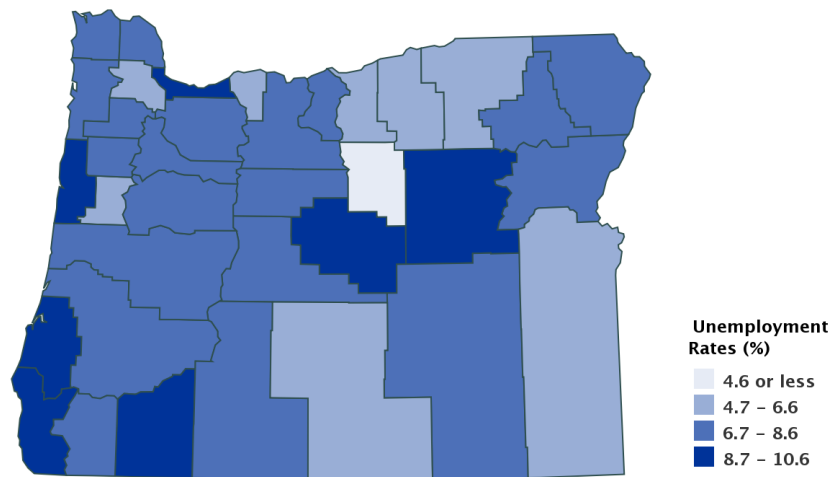
September 2020 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In September 2020, 31 of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. In 19 counties, unemployment rates dropped by half a percentage point or more. Multnomah and Jefferson counties experienced the largest over-the-month decreases at 1.1 percentage point each. Over-the-month unemployment rates remained unchanged in four counties: Jackson, Linn, Lake, and Wheeler. Douglas County saw a slight increase in its unemployment rate over the month (+0.2pp).

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September at 10.6 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates include Multnomah (9.5%), and Crook (9.1%).

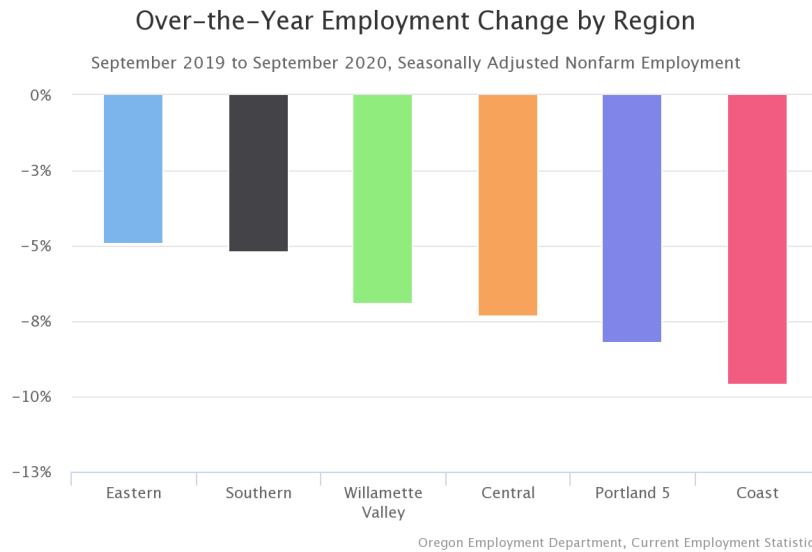
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 4.4 percent. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in September were Morrow (5.3%) and Benton (5.6%). Twenty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 8.0 percent. Twenty-one counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 7.9 percent.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, September 2020



