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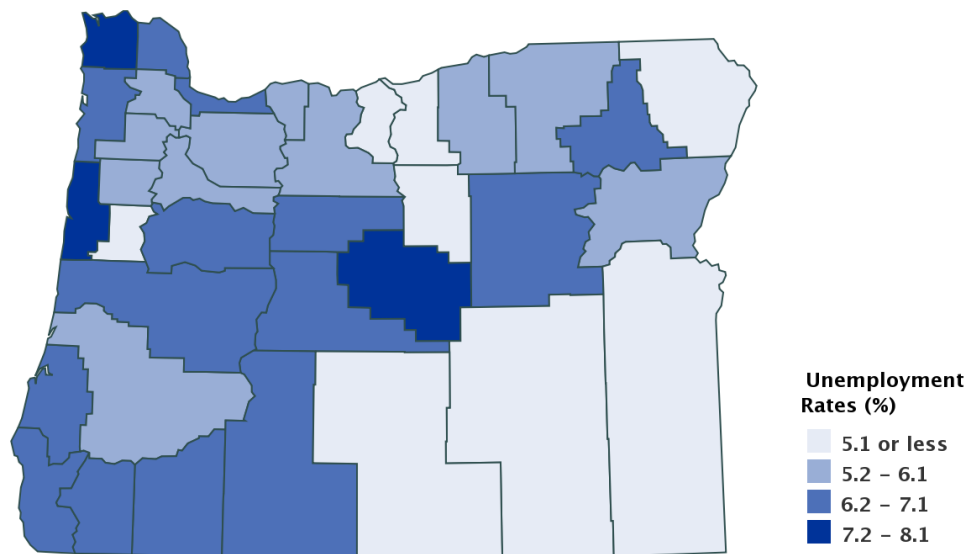
February 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In February 2021, 25 out of 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. Tillamook and Lincoln counties saw the largest over-the-month decrease, declining 0.5 percentage point each in February.

Clatsop County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February at 8.1%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Lincoln (8.0%), Crook (8.0%), Curry (7.1%), and Union (7.1%).

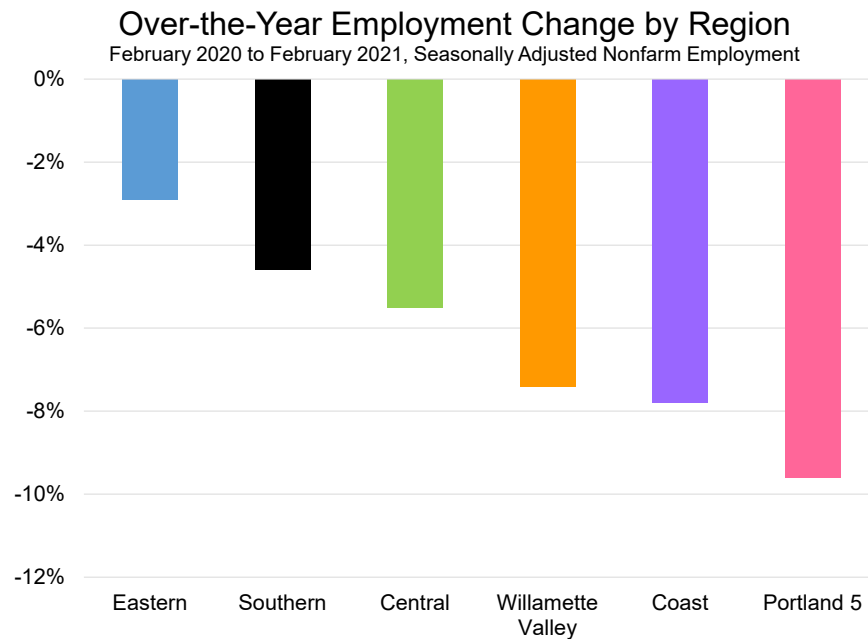
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 3.7%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in February were Sherman (4.1%), Malheur (4.5%), and Lake (4.5%). Nineteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.1%. Twenty counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.2%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, February 2021



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined in all six of Oregon's broad regions between February 2020 and February 2021. The largest job losses occurred in the Portland-5 (-9.6%). The Coast (-7.8%), the Willamette Valley (-7.4%), and Central Oregon (-5.5%) also experienced large over-the-year employment losses. Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon came in at -4.6% and -2.9%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for March 2021 on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The March 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	February 2021					January 2021					February 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	160,008,000	149,522,000	10,486,000	6.6	6.2	159,234,000	148,383,000	10,851,000	6.8	6.3	164,235,000	158,017,000	6,218,000	3.8	3.5
State of Oregon	2,135,655	1,993,309	142,346	6.7	6.1	2,125,111	1,974,964	150,147	7.1	6.2	2,106,874	2,031,373	75,501	3.6	3.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	59,624	55,470	4,154	7.0	6.8	59,576	55,056	4,520	7.6	6.9	58,710	56,309	2,401	4.1	3.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	100,425	92,977	7,448	7.4	6.8	100,731	92,727	8,004	7.9	7.0	97,069	93,301	3,768	3.9	3.4
