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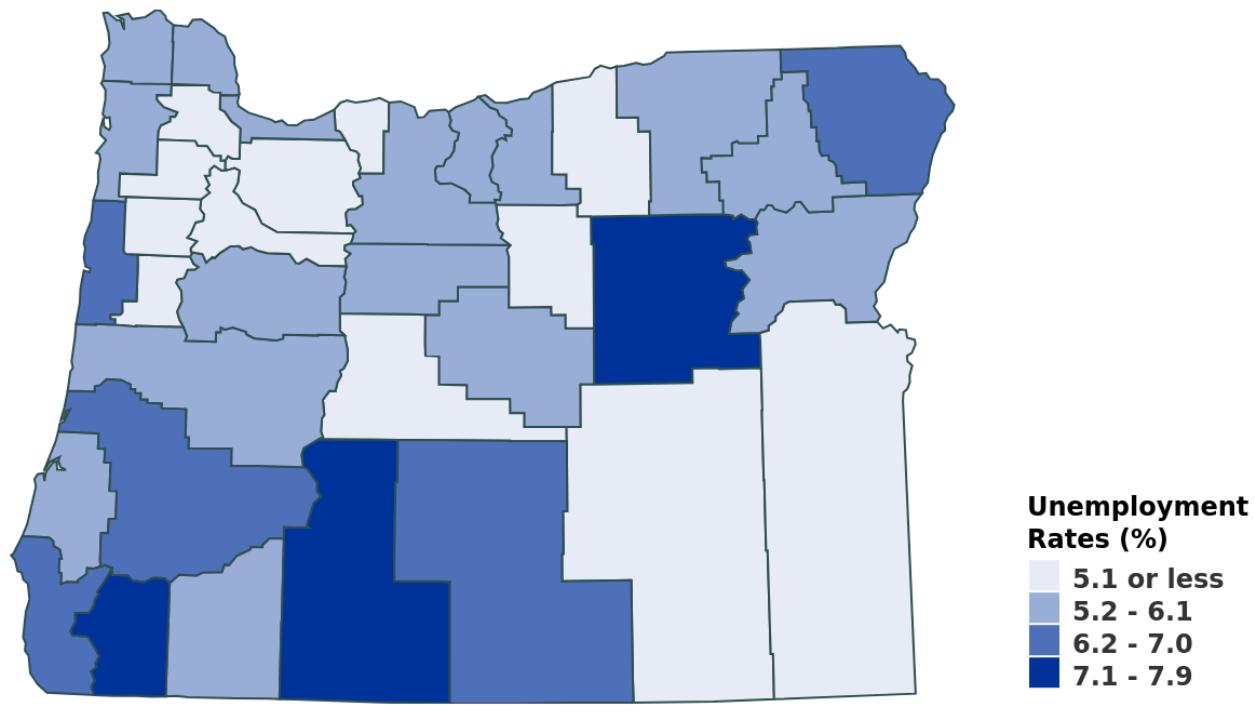
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## December 2025 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in three. Fifteen 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 4.4%.

