Washington County’s unemployment rate remained nearly unchanged at 12.0 percent in May 2020 compared with 12.2 percent in April 2020. Similarly, the number of unemployed remained at nearly 39,000 individuals. This time last year, unemployment was 3.3 percent and 10,000 residents were unemployed in May 2019.

Monthly employment increased slightly at 0.3 percent for Washington County which is slower than Portland and Oregon job gains. While a handful of industries saw a rebound, employment levels remain well below this time last year. Information, manufacturing, and government all saw job losses totaling over 3,300.

A bit of good news! Home values in both Oregon and Washington County continued to climb in May 2020. From May 2019 to May 2020, home values increased by 3.4 and 4 percent in Washington County and Oregon, respectively. The average home in Washington County was valued at just shy of $440,000 and $375,000 for Oregon.

Unemployment Rate
May 2000 to May 2020, Seasonally Adjusted
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Unemployment Rates in Washington County Cities
May 2020, Not Seasonally Adjusted
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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