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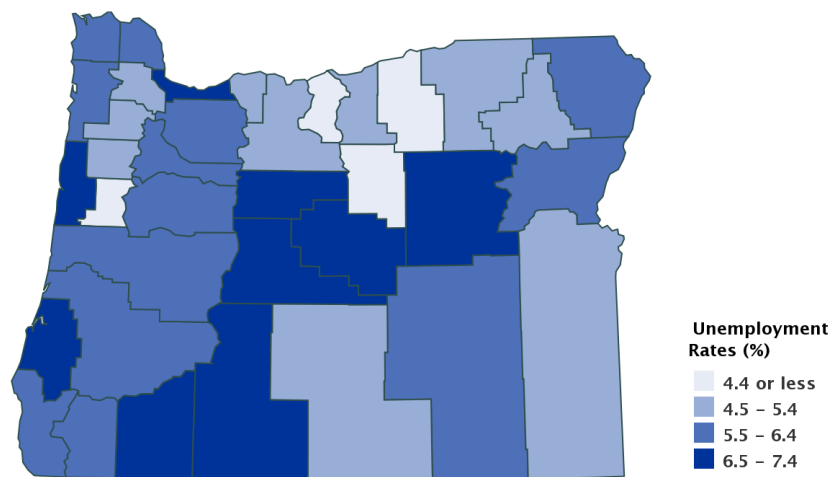
November 2020 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In November 2020, all of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. In 33 counties, unemployment rates dropped by half a percentage point or more. Lincoln, Josephine, and Sherman counties experienced the largest over-the-month decreases at 1.1 percentage points each.

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November at 7.4%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates include Crook (7.2%), Multnomah (7.2%), and Grant (7.0%).

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 3.9%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in November were Benton (4.2%), Morrow (4.3%), and Sherman (4.3%). Twenty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.0%. Thirty-two counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.7%.

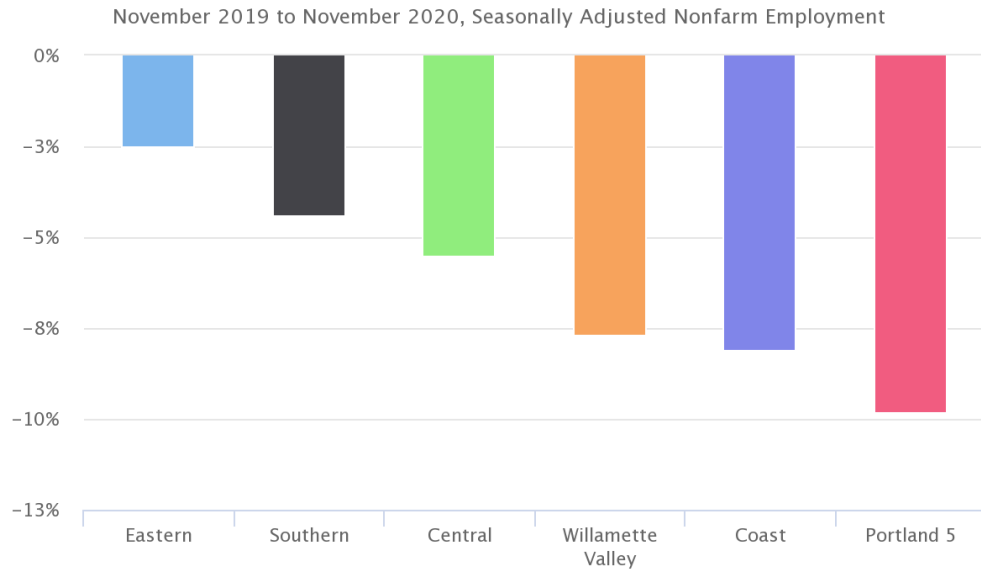
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, November 2020



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined sharply in all six of Oregon's broad regions between November 2019 and November 2020. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-9.8%). The Coast (-8.1%), Willamette Valley (-7.7%), and Central Oregon (-5.5%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses.

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for December 2020 on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021. The December 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