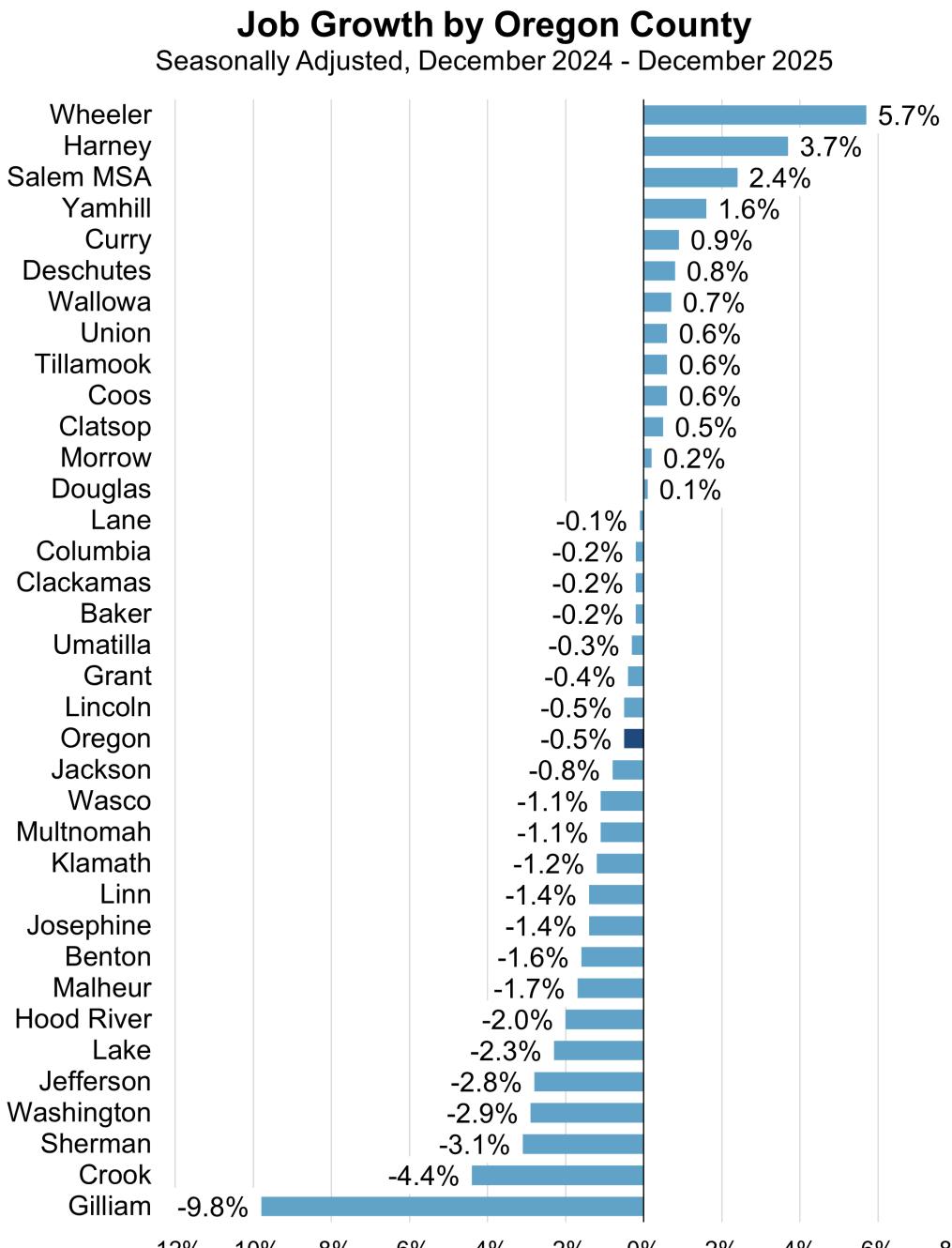
Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December at 7.9%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Klamath (7.5%) and Josephine (7.2%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in December at 4.2%. Benton and Wheeler counties also had relatively low unemployment rates of 4.5% and 4.8%, respectively.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate  
December 2025



Between December 2024 and December 2025, total nonfarm employment rose in 14 of Oregon's counties and decreased in 22. Wheeler County had Oregon's highest year-over-year job growth at 5.7%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Harney County (3.7%) and in Marion and Polk, the two counties composing the Salem MSA (2.4%). Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 9.8%. Crook County (-4.4%) and Sherman County (-3.1%) also had relatively large job declines. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.5%.

