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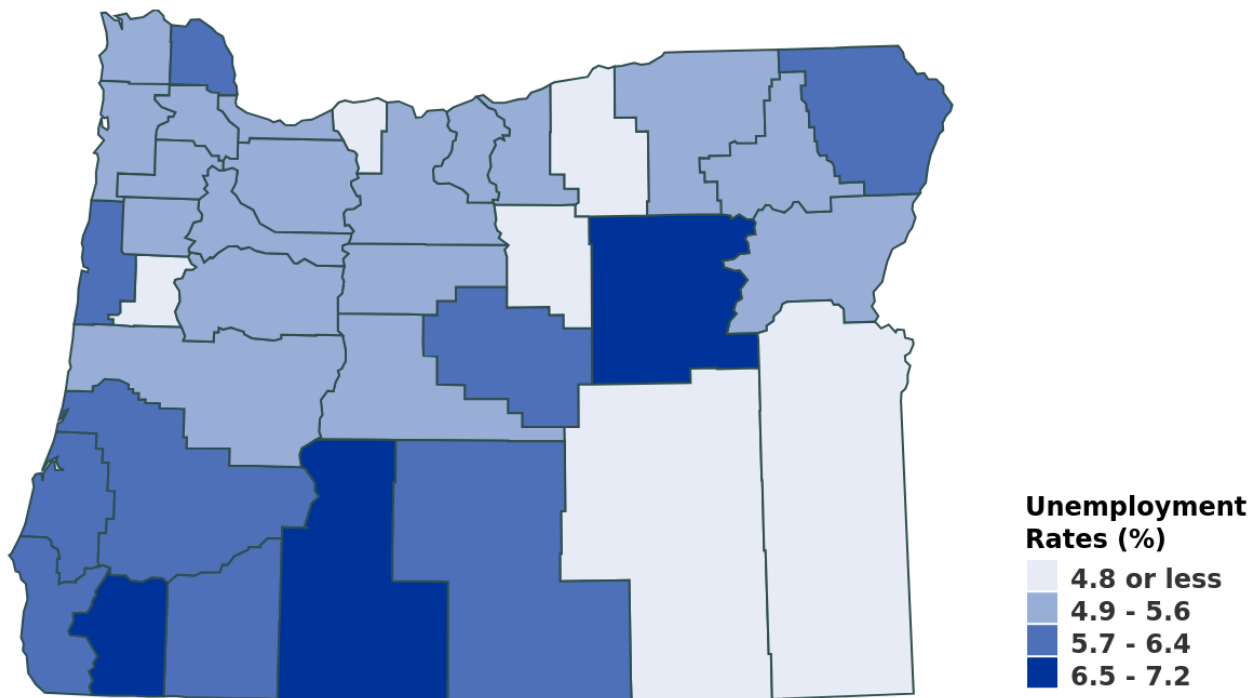
March 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In March, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in all of Oregon's 36 counties. Eighteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and one (Hood River County) had a rate at or below the U.S. rate of 4.3%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March at 7.2%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Grant (7.1%) and Josephine (6.8%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in March at 4.0%. Benton (4.4%), Malheur (4.5%), and Morrow (4.5%) counties also had relatively low unemployment rates.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

