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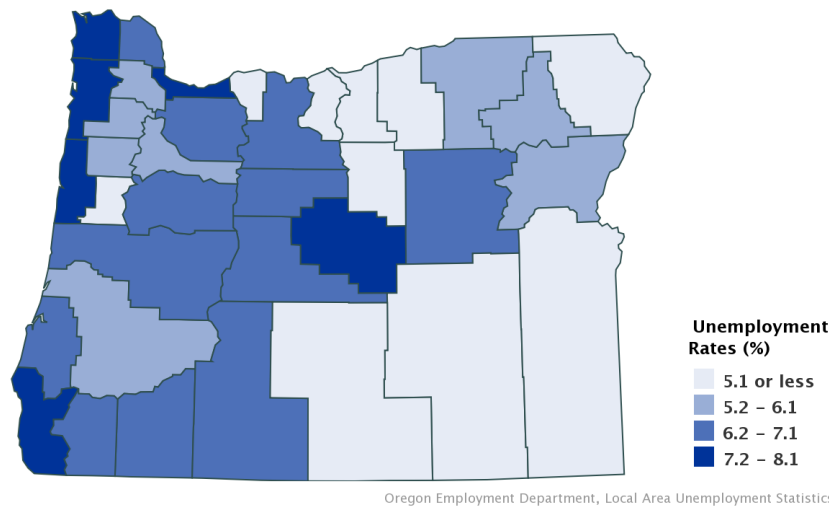
January 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In January 2021, 16 out of 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month increases in their unemployment rates. Oregon's unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point between December and January, and 14 of Oregon's counties followed the state with a decline of 0.1 percentage point or more. Deschutes and Grant counties saw the largest over-the-month decrease, declining 0.6 percentage point in January.

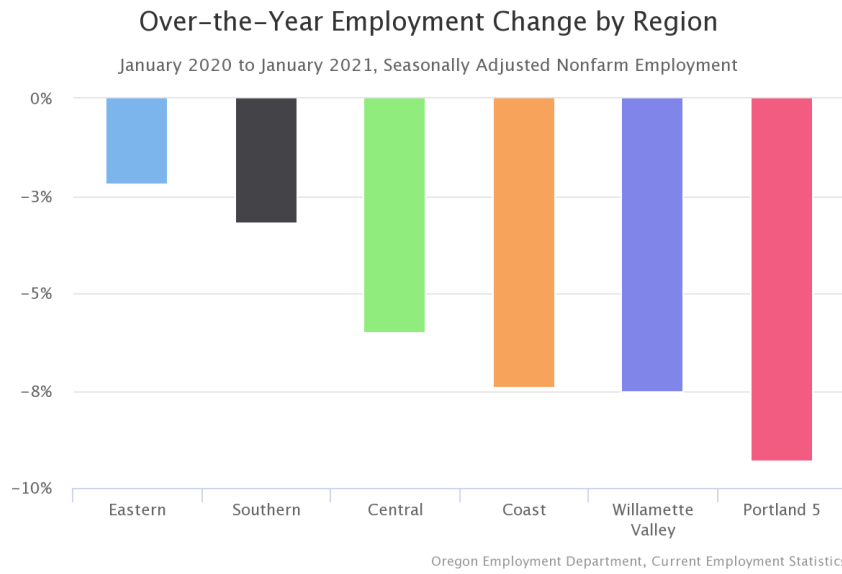
Lincoln and Clatsop counties had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in January at 8.1% each. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Crook (7.8%), Curry (7.3%), and Multnomah (7.2%).

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 4.2%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in January were Malheur (4.3%) and Sherman (4.3%). Twenty-two counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.2%. The same number of counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.3%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, January 2021