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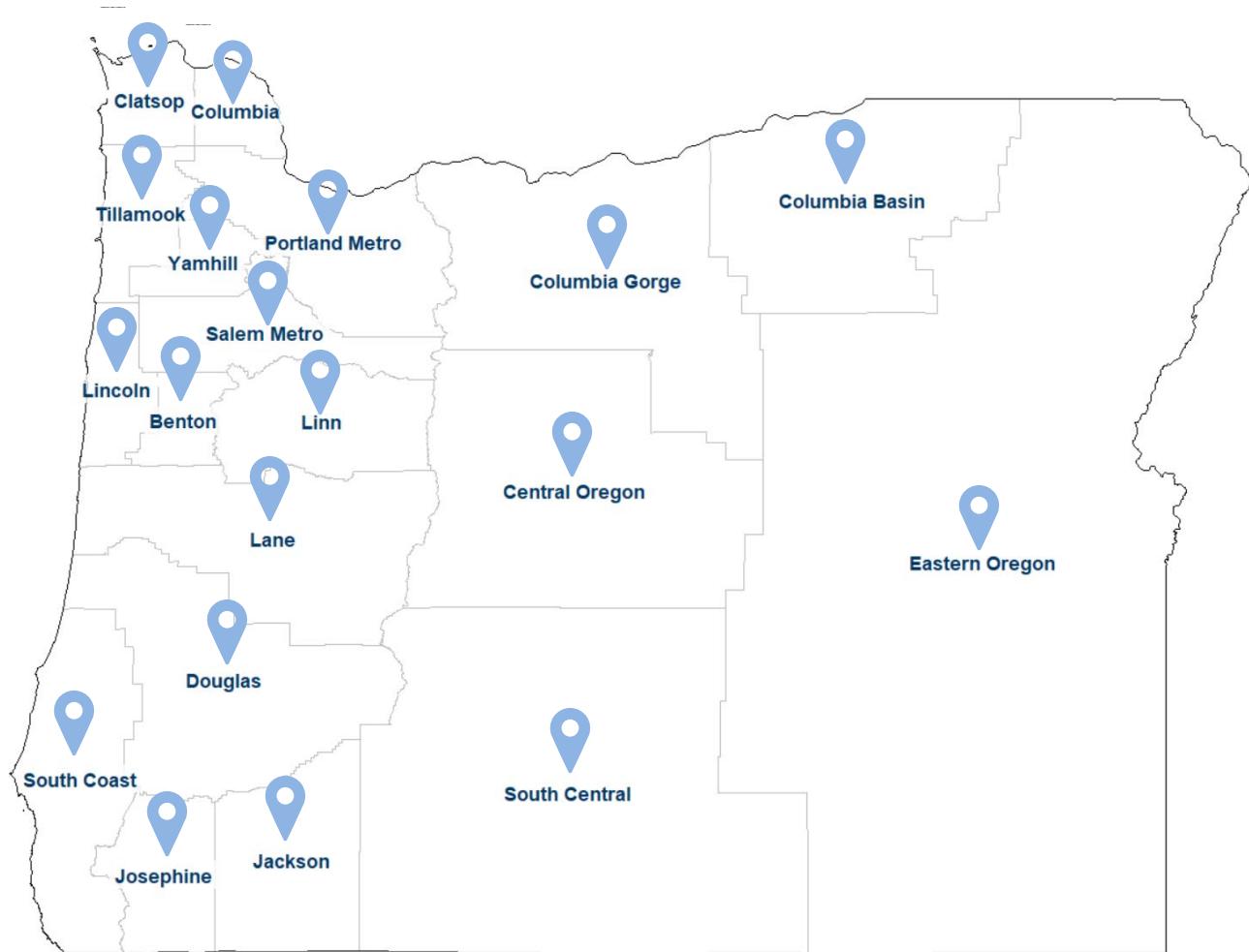
Source: Oregon Employment Department

## Next News Releases

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**Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)**

	December 2025					November 2025					December 2024				
	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
Oregon	2,214,373	2,102,054	112,319	5.1%	5.2%	2,236,740	2,127,947	108,793	4.9%	5.2%	2,193,324	2,099,658	93,666	4.3%	4.3%
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	62,615	59,284	3,331	5.3%	5.6%	63,164	59,952	3,212	5.1%	5.6%	62,459	59,585	2,874	4.6%	4.7%
Bend (2)	136,648	129,844	6,804	5.0%	5.0%	137,805	131,326	6,479	4.7%	5.0%	132,764	127,066	5,698	4.3%	4.3%
Corvallis (Benton County)	50,012	47,800	2,212	4.4%	4.5%	50,392	48,425	1,967	3.9%	4.5%	49,799	47,909	1,890	3.8%	3.8%
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	190,471	180,876	9,595	5.0%	5.2%	191,663	182,469	9,194	4.8%	5.2%	189,586	181,456	8,130	4.3%	4.4%
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	34,625	32,277	2,348	6.8%	7.2%	35,004	32,750	2,254	6.4%	7.3%	34,529	32,521	2,008	5.8%	6.0%
Medford (Jackson County)	105,355	99,509	5,846	5.5%	5.9%	107,296	101,704	5,592	5.2%	5.9%	104,583	99,645	4,938	4.7%	5.0%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (3)	1,390,681	1,322,742	67,939	4.9%	5.0%	1,404,514	1,338,053	66,461	4.7%	5.0%	1,381,774	1,324,793	56,981	4.1%	4.2%
