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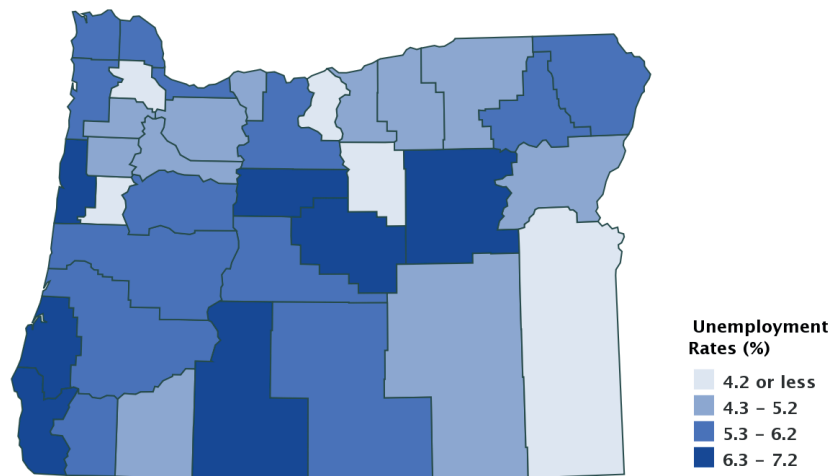
August 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In August 2021, all but two of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. The unemployment rates in Harney and Wallowa counties remained unchanged. Clatsop County saw the largest decrease over the month with a decline of 0.5 percentage point.

Lincoln County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August at 6.9%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Crook (6.8%), Klamath (6.8%), Curry (6.7%), and Grant (6.7%) counties.

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 3.0%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in August were Benton (3.8%), Sherman (4.1%), and Malheur (4.4%) counties. Sixteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 5.2%, and 10 counties had unemployment rates below the statewide rate of 4.9%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, August 2021

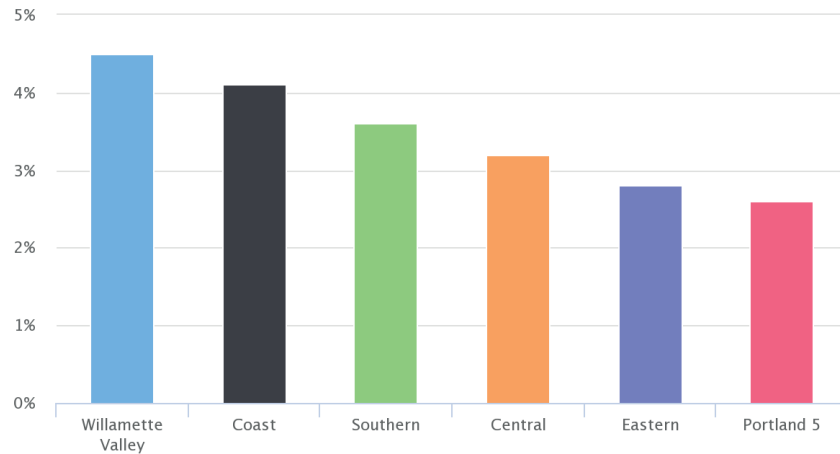


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between August 2020 and August 2021. Most areas still have room to recover from pandemic job losses; the state has now recovered 72% of jobs lost in March and April 2020. The largest job increases since August 2020 occurred in the Willamette Valley (4.5%). The Coast (4.1%), Southern Oregon (3.6%), and Central Oregon (3.2%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. Eastern Oregon and the Portland-5 regions added 2.8% and 2.6%, respectively.

