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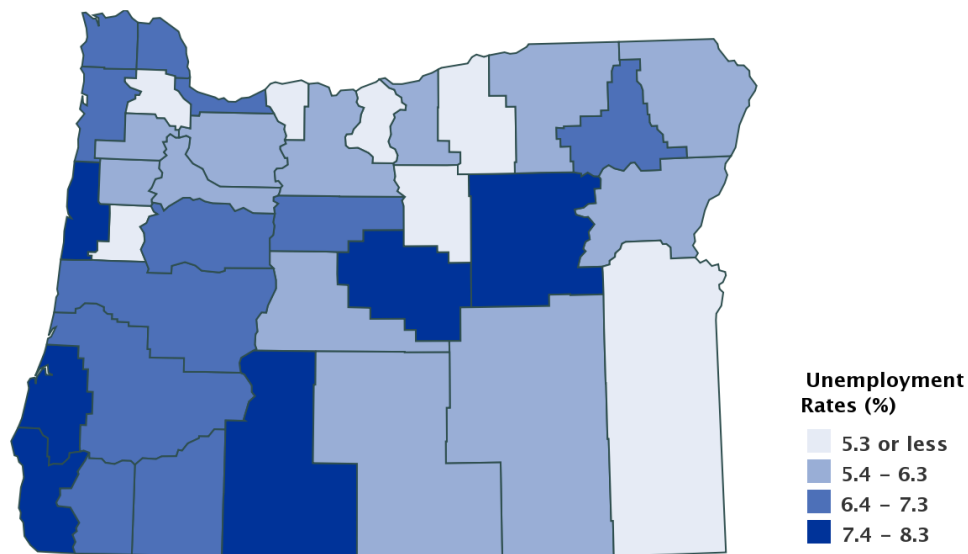
April 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In April 2021, 19 out of 36 of Oregon's counties experienced over-the-month increases in their unemployment rates. Curry and Morrow counties saw the largest over-the-month increase at 0.3 percentage points each in April. Nine counties experienced decreases in their unemployment rates over the month, and eight counties experienced no change in their unemployment rates.

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April at 8.3%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Curry (7.9%), Grant (7.7%), Crook (7.6%), and Klamath (7.6%) counties.

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 3.3%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in April were Benton (4.7%) and Sherman (5.0%) counties. Sixteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 6.1%. Thirteen counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 6.0%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, April 2021