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined sharply in all six of Oregon's broad regions between September 2019 and September 2020. The largest job losses occurred in the Coast region (-9.6%). Portland-5 (-8.2%), Central Oregon (-7.3%), and the Willamette Valley (-6.9%) 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 October 2020 on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. The October 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	September 2020					August 2020					September 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	160,073,000	147,796,000	12,277,000	7.7	7.9	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5	8.4	163,943,000	158,478,000	5,465,000	3.3	3.5
State of Oregon	2,058,198	1,908,283	149,915	7.3	8.0	2,088,833	1,911,281	177,552	8.5	8.5	2,109,356	2,044,416	64,940	3.1	3.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	57,982	53,586	4,396	7.6	8.1	58,604	53,747	4,857	8.3	8.1	58,338	56,235	2,103	3.6	4.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	94,150	87,803	6,347	6.7	7.5	94,530	86,863	7,667	8.1	8.4	96,932	94,109	2,823	2.9	3.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	45,281	42,801	2,480	5.5	5.6	44,669	41,713	2,956	6.6	6.1	47,015	45,697	1,318	2.8	2.8
Eugene (Lane County)	181,746	168,315	13,431	7.4	8.4	183,346	167,825	15,521	8.5	8.6	179,020	172,882	6,138	3.4	3.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	34,513	32,015	2,498	7.2	8.2	34,806	31,739	3,067	8.8	8.9	35,985	34,610	1,375	3.8	4.6
Medford (Jackson County)	102,588	95,120	7,468	7.3	8.7	104,335	95,368	8,967	8.6	8.7	104,447	101,039	3,408	3.3	4.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,293,685	1,194,232	99,453	7.7	8.0	1,320,005	1,200,291	119,714	9.1	8.9	1,325,943	1,285,366	40,577	3.1	3.4
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	193,805	180,719	13,086	6.8	7.8	197,885	182,987	14,898	7.5	7.9	203,390	196,753	6,637	3.3	3.8
Counties:															
Baker	7,058	6,611	447	6.3	7.6	7,067	6,554	513	7.3	8.1	7,171	6,938	233	3.2	4.2
Benton	45,281	42,801	2,480	5.5	5.6	44,669	41,713	2,956	6.6	6.1	47,015	45,697	1,318	2.8	2.8
Clackamas	213,574	198,016	15,558	7.3	7.6	216,341	198,464	17,877	8.3	8.1	219,773	213,403	6,370	2.9	3.2
Clatsop	19,127	17,672	1,455	7.6	8.3	19,635	17,912	1,723	8.8	9.3	19,849	19,268	581	2.9	3.4
Columbia	23,481	21,711	1,770	7.5	8.0	23,768	21,735	2,033	8.6	8.5	24,384	23,436	948	3.9	4.2
Coos	25,459	23,380	2,079	8.2	8.8	25,875	23,531	2,344	9.1	9.0	26,057	25,057	1,000	3.8	4.4
Crook	9,899	9,120	779	7.9	9.1	9,946	9,063	883	8.9	9.7	9,751	9,383	368	3.8	4.8
Curry	8,613	7,951	662	7.7	9.0	8,763	7,989	774	8.8	9.6	9,170	8,816	354	3.9	4.7
Deschutes	94,150	87,803	6,347	6.7	7.5	94,530	86,863	7,667	8.1	8.4	96,932	94,109	2,823	2.9	3.5
Douglas	45,096	41,788	3,308	7.3	7.9	45,293	41,735	3,558	7.9	7.7	46,645	44,806	1,839	3.9	4.5
Gilliam	1,012	954	58	5.7	6.3	1,038	972	66	6.4	6.5	912	882	30	3.3	3.6
Grant	3,188	3,003	185	5.8	8.7	3,206	2,987	219	6.8	9.1	3,240	3,127	113	3.5	5.9
Harney	3,531	3,358	173	4.9	6.9	3,565	3,364	201	5.6	7.0	3,616	3,501	115	3.2	4.5
Hood River	14,531	13,800	731	5.0	6.2	15,389	14,456	933	6.1	6.9	15,474	15,124	350	2.3	2.7
Jackson	102,588	95,120	7,468	7.3	8.7	104,335	95,368	8,967	8.6	8.7	104,447	101,039	3,408	3.3	4.0
Jefferson	9,619	8,907	712	7.4	8.5	9,725	8,842	883	9.1	9.6	10,118	9,762	356	3.5	4.5
Josephine	34,513	32,015	2,498	7.2	8.2	34,806	31,739	3,067	8.8	8.9	35,985	34,610	1,375	3.8	4.6
Klamath	28,406	26,327	2,079	7.3	8.6	28,412	25,986	2,426	8.5	9.2	29,479	28,057	1,422	4.8	5.8
Lake	3,632	3,464	168	4.6	6.6	3,739	3,540	199	5.3	6.6	3,770	3,645	125	3.3	4.7
Lane	181,746	168,315	13,431	7.4	8.4	183,346	167,825	15,521	8.5	8.6	179,020	172,882	6,138	3.4	3.6
Lincoln	20,223	18,253	1,970	9.7	10.6	20,667	18,440	2,227	10.8	11.4	21,243	20,525	718	3.4	4.0
Linn	57,982	53,586	4,396	7.6	8.1	58,604	53,747	4,857	8.3	8.1	58,338	56,235	2,103	3.6	4.0
Malheur	12,326	11,756	570	4.6	6.0	12,454	11,773	681	5.5	6.1	12,515	12,135	380	3.0	3.8
Marion	155,814	145,240	10,574	6.8	7.4	159,159	147,099	12,060	7.6	7.5	163,333	158,076	5,257	3.2	3.7
Morrow	5,830	5,580	250	4.3	5.3	5,799	5,490	309	5.3	5.5	5,917	5,744	173	2.9	3.7
Multnomah	449,481	410,300	39,181	8.7	9.5	458,598	410,644	47,954	10.5	10.6	455,572	442,923	12,649	2.8	3.0
Polk	37,991	35,479	2,512	6.6	7.1	38,726	35,888	2,838	7.3	7.2	40,057	38,677	1,380	3.4	3.9
Sherman	941	886	55	5.8	6.8	963	896	67	7.0	7.2	976	948	28	2.9	3.3
Tillamook	11,600	10,738	862	7.4	8.1	11,883	10,947	936	7.9	8.2	12,041	11,669	372	3.1	3.6
Umatilla	37,043	35,048	1,995	5.4	6.2	37,360	34,744	2,616	7.0	7.1	37,625	36,349	1,276	3.4	4.1
Union	11,540	10,848	692	6.0	6.9	11,735	10,899	836	7.1	7.6	11,804	11,393	411	3.5	4.3
Wallowa	3,459	3,283	176	5.1	7.7	3,514	3,321	193	5.5	7.9	3,517	3,403	114	3.2	5.3
Wasco	12,223	11,421	802	6.6	6.7	13,315	12,340	975	7.3	7.5	12,648	12,222	426	3.4	3.8
Washington	313,369	293,275	20,094	6.4	6.6	318,034	293,803	24,231	7.6	7.3	325,157	316,392	8,765	2.7	2.9
Wheeler	695	669	26	3.7	4.4	661	633	28	4.2	4.4	739	714	25	3.4	4.0
Yamhill	53,176	49,806	3,370	6.3	6.7	53,915	49,980	3,935	7.3	7.2	55,063	53,469	1,594	2.9	3.2

(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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