March 2026

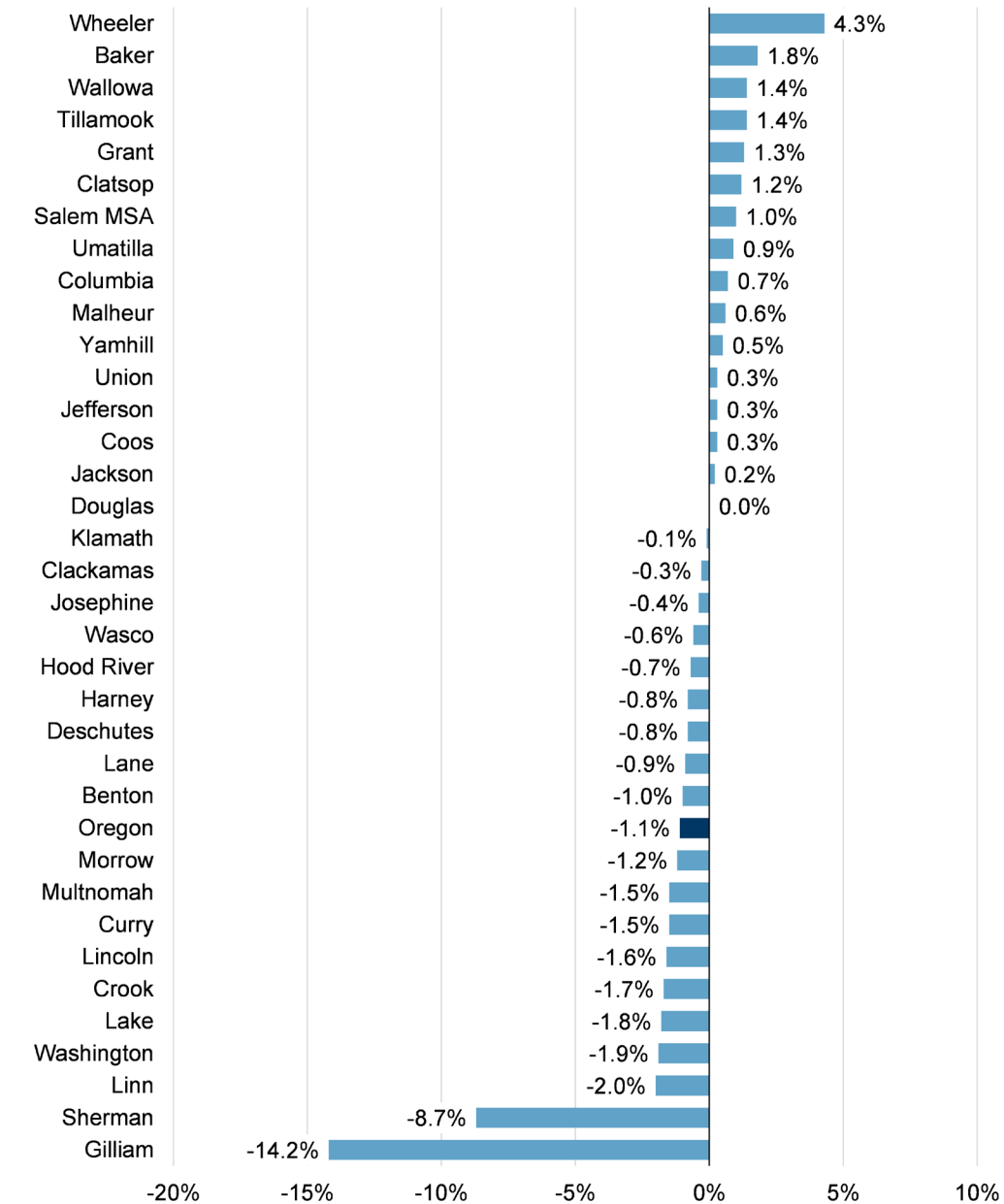


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between March 2025 and March 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 16 of Oregon’s counties, was unchanged in one, and decreased in 19. Wheeler County had Oregon’s highest year-over-year job growth at 4.3%. Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 14.2%. Sherman County (-8.7%) also had a relatively large job decline. Statewide, jobs fell by 1.1%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

Job Growth by Oregon County
Seasonally Adjusted, March 2025 - March 2026



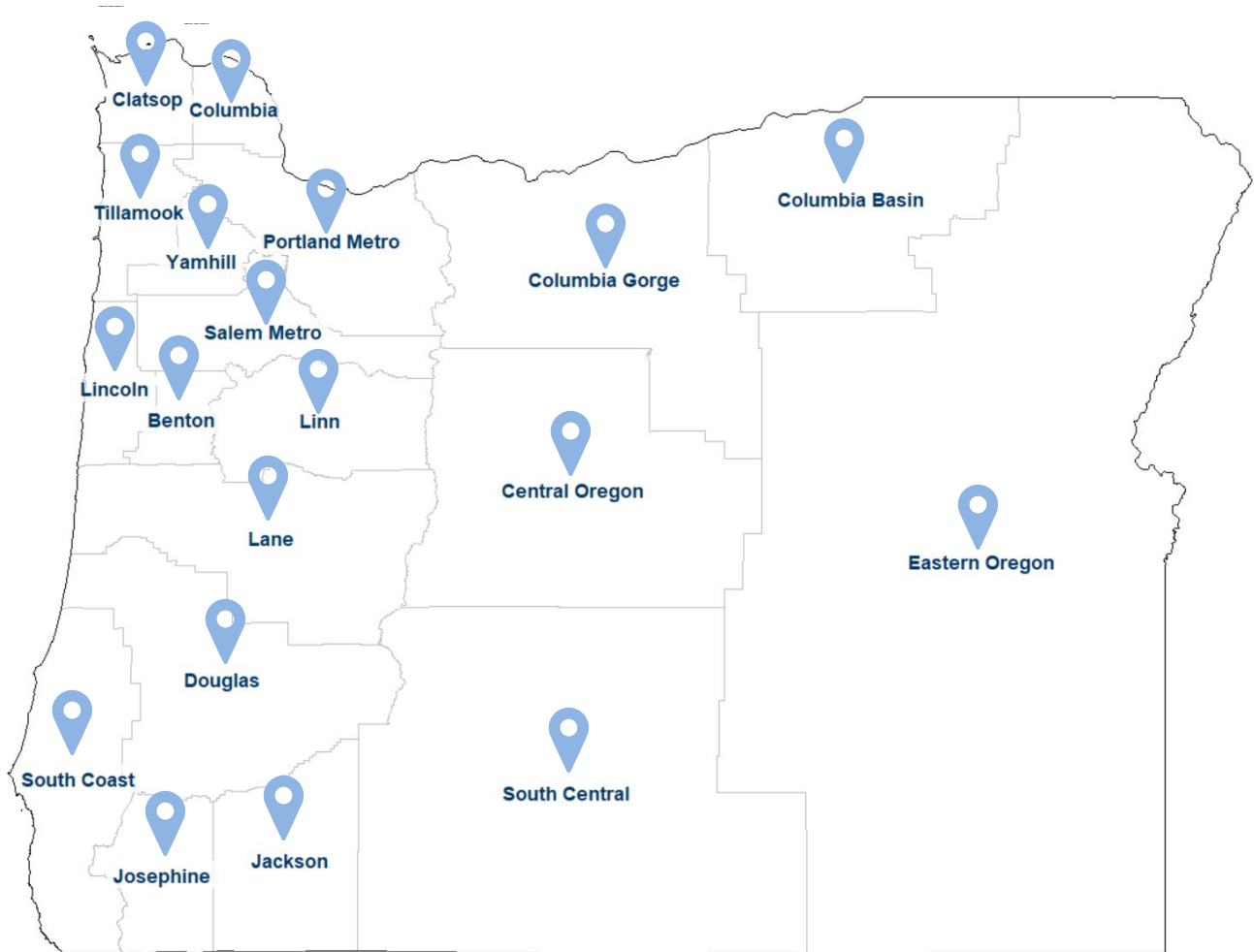
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for April 2026 on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The April 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

This Month's Local Area Press Releases

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