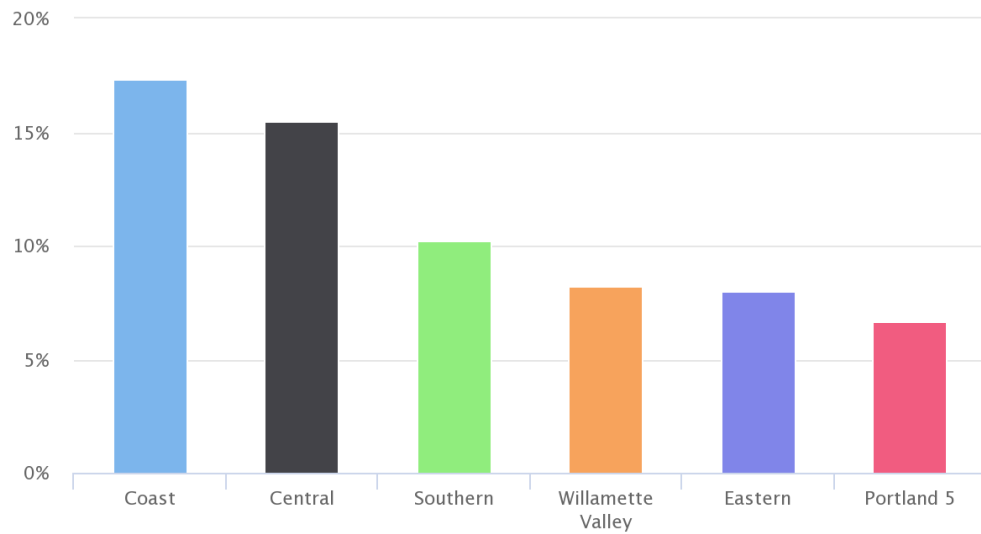


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between April 2020 and April 2021. This reflects the recovery period since employment in Oregon hit its lowest levels in the current pandemic recession. Most areas still have room to recover from pandemic job losses; the state has now recovered 59% of jobs lost in March and April 2020. The largest job increases since April 2020 occurred in the Coast (17.3%). Central (15.5%), Southern (10.2%), and Willamette Valley (8.2%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. Eastern Oregon and the Portland-5 regions added 8.0% and 6.7%, respectively.

