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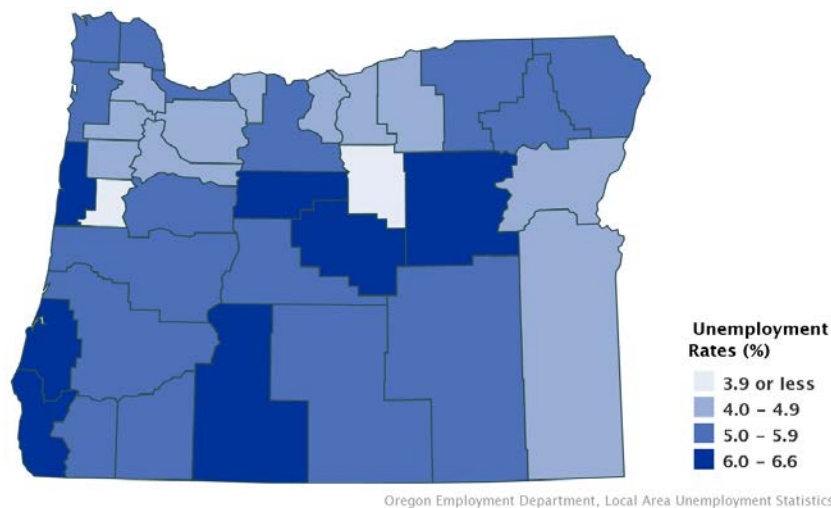
September 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In September 2021, all but three of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. The unemployment rates in Deschutes, Lake, and Wallowa counties remained unchanged. Lincoln County saw the largest decrease over the month with a decline of 0.4 percentage point.

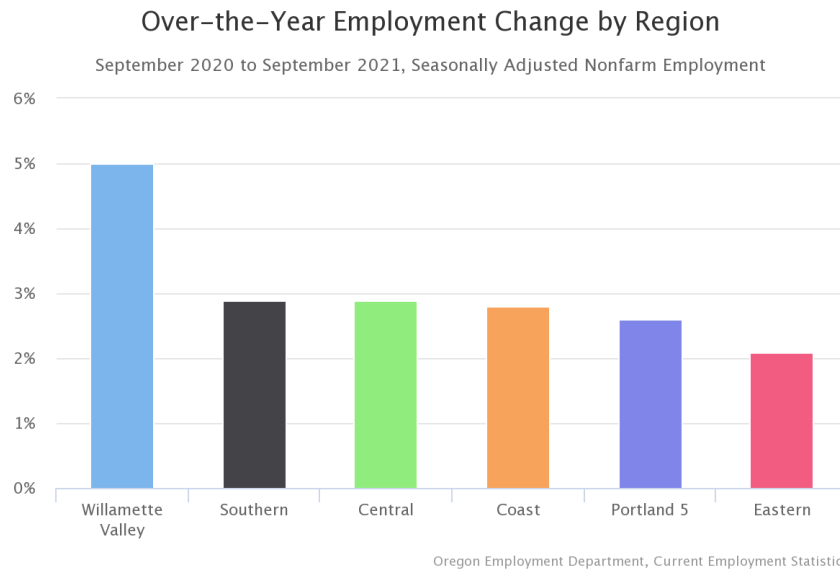
Klamath and Grant counties had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September at 6.6%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Lincoln (6.5%), Curry (6.5%), Crook (6.5%), and Jefferson (6.1%) counties.

Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 2.9%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in September were Benton (3.6%), Washington (4.0%), Sherman (4.0%), and Malheur (4.1%) counties. Eleven counties had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 4.8%. The same 11 counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.7%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, September 2021



Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between September 2020 and September 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 September 2020 occurred in the Willamette Valley (5.0%). Southern Oregon (2.9%), Central Oregon (2.9%), and the Coast (2.8%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. The Portland 5 and Eastern Oregon regions added 2.6% and 2.1%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for October 2021 on Tuesday, Nov.16, 2021. The October 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021.

Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	September 2021					August 2021					September 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	161,392,000	154,026,000	7,366,000	4.6	4.8	161,788,000	153,232,000	8,556,000	5.3	5.2	160,073,000	147,796,000	12,277,000	7.7	7.8
State of Oregon	2,171,365	2,082,421	88,944	4.1	4.7	2,177,183	2,078,408	98,775	4.5	5.0	2,116,300	1,960,926	155,374	7.3	7.5
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,594	57,825	2,769	4.6	5.2	60,792	57,755	3,037	5.0	5.4	59,041	54,461	4,580	7.8	8.1
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	101,263	97,244	4,019	4.0	5.1	101,101	96,677	4,424	4.4	5.4	99,183	92,573	6,610	6.7	7.2
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,355	45,804	1,551	3.3	3.6	46,454	44,693	1,761	3.8	3.8	45,527	42,948	2,579	5.7	5.6
Eugene (Lane County)	182,078	173,924	8,154	4.5	5.2	180,425	171,333	9,092	5.0	5.5	177,449	163,507	13,942	7.9	8.1
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,313	35,506	1,807	4.8	5.8	37,235	35,173	2,062	5.5	6.0	36,667	34,071	2,596	7.1	7.6
Medford (Jackson County)	108,862	104,255	4,607	4.2	5.0	110,107	104,799	5,308	4.8	5.2	106,692	98,920	7,772	7.3	7.8
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,352,587	1,299,571	53,016	3.9	4.7	1,357,819	1,297,956	59,863	4.4	4.9	1,315,702	1,213,658	102,044	7.8	8.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	214,347	205,892	8,455	3.9	4.7	214,152	204,723	9,429	4.4	4.9	206,982	193,427	13,555	6.5	7.0
Counties:															
Baker	7,564	7,278	286	3.8	4.9	7,514	7,211	303	4.0	5.1	7,360	6,905	455	6.2	7.1
Benton	47,355	45,804	1,551	3.3	3.6	46,454	44,693	1,761	3.8	3.8	45,527	42,948	2,579	5.7	5.6
Clackamas	224,487	215,919	8,568	3.8	4.4	225,695	216,295	9,400	4.2	4.7	218,197	202,117	16,080	7.4	7.4
Clatsop	20,101	19,231	870	4.3	5.5	20,498	19,551	947	4.6	5.8	19,618	18,112	1,506	7.7	8.3
Columbia	24,765	23,615	1,150	4.6	5.4	24,895	23,617	1,278	5.1	5.6	23,934	22,109	1,825	7.6	7.9
Coos	26,708	25,324	1,384	5.2	6.0	26,927	25,380	1,547	5.7	6.3	26,920	24,757	2,163	8.0	8.3
Crook	11,024	10,455	569	5.2	6.5	11,076	10,463	613	5.5	6.8	10,627	9,823	804	7.6	8.6
Curry	9,349	8,872	477	5.1	6.5	9,457	8,925	532	5.6	6.7	9,295	8,602	693	7.5	8.4
Deschutes	101,263	97,244	4,019	4.0	5.1	101,101	96,677	4,424	4.4	5.4	99,183	92,573	6,610	6.7	7.2
Douglas	48,068	45,748	2,320	4.8	5.6	48,233	45,533	2,700	5.6	5.9	47,968	44,528	3,440	7.2	7.5
Gilliam	897	859	38	4.2	4.9	920	881	39	4.2	5.0	1,013	953	60	5.9	6.3
Grant	3,343	3,202	141	4.2	6.6	3,355	3,212	143	4.3	6.7	3,284	3,099	185	5.6	8.1
Harney	3,853	3,701	152	3.9	5.1	3,873	3,716	157	4.1	5.1	3,782	3,603	179	4.7	6.1
Hood River	15,897	15,441	456	2.9	4.5	16,190	15,615	575	3.6	4.7	15,221	14,465	756	5.0	5.9
Jackson	108,862	104,255	4,607	4.2	5.0	110,107	104,799	5,308	4.8	5.2	106,692	98,920	7,772	7.3	7.8
Jefferson	10,711	10,201	510	4.8	6.1	10,756	10,177	579	5.4	6.3	10,453	9,707	746	7.1	8.2
Josephine	37,313	35,506	1,807	4.8	5.8	37,235	35,173	2,062	5.5	6.0	36,667	34,071	2,596	7.1	7.6
Klamath	30,360	28,834	1,526	5.0	6.6	30,433	28,662	1,771	5.8	6.8	29,891	27,705	2,186	7.3	8.3
Lake	3,933	3,776	157	4.0	5.4	3,972	3,803	169	4.3	5.4	3,779	3,602	177	4.7	6.1
Lane	182,078	173,924	8,154	4.5	5.2	180,425	171,333	9,092	5.0	5.5	177,449	163,507	13,942	7.9	8.1
Lincoln	21,730	20,606	1,124	5.2	6.5	22,108	20,868	1,240	5.6	6.9	21,228	19,184	2,044	9.6	10.2
Linn	60,594	57,825	2,769	4.6	5.2	60,792	57,755	3,037	5.0	5.4	59,041	54,461	4,580	7.8	8.1
Malheur	13,008	12,594	414	3.2	4.1	13,150	12,625	525	4.0	4.2	12,919	12,331	588	4.6	5.2
Marion	171,955	165,144	6,811	4.0	4.7	171,887	164,274	7,613	4.4	5.0	166,115	155,161	10,954	6.6	7.0
Morrow	6,037	5,822	215	3.6	4.4	6,017	5,775	242	4.0	4.5	5,867	5,607	260	4.4	5.3
Multnomah	467,135	446,827	20,308	4.3	5.1	469,074	446,846	22,228	4.7	5.4	458,343	417,787	40,556	8.8	9.1
Polk	42,392	40,748	1,644	3.9	4.5	42,265	40,449	1,816	4.3	4.8	40,867	38,266	2,601	6.4	6.6
Sherman	998	965	33	3.3	4.0	1,001	965	36	3.6	4.1	1,001	945	56	5.6	6.1
Tillamook	12,504	11,982	522	4.2	5.1	12,702	12,144	558	4.4	5.4	11,931	11,034	897	7.5	8.1
Umatilla	38,660	37,152	1,508	3.9	5.0	38,262	36,521	1,741	4.6	5.2	37,724	35,667	2,057	5.5	6.2
Union	12,363	11,876	487	3.9	5.3	12,344	11,777	567	4.6	5.5	12,065	11,347	718	6.0	6.8
Wallowa	3,843	3,700	143	3.7	5.4	3,941	3,796	145	3.7	5.4	3,650	3,471	179	4.9	7.0
Wasco	13,119	12,566	553	4.2	5.2	13,896	13,272	624	4.5	5.4	12,814	11,988	826	6.4	6.8
Washington	332,225	320,670	11,555	3.5	4.0	333,561	320,922	12,639	3.8	4.2	320,939	300,144	20,795	6.5	6.7
Wheeler	737	717	20	2.7	2.9	722	703	19	2.6	3.0	705	680	25	3.5	4.2
Yamhill	56,135	54,040	2,095	3.7	4.4	56,344	54,002	2,342	4.2	4.7	54,230	50,747	3,483	6.4	6.7

(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.