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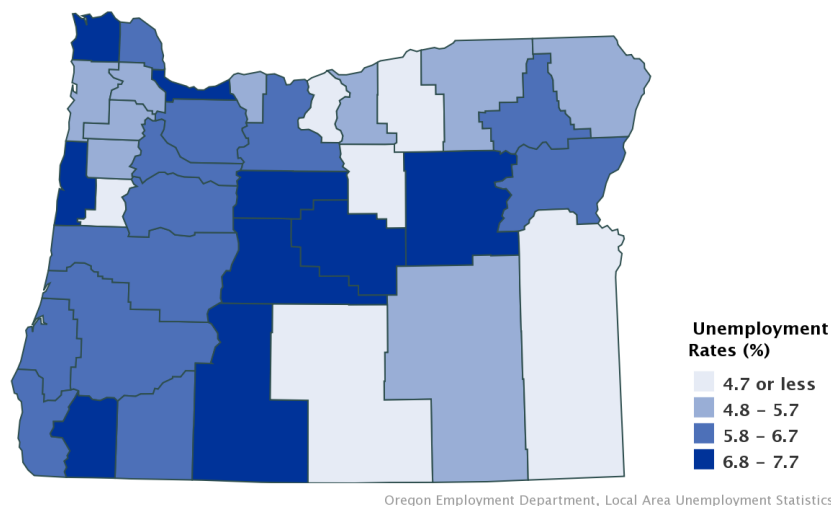
December 2020 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December 2020, 27 out of 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month increases in their unemployment rates. Oregon's unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage point between November and December, and eight of Oregon's counties followed the state with a loss of 0.4 percentage point or more. Deschutes County saw the largest over-the-month increase, jumping from 6.7% in November to 7.6% in December.

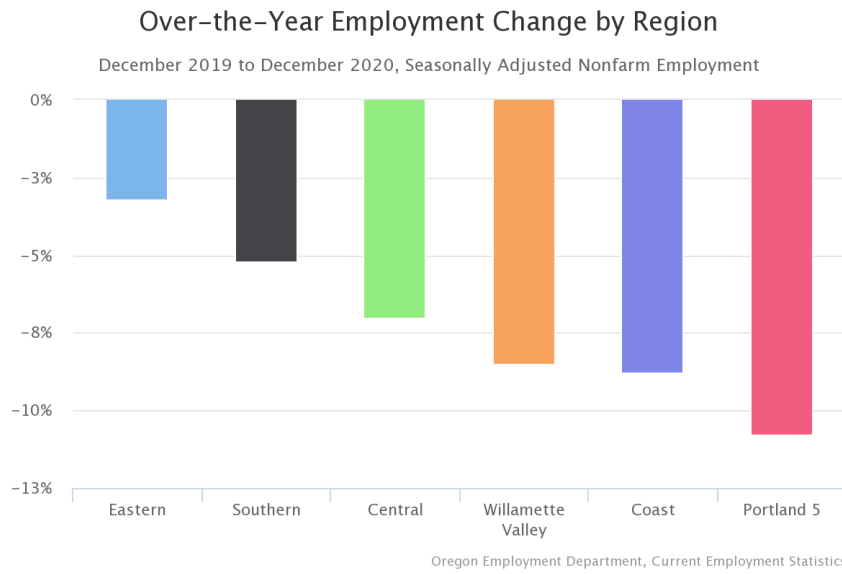
Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December at 7.7%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Crook (7.6%), Deschutes (7.6%), and Grant (7.5%).

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 4.2%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in December were Benton (4.3%) and Sherman (4.4%). Twenty-six counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.4%. Twenty-seven counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.7%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2020