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

April 2020 to April 2021, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for May 2021 on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. The May 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	April 2021					March 2021					April 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	160,379,000	151,160,000	9,220,000	5.7	6.1	160,397,000	150,493,000	9,905,000	6.2	6.0	155,830,000	133,326,000	22,504,000	14.4	14.8
State of Oregon	2,162,896	2,028,180	134,716	6.2	6.0	2,156,640	2,012,864	143,776	6.7	6.0	2,035,126	1,767,698	267,428	13.1	3.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,476	56,502	3,974	6.6	6.8	60,461	56,201	4,260	7.0	6.9	57,855	49,869	7,986	13.8	13.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	101,964	95,554	6,410	6.3	6.3	101,836	94,641	7,195	7.1	6.4	93,031	77,917	15,114	16.2	16.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,779	45,583	2,196	4.6	4.7	47,883	45,494	2,389	5.0	4.7	45,026	40,793	4,233	9.4	9.9
Eugene (Lane County)	182,533	170,574	11,959	6.6	6.7	181,706	169,086	12,620	6.9	6.8	175,135	150,454	24,681	14.1	14.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,597	34,943	2,654	7.1	6.8	37,531	34,652	2,879	7.7	6.7	34,489	29,771	4,718	13.7	13.9
Medford (Jackson County)	108,348	101,368	6,980	6.4	6.4	108,539	101,001	7,538	6.9	6.5	100,475	86,370	14,105	14.0	14.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,345,639	1,263,032	82,607	6.1	6.3	1,339,806	1,254,182	85,624	6.4	6.5	1,291,811	1,123,169	168,642	13.1	13.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	209,956	197,363	12,593	6.0	5.9	209,105	195,924	13,181	6.3	5.8	194,724	172,255	22,469	11.5	11.6
Counties:															
Baker	7,435	6,993	442	5.9	6.0	7,393	6,858	535	7.2	6.2	7,150	6,351	799	11.2	11.2
Benton	47,779	45,583	2,196	4.6	4.7	47,883	45,494	2,389	5.0	4.7	45,026	40,793	4,233	9.4	9.9
Clackamas	223,786	210,641	13,145	5.9	6.1	222,975	209,075	13,900	6.2	6.0	211,088	185,232	25,856	12.2	12.5
Clatsop	19,810	18,421	1,389	7.0	7.2	19,638	18,106	1,532	7.8	7.2	18,255	14,288	3,967	21.7	21.8
Columbia	24,771	23,088	1,683	6.8	7.0	24,673	22,931	1,742	7.1	6.9	23,470	20,325	3,145	13.4	13.6
Coos	27,364	25,348	2,016	7.4	7.5	27,588	25,390	2,198	8.0	7.5	26,096	21,802	4,294	16.5	16.5
Crook	10,930	10,102	828	7.6	7.6	10,781	9,866	915	8.5	7.4	10,015	8,475	1,540	15.4	15.4
Curry	9,081	8,340	741	8.2	7.9	9,128	8,338	790	8.7	7.6	8,525	7,177	1,348	15.8	15.5
Deschutes	101,964	95,554	6,410	6.3	6.3	101,836	94,641	7,195	7.1	6.4	93,031	77,917	15,114	16.2	16.2
Douglas	48,355	45,090	3,265	6.8	6.8	48,657	45,022	3,635	7.5	6.8	46,708	40,057	6,651	14.2	14.2
Gilliam	911	855	56	6.1	6.1	915	855	60	6.6	6.0	973	890	83	8.5	8.5
Grant	3,278	2,976	302	9.2	7.7	3,232	2,882	350	10.8	7.8	3,108	2,702	406	13.1	11.4
Harney	3,799	3,569	230	6.1	5.5	3,770	3,498	272	7.2	5.5	3,468	3,181	287	8.3	7.8
Hood River	14,339	13,552	787	5.5	5.3	14,445	13,630	815	5.6	5.1	12,546	10,880	1,666	13.3	13.0
Jackson	108,348	101,368	6,980	6.4	6.4	108,539	101,001	7,538	6.9	6.5	100,475	86,370	14,105	14.0	14.1
Jefferson	11,032	10,277	755	6.8	7.0	10,984	10,064	920	8.4	7.2	10,173	8,967	1,206	11.9	12.0
Josephine	37,597	34,943	2,654	7.1	6.8	37,531	34,652	2,879	7.7	6.7	34,489	29,771	4,718	13.7	13.9
Klamath	30,743	28,410	2,333	7.6	7.6	30,409	27,817	2,592	8.5	7.4	28,585	24,665	3,920	13.7	13.8
Lake	3,790	3,545	245	6.5	5.8	3,745	3,454	291	7.8	6.0	3,453	3,161	292	8.5	7.7
Lane	182,533	170,574	11,959	6.6	6.7	181,706	169,086	12,620	6.9	6.8	175,135	150,454	24,681	14.1	14.4
Lincoln	21,029	19,278	1,751	8.3	8.3	20,969	19,133	1,836	8.8	8.1	19,737	15,030	4,707	23.8	23.7
Linn	60,476	56,502	3,974	6.6	6.8	60,461	56,201	4,260	7.0	6.9	57,855	49,869	7,986	13.8	13.9
Malheur	13,334	12,719	615	4.6	5.0	13,154	12,465	689	5.2	4.9	12,071	11,211	860	7.1	7.7
Marion	168,364	158,182	10,182	6.0	6.1	167,633	156,997	10,636	6.3	5.9	156,290	138,075	18,215	11.7	11.7
Morrow	6,062	5,772	290	4.8	5.3	6,038	5,713	325	5.4	5.0	5,557	5,189	368	6.6	7.2
Multnomah	466,782	435,388	31,394	6.7	6.8	465,450	432,357	33,093	7.1	6.8	445,230	382,064	63,166	14.2	14.2
Polk	41,592	39,181	2,411	5.8	6.0	41,472	38,927	2,545	6.1	5.8	38,434	34,180	4,254	11.1	11.3
Sherman	995	945	50	5.0	5.0	989	936	53	5.4	4.8	948	849	99	10.4	10.6
Tillamook	12,172	11,382	790	6.5	6.6	12,067	11,198	869	7.2	6.5	11,479	9,652	1,827	15.9	16.0
Umatilla	38,469	36,174	2,295	6.0	6.3	38,344	35,839	2,505	6.5	6.1	36,602	32,140	4,462	12.2	12.5
Union	12,477	11,670	807	6.5	6.5	12,388	11,448	940	7.6	6.5	11,965	10,017	1,948	16.3	16.3
Wallowa	3,544	3,296	248	7.0	5.6	3,515	3,222	293	8.3	5.6	3,260	2,847	413	12.7	11.0
Wasco	13,138	12,308	830	6.3	6.2	13,186	12,271	915	6.9	6.0	12,201	10,633	1,568	12.9	12.2
Washington	330,378	312,947	17,431	5.3	5.3	329,018	310,703	18,315	5.6	5.2	308,473	275,426	33,047	10.7	10.7
Wheeler	722	699	23	3.2	3.3	730	697	33	4.5	4.3	671	636	35	5.2	5.2
Yamhill	55,717	52,508	3,209	5.8	5.9	55,398	52,096	3,302	6.0	5.7	52,584	46,422	6,162	11.7	11.9

(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.

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