Total nonfarm payroll employment declined in all six of Oregon's broad regions between January 2020 and January 2021. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-9.3%). The Willamette Valley (-7.5%), the Coast (-7.4%), and Central Oregon (-6.0%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses. Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon came in at -3.2% and -2.2%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February 2021 on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The February 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	January 2021					December 2020					January 2020				
	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	159,234,000	148,383,000	10,851,000	6.8	6.3	160,017,000	149,613,000	10,404,000	6.5	6.7	163,497,000	156,994,000	6,504,000	4.0	3.5
State of Oregon	2,124,001	1,975,166	148,835	7.0	6.2	2,127,775	1,996,117	131,658	6.2	6.3	2,090,607	2,012,636	77,971	3.7	3.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,441	54,983	4,458	7.5	6.6	59,568	55,772	3,796	6.4	5.9	58,407	55,904	2,503	4.3	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	100,329	92,435	7,894	7.9	7.0	100,536	93,622	6,914	6.9	7.6	96,633	92,660	3,973	4.1	3.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	46,824	44,389	2,435	5.2	4.9	47,061	45,034	2,027	4.3	4.3	47,334	46,101	1,233	2.6	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	180,036	167,014	13,022	7.2	6.2	179,485	168,264	11,221	6.3	5.9	180,472	173,576	6,896	3.8	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,169	34,241	2,928	7.9	6.7	37,040	34,528	2,512	6.8	7.0	35,394	33,568	1,826	5.2	4.4
Medford (Jackson County)	107,339	99,639	7,700	7.2	6.2	107,621	101,015	6,606	6.1	6.4	103,119	98,678	4,441	4.3	3.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,318,663	1,230,790	87,873	6.7	6.2	1,324,974	1,242,730	82,244	6.2	6.1	1,331,259	1,285,384	45,875	3.4	3.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	205,072	191,354	13,718	6.7	5.9	205,749	193,774	11,975	5.8	6.3	199,178	191,233	7,945	4.0	3.6
Counties:															
Baker	7,366	6,820	546	7.4	5.6	7,528	7,050	478	6.3	6.1	6,991	6,592	399	5.7	4.1
Benton	46,824	44,389	2,435	5.2	4.9	47,061	45,034	2,027	4.3	4.3	47,334	46,101	1,233	2.6	2.6
Clackamas	220,067	205,582	14,485	6.6	6.2	220,603	207,417	13,186	6.0	6.1	218,854	211,755	7,099	3.2	3.0
Clatsop	19,098	17,337	1,761	9.2	8.1	19,019	17,626	1,393	7.3	6.8	18,562	17,809	753	4.1	3.3
Columbia	24,360	22,522	1,838	7.5	6.9	24,353	22,720	1,633	6.7	6.7	24,395	23,259	1,136	4.7	4.1
Coos	27,448	25,364	2,084	7.6	6.9	27,087	25,397	1,690	6.2	6.4	26,108	24,880	1,228	4.7	4.2
Crook	10,601	9,576	1,025	9.7	7.8	10,585	9,698	887	8.4	7.6	9,938	9,341	597	6.0	4.8
Curry	9,101	8,299	802	8.8	7.3	8,938	8,321	617	6.9	6.4	8,658	8,159	499	5.8	4.6
Deschutes	100,329	92,435	7,894	7.9	7.0	100,536	93,622	6,914	6.9	7.6	96,633	92,660	3,973	4.1	3.4
Douglas	48,330	45,046	3,284	6.8	6.1	48,407	45,325	3,082	6.4	6.4	46,638	44,324	2,314	5.0	4.3
Gilliam	1,002	949	53	5.3	4.5	986	937	49	5.0	4.8	906	862	44	4.9	3.8
Grant	3,212	2,878	334	10.4	6.9	3,230	2,952	278	8.6	7.5	3,080	2,796	284	9.2	5.8
Harney	3,702	3,431	271	7.3	5.0	3,850	3,651	199	5.2	5.0	3,503	3,276	227	6.5	4.3
Hood River	13,449	12,614	835	6.2	5.1	13,767	13,057	710	5.2	5.2	13,514	13,055	459	3.4	2.7
Jackson	107,339	99,639	7,700	7.2	6.2	107,621	101,015	6,606	6.1	6.4	103,119	98,678	4,441	4.3	3.7
Jefferson	10,556	9,577	979	9.3	7.1	10,466	9,639	827	7.9	7.1	10,046	9,454	592	5.9	4.3
Josephine	37,169	34,241	2,928	7.9	6.7	37,040	34,528	2,512	6.8	7.0	35,394	33,568	1,826	5.2	4.4
Klamath	29,623	26,946	2,677	9.0	6.8	29,823	27,483	2,340	7.8	7.1	29,068	26,751	2,317	8.0	5.7
Lake	3,646	3,410	236	6.5	4.5	3,676	3,495	181	4.9	4.5	3,471	3,282	189	5.4	4.2
Lane	180,036	167,014	13,022	7.2	6.2	179,485	168,264	11,221	6.3	5.9	180,472	173,576	6,896	3.8	3.5
Lincoln	20,492	18,576	1,916	9.3	8.1	20,082	18,500	1,582	7.9	7.7	20,202	19,283	919	4.5	3.8
Linn	59,441	54,983	4,458	7.5	6.6	59,568	55,772	3,796	6.4	5.9	58,407	55,904	2,503	4.3	3.8
Malheur	12,725	12,013	712	5.6	4.3	12,790	12,189	601	4.7	4.6	12,139	11,600	539	4.4	3.5
Marion	164,372	153,213	11,159	6.8	6.1	164,863	155,121	9,742	5.9	6.1	159,488	153,099	6,389	4.0	3.5
Morrow	5,790	5,430	360	6.2	4.9	5,689	5,406	283	5.0	4.5	5,490	5,231	259	4.7	3.6
Multnomah	459,625	425,413	34,212	7.4	7.2	461,126	429,501	31,625	6.9	7.0	453,134	438,857	14,277	3.2	2.9
Polk	40,700	38,141	2,559	6.3	5.7	40,886	38,653	2,233	5.5	5.7	39,690	38,134	1,556	3.9	3.6
Sherman	978	925	53	5.4	4.3	994	949	45	4.5	4.4	935	887	48	5.1	3.6
Tillamook	11,725	10,771	954	8.1	7.2	11,601	10,896	705	6.1	5.7	11,534	11,051	483	4.2	3.4
Umatilla	37,447	34,717	2,730	7.3	5.5	37,257	34,957	2,300	6.2	5.6	35,486	33,562	1,924	5.4	4.0
Union	12,179	11,233	946	7.8	6.0	12,288	11,484	804	6.5	6.1	11,860	11,178	682	5.8	4.2
Wallowa	3,508	3,250	258	7.4	5.0	3,493	3,284	209	6.0	5.3	3,245	3,028	217	6.7	5.0
Wasco	12,662	11,676	986	7.8	6.2	12,667	11,824	843	6.7	6.0	12,227	11,641	586	4.8	3.6
Washington	323,770	304,922	18,848	5.8	5.6	325,139	308,147	16,992	5.2	5.4	325,113	315,805	9,308	2.9	2.7
Wheeler	706	670	36	5.1	4.2	700	669	31	4.4	4.2	684	654	30	4.4	3.8
Yamhill	54,621	51,162	3,459	6.3	5.9	54,569	51,533	3,036	5.6	5.6	54,291	52,545	1,746	3.2	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.