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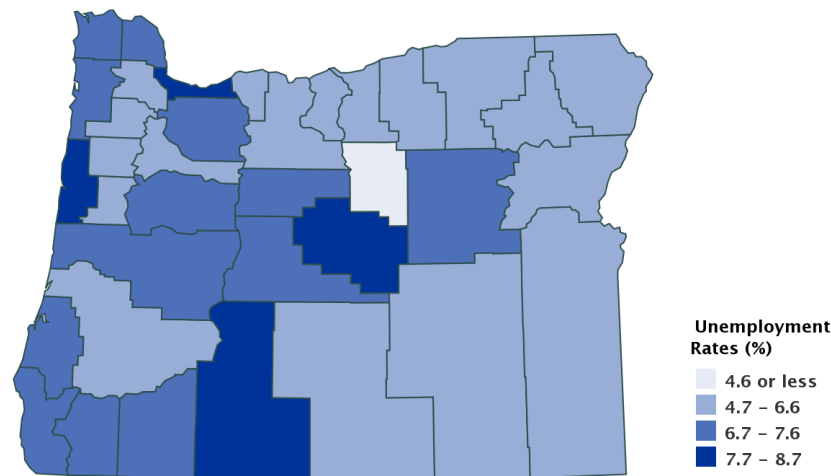
## October 2020 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In October 2020, all of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. In 32 counties, unemployment rates dropped by half a percentage point or more. Lincoln County experienced the largest over-the-month decrease at 1.9 percentage points.

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October at 8.7 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates include Multnomah (8.3%) and Crook (8.0%).

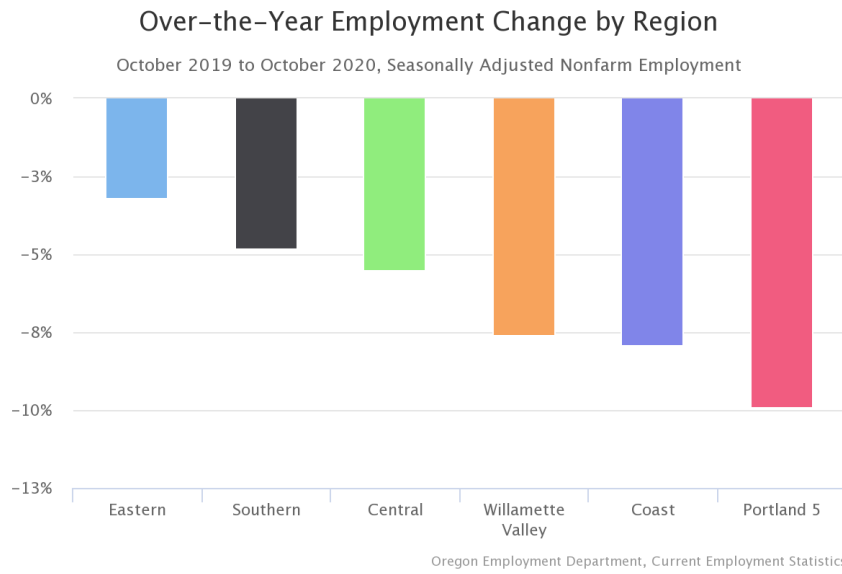
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 4.1 percent. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in October were Morrow (5.1%) and Malheur (5.2%). Twenty-one counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.9 percent. Twenty-one counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.9 percent.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, October 2020