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

August 2020 to August 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 September 2021 on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021. The September 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	August 2021					July 2021					August 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	161,788,000	153,232,000	8,556,000	5.3	5.2	162,817,000	153,596,000	9,221,000	5.7	5.4	160,966,000	147,224,000	13,742,000	8.5	8.4
State of Oregon	2,176,876	2,078,379	98,497	4.5	4.9	2,190,809	2,084,996	105,813	4.8	5.2	2,110,616	1,934,457	176,159	8.3	8.4
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,938	57,915	3,023	5.0	5.4	60,823	57,539	3,284	5.4	5.8	58,864	54,025	4,839	8.2	7.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	100,779	96,377	4,402	4.4	5.4	101,596	96,828	4,768	4.7	5.6	98,894	91,239	7,655	7.7	8.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	46,571	44,810	1,761	3.8	3.8	46,430	44,552	1,878	4.0	4.1	44,441	41,495	2,946	6.6	6.1
Eugene (Lane County)	180,009	170,944	9,065	5.0	5.5	181,015	171,346	9,669	5.3	5.8	176,184	160,795	15,389	8.7	8.2
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,376	35,322	2,054	5.5	6.0	37,424	35,253	2,171	5.8	6.3	36,197	33,158	3,039	8.4	8.3
Medford (Jackson County)	110,696	105,416	5,280	4.8	5.2	110,297	104,662	5,635	5.1	5.5	105,940	97,053	8,887	8.4	8.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,356,773	1,297,027	59,746	4.4	4.9	1,359,617	1,296,632	62,985	4.6	5.3	1,319,516	1,201,177	118,339	9.0	8.6
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	214,660	205,257	9,403	4.4	4.9	217,104	207,025	10,079	4.6	5.2	205,577	190,810	14,767	7.2	7.0
Counties:															
Baker	7,508	7,207	301	4.0	5.1	7,478	7,151	327	4.4	5.4	7,342	6,835	507	6.9	7.4
Benton	46,571	44,810	1,761	3.8	3.8	46,430	44,552	1,878	4.0	4.1	44,441	41,495	2,946	6.6	6.1
Clackamas	225,486	216,110	9,376	4.2	4.7	226,296	216,202	10,094	4.5	5.1	217,770	200,043	17,727	8.1	7.9
Clatsop	20,524	19,581	943	4.6	5.8	20,588	19,578	1,010	4.9	6.3	19,646	17,935	1,711	8.7	9.1
Columbia	24,870	23,596	1,274	5.1	5.6	24,946	23,599	1,347	5.4	6.0	23,859	21,847	2,012	8.4	8.1
Coos	26,840	25,295	1,545	5.8	6.3	26,929	25,325	1,604	6.0	6.6	26,618	24,293	2,325	8.7	8.5
Crook	11,077	10,464	613	5.5	6.8	11,083	10,417	666	6.0	7.1	10,520	9,645	875	8.3	9.0
Curry	9,478	8,954	524	5.5	6.7	9,452	8,899	553	5.9	7.0	9,116	8,352	764	8.4	8.9
Deschutes	100,779	96,377	4,402	4.4	5.4	101,596	96,828	4,768	4.7	5.6	98,894	91,239	7,655	7.7	8.2
Douglas	48,188	45,511	2,677	5.6	5.9	48,434	45,796	2,638	5.4	6.1	47,371	43,846	3,525	7.4	7.2
Gilliam	920	882	38	4.1	5.0	918	875	43	4.7	5.1	1,032	969	63	6.1	6.3
Grant	3,357	3,214	143	4.3	6.7	3,395	3,242	153	4.5	6.9	3,290	3,075	215	6.5	8.5
Harney	3,886	3,729	157	4.0	5.1	3,878	3,717	161	4.2	5.1	3,756	3,558	198	5.3	6.3
Hood River	16,203	15,627	576	3.6	4.7	16,364	15,665	699	4.3	4.9	15,610	14,686	924	5.9	6.5
Jackson	110,696	105,416	5,280	4.8	5.2	110,297	104,662	5,635	5.1	5.5	105,940	97,053	8,887	8.4	8.1
Jefferson	10,712	10,136	576	5.4	6.3	10,817	10,207	610	5.6	6.6	10,361	9,482	879	8.5	8.9
Josephine	37,376	35,322	2,054	5.5	6.0	37,424	35,253	2,171	5.8	6.3	36,197	33,158	3,039	8.4	8.3
Klamath	30,460	28,699	1,761	5.8	6.8	30,470	28,568	1,902	6.2	7.0	29,565	27,156	2,409	8.1	8.6
Lake	3,977	3,808	169	4.2	5.4	4,007	3,821	186	4.6	5.5	3,783	3,586	197	5.2	6.1
Lane	180,009	170,944	9,065	5.0	5.5	181,015	171,346	9,669	5.3	5.8	176,184	160,795	15,389	8.7	8.2
Lincoln	22,123	20,885	1,238	5.6	6.9	22,312	20,959	1,353	6.1	7.2	21,321	19,109	2,212	10.4	11.0
Linn	60,938	57,915	3,023	5.0	5.4	60,823	57,539	3,284	5.4	5.8	58,864	54,025	4,839	8.2	7.9
Malheur	13,053	12,529	524	4.0	4.2	13,046	12,478	568	4.4	4.3	12,754	12,081	673	5.3	5.2
Marion	172,291	164,701	7,590	4.4	5.0	174,224	166,114	8,110	4.7	5.3	165,082	153,126	11,956	7.2	7.1
Morrow	6,028	5,786	242	4.0	4.5	6,047	5,784	263	4.3	4.7	5,788	5,478	310	5.4	5.4
Multnomah	468,629	446,444	22,185	4.7	5.4	470,456	446,339	24,117	5.1	5.8	460,267	412,726	47,541	10.3	10.2
Polk	42,369	40,556	1,813	4.3	4.8	42,880	40,911	1,969	4.6	5.1	40,495	37,684	2,811	6.9	6.6
Sherman	1,004	968	36	3.6	4.1	1,026	986	40	3.9	4.3	1,014	951	63	6.2	6.2
Tillamook	12,715	12,153	562	4.4	5.4	12,811	12,209	602	4.7	5.8	11,949	11,018	931	7.8	8.2
Umatilla	38,329	36,592	1,737	4.5	5.2	38,625	36,778	1,847	4.8	5.5	37,078	34,480	2,598	7.0	7.0
Union	12,384	11,819	565	4.6	5.5	12,437	11,849	588	4.7	5.8	12,030	11,196	834	6.9	7.3
Wallowa	3,946	3,802	144	3.6	5.4	3,918	3,767	151	3.9	5.4	3,684	3,492	192	5.2	7.0
Wasco	13,888	13,261	627	4.5	5.4	18,360	17,696	664	3.6	5.6	13,446	12,484	962	7.2	7.2
Washington	333,241	320,625	12,616	3.8	4.2	334,629	321,006	13,623	4.1	4.5	320,861	296,808	24,053	7.5	7.3
Wheeler	720	701	19	2.6	3.0	724	705	19	2.6	3.2	673	645	28	4.2	4.1
Yamhill	56,301	53,962	2,339	4.2	4.7	56,666	54,170	2,496	4.4	5.0	54,019	50,109	3,910	7.2	7.0

(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.