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,260	44,861	2,399	5.1	4.9	46,841	44,414	2,427	5.2	4.9	48,084	46,769	1,315	2.7	2.6
Eugene (Lane County)	179,664	167,221	12,443	6.9	6.3	179,497	166,328	13,169	7.3	6.2	182,468	175,716	6,752	3.7	3.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,282	34,537	2,745	7.4	6.7	37,287	34,315	2,972	8.0	6.7	35,570	33,841	1,729	4.9	4.3
Medford (Jackson County)	107,796	100,461	7,335	6.8	6.2	107,594	99,803	7,791	7.2	6.2	104,010	99,629	4,381	4.2	3.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,325,276	1,240,316	84,960	6.4	6.2	1,317,380	1,228,993	88,387	6.7	6.3	1,340,315	1,294,686	45,629	3.4	3.2
.	207,851	194,645	13,206	6.4	5.9	205,826	191,951	13,875	6.7	5.9	201,416	193,748	7,668	3.8	3.5
Counties:															
Baker	7,360	6,839	521	7.1	5.6	7,392	6,842	550	7.4	5.7	7,071	6,717	354	5.0	4.1
Benton	47,260	44,861	2,399	5.1	4.9	46,841	44,414	2,427	5.2	4.9	48,084	46,769	1,315	2.7	2.6
Clackamas	221,314	207,489	13,825	6.2	6.0	219,978	205,401	14,577	6.6	6.2	220,408	213,402	7,006	3.2	3.0
Clatsop	19,120	17,421	1,699	8.9	8.1	19,168	17,402	1,766	9.2	8.2	18,758	18,047	711	3.8	3.3
Columbia	24,548	22,764	1,784	7.3	6.7	24,345	22,502	1,843	7.6	6.9	24,504	23,439	1,065	4.3	4.1
Coos	27,489	25,416	2,073	7.5	7.0	27,427	25,311	2,116	7.7	7.0	26,286	25,120	1,166	4.4	4.2
Crook	10,578	9,586	992	9.4	8.0	10,628	9,587	1,041	9.8	8.0	9,938	9,419	519	5.2	4.8
Curry	9,001	8,268	733	8.1	7.1	9,063	8,252	811	8.9	7.4	8,777	8,327	450	5.1	4.6
Deschutes	100,425	92,977	7,448	7.4	6.8	100,731	92,727	8,004	7.9	7.0	97,069	93,301	3,768	3.9	3.4
Douglas	48,390	45,160	3,230	6.7	6.1	48,356	45,020	3,336	6.9	6.2	46,589	44,440	2,149	4.6	4.3
Gilliam	1,001	947	54	5.4	4.7	1,012	953	59	5.8	5.1	945	897	48	5.1	4.1
Grant	3,202	2,886	316	9.9	6.5	3,218	2,879	339	10.5	6.9	3,091	2,816	275	8.9	5.7
Harney	3,729	3,468	261	7.0	4.8	3,735	3,461	274	7.3	5.0	3,487	3,280	207	5.9	4.3