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined sharply in all six of Oregon's broad regions between October 2019 and October 2020. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-9.9%). The Coast (-7.9%), Willamette Valley (-7.6%), and Central Oregon (-5.5%) 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 November 2020 on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The November 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	October 2020					September 2020					October 2019				
	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian		Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
	Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed				Labor Force	Employed			
United States	161,053,000	150,433,000	10,620,000	6.6	6.9	160,073,000	147,796,000	12,277,000	7.7	7.9	164,576,000	159,067,000	5,510,000	3.3	3.6
State of Oregon	2,145,460	2,008,008	137,452	6.4	6.9	2,038,215	1,888,351	149,864	7.4	7.9	2,109,185	2,045,517	63,668	3.0	3.4
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	60,231	56,377	3,854	6.4	7.0	57,312	52,914	4,398	7.7	8.3	58,943	56,887	2,056	3.5	3.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	97,543	91,595	5,948	6.1	7.3	92,302	85,972	6,330	6.9	8.0	96,369	93,551	2,818	2.9	3.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,054	45,776	2,278	4.7	5.3	44,701	42,225	2,476	5.5	5.6	48,875	47,733	1,142	2.3	2.7
Eugene (Lane County)	189,849	177,946	11,903	6.3	7.3	179,812	166,348	13,464	7.5	8.5	181,792	175,810	5,982	3.3	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,772	33,429	2,343	6.5	7.2	34,099	31,591	2,508	7.4	8.3	35,818	34,422	1,396	3.9	4.5
Medford (Jackson County)	106,754	99,986	6,768	6.3	7.6	101,690	94,185	7,505	7.4	8.7	104,139	100,828	3,311	3.2	3.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,352,752	1,262,574	90,178	6.7	6.9	1,284,390	1,182,729	101,661	7.9	8.2	1,331,691	1,291,393	40,298	3.0	3.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	202,021	189,933	12,088	6.0	6.8	192,512	179,409	13,103	6.8	7.8	202,380	195,909	6,471	3.2	3.7
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,481	7,058	423	5.7	6.6	7,117	6,677	440	6.2	7.5	7,256	7,007	249	3.4	4.1
Benton	48,054	45,776	2,278	4.7	5.3	44,701	42,225	2,476	5.5	5.6	48,875	47,733	1,142	2.3	2.7
Clackamas	222,722	208,443	14,279	6.4	6.7	210,987	195,466	15,521	7.4	7.6	219,951	213,713	6,238	2.8	3.1
Clatsop	19,603	18,278	1,325	6.8	7.3	18,952	17,503	1,449	7.6	8.5	19,446	18,856	590	3.0	3.3
Columbia	24,553	22,884	1,669	6.8	7.2	23,196	21,432	1,764	7.6	8.1	24,417	23,480	937	3.8	4.1
Coos	26,680	24,834	1,846	6.9	7.3	25,369	23,288	2,081	8.2	8.7	25,935	24,936	999	3.9	4.2
Crook	10,450	9,696	754	7.2	8.0	10,058	9,283	775	7.7	9.0	9,593	9,210	383	4.0	4.7
Curry	9,187	8,582	605	6.6	7.4	8,926	8,256	670	7.5	8.7	8,984	8,634	350	3.9	4.5
Deschutes	97,543	91,595	5,948	6.1	7.3	92,302	85,972	6,330	6.9	8.0	96,369	93,551	2,818	2.9	3.4
Douglas	47,476	44,585	2,891	6.1	6.5	45,280	41,966	3,314	7.3	7.8	46,398	44,551	1,847	4.0	4.3
Gilliam	1,014	962	52	5.1	5.6	971	913	58	6.0	6.5	877	846	31	3.5	3.6
Grant	3,301	3,133	168	5.1	7.4	3,176	2,996	180	5.7	8.5	3,181	3,054	127	4.0	5.9
Harney	3,700	3,524	176	4.8	6.3	3,543	3,370	173	4.9	6.9	3,584	3,473	111	3.1	4.1
Hood River	14,383	13,690	693	4.8	5.3	14,524	13,797	727	5.0	6.0	14,332	13,991	341	2.4	2.7
Jackson	106,754	99,986	6,768	6.3	7.6	101,690	94,185	7,505	7.4	8.7	104,139	100,828	3,311	3.2	3.8
Jefferson	10,443	9,732	711	6.8	7.5	9,946	9,231	715	7.2	8.4	10,034	9,675	359	3.6	4.3
Josephine	35,772	33,429	2,343	6.5	7.2	34,099	31,591	2,508	7.4	8.3	35,818	34,422	1,396	3.9	4.5
Klamath	30,214	28,220	1,994	6.6	7.7	28,723	26,620	2,103	7.3	8.6	29,345	27,961	1,384	4.7	5.6
Lake	3,787	3,618	169	4.5	5.8	3,682	3,511	171	4.6	6.5	3,656	3,533	123	3.4	4.3
Lane	189,849	177,946	11,903	6.3	7.3	179,812	166,348	13,464	7.5	8.5	181,792	175,810	5,982	3.3	3.5
Lincoln	20,243	18,568	1,675	8.3	8.7	20,005	18,038	1,967	9.8	10.6	20,621	19,898	723	3.5	3.8
Linn	60,231	56,377	3,854	6.4	7.0	57,312	52,914	4,398	7.7	8.3	58,943	56,887	2,056	3.5	3.9
Malheur	13,108	12,595	513	3.9	5.2	12,476	11,910	566	4.5	5.8	12,478	12,131	347	2.8	3.6
Marion	162,075	152,267	9,808	6.1	6.5	154,774	144,182	10,592	6.8	7.5	162,210	157,070	5,140	3.2	3.5
Morrow	5,937	5,688	249	4.2	5.1	5,721	5,471	250	4.4	5.4	5,774	5,611	163	2.8	3.6
Multnomah	467,608	431,899	35,709	7.6	8.3	444,192	405,036	39,156	8.8	9.6	456,073	443,524	12,549	2.8	2.9
Polk	39,946	37,666	2,280	5.7	6.1	37,738	35,227	2,511	6.7	7.1	40,170	38,839	1,331	3.3	3.7
Sherman	989	941	48	4.9	5.5	958	904	54	5.6	6.5	945	920	25	2.6	3.2
Tillamook	11,814	11,051	763	6.5	6.7	11,444	10,584	860	7.5	8.1	11,775	11,401	374	3.2	3.4
Umatilla	37,963	35,938	2,025	5.3	6.0	36,306	34,319	1,987	5.5	6.4	36,892	35,669	1,223	3.3	4.0
Union	12,300	11,629	671	5.5	6.2	11,612	10,922	690	5.9	6.9	11,981	11,574	407	3.4	4.1
Wallowa	3,555	3,377	178	5.0	6.6	3,477	3,304	173	5.0	7.6	3,378	3,254	124	3.7	5.1
Wasco	12,884	12,139	745	5.8	6.0	12,355	11,558	797	6.5	6.7	12,541	12,107	434	3.5	3.6
Washington	327,713	308,903	18,810	5.7	5.9	309,572	289,516	20,056	6.5	6.6	325,734	317,232	8,502	2.6	2.7
Wheeler	738	710	28	3.8	4.1	701	676	25	3.6	4.2	737	711	26	3.5	3.9
Yamhill	55,391	52,290	3,101	5.6	6.0	52,519	49,159	3,360	6.4	6.8	54,954	53,426	1,528	2.8	3.0

(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.