Total nonfarm payroll employment declined in all six of Oregon's broad regions between December 2019 and December 2020. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-10.8%). The Coast (-8.8%), Willamette Valley (-8.5%), and Central Oregon (-7.0%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses. Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon came in at -5.2% and -3.2%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January 2021 on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The January 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2020					November 2020					December 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	160,017,000	149,613,000	10,404,000	6.5	6.7	160,468,000	150,203,000	10,264,000	6.4	6.7	164,007,000	158,504,000	5,503,000	3.3	3.4
State of Oregon	2,111,895	1,986,006	125,889	6.0	6.4	2,121,235	2,004,412	116,823	5.5	6.0	2,089,779	2,028,614	61,165	2.9	3.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,096	56,511	3,585	6.0	5.9	59,942	56,630	3,312	5.5	5.8	58,446	56,468	1,978	3.4	3.6
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,841	90,278	6,563	6.8	7.6	96,286	91,016	5,270	5.5	6.7	95,386	92,333	3,053	3.2	3.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,824	45,890	1,934	4.0	4.3	47,867	46,038	1,829	3.8	4.2	48,517	47,530	987	2.0	2.5
Eugene (Lane County)	187,094	176,376	10,718	5.7	5.9	187,643	177,775	9,868	5.3	5.9	180,491	174,928	5,563	3.1	3.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,388	33,019	2,369	6.7	7.0	35,061	33,014	2,047	5.8	6.2	35,320	33,918	1,402	4.0	4.2
Medford (Jackson County)	105,596	99,321	6,275	5.9	6.4	105,695	99,956	5,739	5.4	6.4	102,395	99,167	3,228	3.2	3.5
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,316,280	1,235,940	80,340	6.1	6.1	1,327,489	1,250,377	77,112	5.8	5.9	1,332,520	1,294,803	37,717	2.8	3.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	197,960	186,493	11,467	5.8	6.3	199,098	188,733	10,365	5.2	5.9	199,689	193,502	6,187	3.1	3.4
Counties:															
Baker	7,471	7,015	456	6.1	6.1	7,425	7,026	399	5.4	6.0	7,056	6,788	268	3.8	3.8
Benton	47,824	45,890	1,934	4.0	4.3	47,867	46,038	1,829	3.8	4.2	48,517	47,530	987	2.0	2.5
Clackamas	219,618	206,939	12,679	5.8	6.1	221,015	209,018	11,997	5.4	5.8	219,024	213,308	5,716	2.6	2.9
Clatsop	18,664	17,344	1,320	7.1	6.8	19,161	17,998	1,163	6.1	6.1	18,634	18,030	604	3.2	3.1
Columbia	24,338	22,763	1,575	6.5	6.7	24,398	22,947	1,451	5.9	6.5	24,418	23,505	913	3.7	4.0
Coos	26,481	24,855	1,626	6.1	6.4	26,427	24,796	1,631	6.2	6.6	25,815	24,819	996	3.9	4.0
Crook	10,290	9,464	826	8.0	7.6	10,289	9,590	699	6.8	7.4	9,457	8,989	468	4.9	4.7
Curry	8,871	8,282	589	6.6	6.4	8,908	8,360	548	6.2	6.3	8,620	8,231	389	4.5	4.3
Deschutes	96,841	90,278	6,563	6.8	7.6	96,286	91,016	5,270	5.5	6.7	95,386	92,333	3,053	3.2	3.2
Douglas	47,261	44,335	2,926	6.2	6.4	47,013	44,422	2,591	5.5	6.1	45,829	44,025	1,804	3.9	4.1
Gilliam	997	951	46	4.6	4.8	1,010	963	47	4.7	5.0	868	837	31	3.6	3.5
Grant	3,222	2,957	265	8.2	7.5	3,255	3,060	195	6.0	7.1	3,049	2,859	190	6.2	5.7
Harney	3,619	3,434	185	5.1	5.0	3,644	3,479	165	4.5	5.5	3,481	3,320	161	4.6	4.1
Hood River	12,986	12,292	694	5.3	5.2	13,503	12,877	626	4.6	4.9	13,736	13,399	337	2.5	2.6
Jackson	105,596	99,321	6,275	5.9	6.4	105,695	99,956	5,739	5.4	6.4	102,395	99,167	3,228	3.2	3.5
Jefferson	10,263	9,494	769	7.5	7.1	10,170	9,533	637	6.3	6.8	9,802	9,390	412	4.2	4.0
Josephine	35,388	33,019	2,369	6.7	7.0	35,061	33,014	2,047	5.8	6.2	35,320	33,918	1,402	4.0	4.2
Klamath	29,629	27,430	2,199	7.4	7.1	29,447	27,655	1,792	6.1	6.9	28,501	26,852	1,649	5.8	5.4
Lake	3,711	3,537	174	4.7	4.5	3,694	3,535	159	4.3	4.9	3,547	3,398	149	4.2	4.0
Lane	187,094	176,376	10,718	5.7	5.9	187,643	177,775	9,868	5.3	5.9	180,491	174,928	5,563	3.1	3.3
Lincoln	19,402	17,895	1,507	7.8	7.7	19,661	18,232	1,429	7.3	7.4	19,950	19,208	742	3.7	3.6
Linn	60,096	56,511	3,585	6.0	5.9	59,942	56,630	3,312	5.5	5.8	58,446	56,468	1,978	3.4	3.6
Malheur	12,812	12,243	569	4.4	4.6	12,923	12,449	474	3.7	4.6	12,116	11,712	404	3.3	3.3
Marion	158,890	149,550	9,340	5.9	6.1	159,715	151,275	8,440	5.3	5.8	160,104	155,151	4,953	3.1	3.3
Morrow	5,626	5,366	260	4.6	4.5	5,744	5,519	225	3.9	4.3	5,441	5,247	194	3.6	3.4
Multnomah	460,112	429,692	30,420	6.6	7.0	463,047	433,050	29,997	6.5	6.8	455,097	443,644	11,453	2.5	2.8
Polk	39,070	36,943	2,127	5.4	5.7	39,383	37,458	1,925	4.9	5.4	39,585	38,351	1,234	3.1	3.4
Sherman	969	928	41	4.2	4.4	966	928	38	3.9	4.3	924	892	32	3.5	3.4
Tillamook	11,510	10,836	674	5.9	5.7	11,554	10,904	650	5.6	5.8	11,416	11,025	391	3.4	3.3
Umatilla	36,651	34,442	2,209	6.0	5.6	36,997	35,260	1,737	4.7	5.2	35,266	33,868	1,398	4.0	3.7
Union	12,160	11,394	766	6.3	6.1	12,207	11,592	615	5.0	5.6	11,683	11,216	467	4.0	3.9
Wallowa	3,440	3,243	197	5.7	5.3	3,459	3,283	176	5.1	5.6	3,224	3,072	152	4.7	4.7
Wasco	12,467	11,666	801	6.4	6.0	12,848	12,191	657	5.1	5.5	12,236	11,784	452	3.7	3.5
Washington	323,255	306,982	16,273	5.0	5.4	325,469	309,860	15,609	4.8	5.1	325,176	317,612	7,564	2.3	2.6
Wheeler	714	684	30	4.2	4.2	726	700	26	3.6	4.0	697	671	26	3.7	3.9
Yamhill	54,555	51,655	2,900	5.3	5.6	54,684	52,023	2,661	4.9	5.2	54,472	53,067	1,405	2.6	2.8

(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.