Hood River	13,742	12,862	880	6.4	5.2	13,457	12,613	844	6.3	5.2	13,712	13,321	391	2.9	2.6
Jackson	107,796	100,461	7,335	6.8	6.2	107,594	99,803	7,791	7.2	6.2	104,010	99,629	4,381	4.2	3.7
Jefferson	10,654	9,734	920	8.6	6.9	10,597	9,611	986	9.3	7.1	10,070	9,517	553	5.5	4.3
Josephine	37,282	34,537	2,745	7.4	6.7	37,287	34,315	2,972	8.0	6.7	35,570	33,841	1,729	4.9	4.3
Klamath	29,834	27,329	2,505	8.4	6.7	29,703	26,996	2,707	9.1	6.8	29,096	27,037	2,059	7.1	5.7
Lake	3,696	3,460	236	6.4	4.5	3,658	3,414	244	6.7	4.7	3,533	3,357	176	5.0	4.1
Lane	179,664	167,221	12,443	6.9	6.3	179,497	166,328	13,169	7.3	6.2	182,468	175,716	6,752	3.7	3.5
Lincoln	20,428	18,653	1,775	8.7	8.0	20,550	18,617	1,933	9.4	8.5	20,422	19,520	902	4.4	3.8
Linn	59,624	55,470	4,154	7.0	6.8	59,576	55,056	4,520	7.6	6.9	58,710	56,309	2,401	4.1	3.8
Malheur	12,824	12,108	716	5.6	4.5	12,748	12,032	716	5.6	4.4	12,227	11,707	520	4.3	3.5
Marion	166,602	155,895	10,707	6.4	5.9	164,960	153,691	11,269	6.8	6.1	161,310	155,165	6,145	3.8	3.5
Morrow	5,888	5,525	363	6.2	5.2	5,793	5,431	362	6.2	5.0	5,605	5,354	251	4.5	3.6
Multnomah	461,574	429,240	32,334	7.0	6.8	459,430	425,025	34,405	7.5	7.2	456,257	442,203	14,054	3.1	2.9
Polk	41,249	38,750	2,499	6.1	5.6	40,866	38,260	2,606	6.4	5.8	40,106	38,583	1,523	3.8	3.6
Sherman	986	937	49	5.0	4.1	978	926	52	5.3	4.2	935	891	44	4.7	3.8
Tillamook	11,699	10,825	874	7.5	6.7	11,742	10,782	960	8.2	7.2	11,638	11,180	458	3.9	3.4
Umatilla	37,776	35,116	2,660	7.0	5.8	37,472	34,728	2,744	7.3	5.6	35,922	34,163	1,759	4.9	4.0
Union	12,327	11,257	1,070	8.7	7.1	12,184	11,231	953	7.8	6.0	11,958	11,331	627	5.2	4.2
Wallowa	3,508	3,247	261	7.4	4.6	3,514	3,254	260	7.4	5.0	3,273	3,043	230	7.0	4.9
Wasco	12,960	11,988	972	7.5	6.1	12,674	11,673	1,001	7.9	6.2	12,425	11,870	555	4.5	3.6
Washington	326,347	308,206	18,141	5.6	5.4	323,630	304,636	18,994	5.9	5.7	327,134	317,980	9,154	2.8	2.7
Wheeler	713	685	28	3.9	3.7	706	671	35	5.0	4.1	712	686	26	3.7	3.7
Yamhill	55,064	51,721	3,343	6.1	5.6	54,600	51,121	3,479	6.4	5.9	54,775	52,996	1,779	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.