| | November 2020 | | | | | October 2020 | | | | | November 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 | 160,468,000 | 150,203,000 | 10,264,000 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 161,053,000 | 150,433,000 | 10,620,000 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 164,386,000 | 158,945,000 | 5,441,000 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| State of Oregon | 2,111,864 | 1,996,499 | 115,365 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 2,144,159 | 2,008,586 | 135,573 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 2,103,774 | 2,042,492 | 61,282 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| Metropolitan Statistical Areas: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Albany (Linn County) | 59,416 | 56,173 | 3,243 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 60,396 | 56,593 | 3,803 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 58,829 | 56,836 | 1,993 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County) | 95,857 | 90,679 | 5,178 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 97,197 | 91,312 | 5,885 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 95,449 | 92,618 | 2,831 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Corvallis (Benton County) | 47,639 | 45,825 | 1,814 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 48,170 | 45,926 | 2,244 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 49,105 | 48,079 | 1,026 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| Eugene (Lane County) | 186,563 | 176,834 | 9,729 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 188,913 | 177,161 | 11,752 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 181,668 | 175,938 | 5,730 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Grants Pass (Josephine County) | 34,836 | 32,853 | 1,983 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 35,770 | 33,437 | 2,333 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 35,590 | 34,207 | 1,383 | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| Medford (Jackson County) | 105,228 | 99,578 | 5,650 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 106,789 | 100,119 | 6,670 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 103,552 | 100,344 | 3,208 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2) | 1,325,854 | 1,247,902 | 77,952 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 1,357,442 | 1,268,487 | 88,955 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 1,334,229 | 1,295,296 | 38,933 | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Salem (Marion and Polk counties) | 197,900 | 187,690 | 10,210 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 201,794 | 189,899 | 11,895 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 201,777 | 195,628 | 6,149 | 3.0 | 3.5 |
| Counties: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baker | 7,360 | 6,968 | 392 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 7,508 | 7,091 | 417 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7,170 | 6,898 | 272 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| Benton | 47,639 | 45,825 | 1,814 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 48,170 | 45,926 | 2,244 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 49,105 | 48,079 | 1,026 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| Clackamas | 220,320 | 208,421 | 11,899 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 222,623 | 208,578 | 14,045 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 220,206 | 214,357 | 5,849 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| Clatsop | 19,057 | 17,912 | 1,145 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 19,637 | 18,324 | 1,313 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 19,154 | 18,556 | 598 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Columbia | 24,317 | 22,882 | 1,435 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 24,538 | 22,898 | 1,640 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 24,464 | 23,567 | 897 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Coos | 26,130 | 24,533 | 1,597 | 6.1 | 6.5 | 26,624 | 24,801 | 1,823 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 25,951 | 24,988 | 963 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Crook | 10,226 | 9,536 | 690 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 10,445 | 9,694 | 751 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 9,494 | 9,078 | 416 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| Curry | 8,846 | 8,308 | 538 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 9,238 | 8,633 | 605 | 6.5 | 7.3 | 8,732 | 8,347 | 385 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Deschutes | 95,857 | 90,679 | 5,178 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 97,197 | 91,312 | 5,885 | 6.1 | 7.3 | 95,449 | 92,618 | 2,831 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| Douglas | 46,746 | 44,217 | 2,529 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 47,479 | 44,614 | 2,865 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 46,139 | 44,373 | 1,766 | 3.8 | 4.2 |
| Gilliam | 1,007 | 960 | 47 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 1,012 | 963 | 49 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 860 | 832 | 28 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Grant | 3,227 | 3,035 | 192 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 3,301 | 3,135 | 166 | 5.0 | 7.3 | 3,109 | 2,942 | 167 | 5.4 | 5.8 |
| Harney | 3,616 | 3,452 | 164 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 3,689 | 3,516 | 173 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 3,534 | 3,417 | 117 | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| Hood River | 13,572 | 12,949 | 623 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 14,390 | 13,705 | 685 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 13,745 | 13,416 | 329 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Jackson | 105,228 | 99,578 | 5,650 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 106,789 | 100,119 | 6,670 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 103,552 | 100,344 | 3,208 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| Jefferson | 10,056 | 9,420 | 636 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 10,418 | 9,731 | 687 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 9,892 | 9,516 | 376 | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| Josephine | 34,836 | 32,853 | 1,983 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 35,770 | 33,437 | 2,333 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 35,590 | 34,207 | 1,383 | 3.9 | 4.3 |
| Klamath | 29,263 | 27,505 | 1,758 | 6.0 | 6.7 | 30,289 | 28,294 | 1,995 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 28,736 | 27,303 | 1,433 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| Lake | 3,669 | 3,516 | 153 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 3,790 | 3,622 | 168 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 3,566 | 3,441 | 125 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| Lane | 186,563 | 176,834 | 9,729 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 188,913 | 177,161 | 11,752 | 6.2 | 7.2 | 181,668 | 175,938 | 5,730 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Lincoln | 19,580 | 18,156 | 1,424 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 20,254 | 18,605 | 1,649 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 20,362 | 19,601 | 761 | 3.7 | 3.7 |
| Linn | 59,416 | 56,173 | 3,243 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 60,396 | 56,593 | 3,803 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 58,829 | 56,836 | 1,993 | 3.4 | 3.7 |
| Malheur | 12,839 | 12,376 | 463 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 13,128 | 12,617 | 511 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 12,360 | 11,997 | 363 | 2.9 | 3.4 |
| Marion | 158,753 | 150,439 | 8,314 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 161,906 | 152,240 | 9,666 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 161,709 | 156,807 | 4,902 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| Morrow | 5,715 | 5,494 | 221 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 5,953 | 5,710 | 243 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 5,592 | 5,413 | 179 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Multnomah | 461,617 | 431,832 | 29,785 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 467,383 | 432,179 | 35,204 | 7.5 | 8.2 | 456,657 | 444,753 | 11,904 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Polk | 39,147 | 37,251 | 1,896 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 39,888 | 37,659 | 2,229 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 40,068 | 38,821 | 1,247 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| Sherman | 973 | 934 | 39 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 992 | 944 | 48 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 919 | 888 | 31 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| Tillamook | 11,474 | 10,837 | 637 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 11,816 | 11,065 | 751 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 11,586 | 11,231 | 355 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Umatilla | 36,804 | 35,096 | 1,708 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 38,102 | 36,107 | 1,995 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 36,003 | 34,726 | 1,277 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Union | 12,127 | 11,538 | 589 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 12,298 | 11,638 | 660 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 11,758 | 11,348 | 410 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Wallowa | 3,447 | 3,275 | 172 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3,564 | 3,389 | 175 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 3,268 | 3,131 | 137 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Wasco | 12,798 | 12,155 | 643 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 12,886 | 12,149 | 737 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 12,552 | 12,124 | 428 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| Washington | 324,436 | 308,997 | 15,439 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 327,637 | 309,102 | 18,535 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 326,588 | 318,684 | 7,904 | 2.4 | 2.6 |
| Wheeler | 722 | 697 | 25 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 740 | 710 | 30 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 719 | 694 | 25 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| Yamhill | 54,484 | 51,869 | 2,615 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 55,394 | 52,324 | 3,070 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 54,687 | 53,222 | 1,465 | 2.7 | 2.9 |

(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.