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	228,411	217,297	11,114	4.9%	5.1%	230,525	219,948	10,577	4.6%	5.1%	223,861	214,509	9,352	4.2%	4.2%
<b>Counties</b>															
Baker	6,853	6,452	401	5.9%	5.9%	6,896	6,535	361	5.2%	5.9%	6,786	6,460	326	4.8%	4.6%
Benton	50,012	47,800	2,212	4.4%	4.5%	50,392	48,425	1,967	3.9%	4.5%	49,799	47,909	1,890	3.8%	3.8%
Clackamas	228,330	217,507	10,823	4.7%	5.0%	230,815	220,157	10,658	4.6%	5.0%	227,125	218,059	9,066	4.0%	4.0%
Clatsop	19,825	18,787	1,038	5.2%	5.3%	20,227	19,229	998	4.9%	5.4%	19,153	18,287	866	4.5%	4.3%
Columbia	27,026	25,434	1,592	5.9%	6.1%	27,245	25,700	1,545	5.7%	6.1%	26,760	25,491	1,269	4.7%	4.7%
Coos	27,334	25,761	1,573	5.8%	6.0%	27,654	26,132	1,522	5.5%	6.0%	26,752	25,425	1,327	5.0%	5.0%
Crook	13,355	12,547	808	6.1%	5.9%	13,429	12,680	749	5.6%	5.9%	12,931	12,269	662	5.1%	5.1%
Curry	8,150	7,598	552	6.8%	6.9%	8,237	7,710	527	6.4%	6.9%	7,964	7,527	437	5.5%	5.7%
Deschutes	111,938	106,590	5,348	4.8%	4.9%	112,916	107,791	5,125	4.5%	4.9%	108,855	104,324	4,531	4.2%	4.1%
Douglas	46,495	43,606	2,889	6.2%	6.4%	46,792	44,051	2,741	5.9%	6.4%	46,060	43,588	2,472	5.4%	5.4%
Gilliam	995	941	54	5.4%	5.6%	1,000	948	52	5.2%	5.5%	1,059	1,010	49	4.6%	4.6%
Grant	3,071	2,834	237	7.7%	7.9%	3,083	2,871	212	6.9%	7.9%	2,993	2,795	198	6.6%	6.4%
Harney	3,660	3,478	182	5.0%	5.0%	3,722	3,550	172	4.6%	5.1%	3,529	3,367	162	4.6%	4.4%
Hood River	13,848	13,285	563	4.1%	4.2%	13,545	13,030	515	3.8%	4.2%	13,723	13,262	461	3.4%	3.5%
Jackson	105,355	99,509	5,846	5.5%	5.9%	107,296	101,704	5,592	5.2%	5.9%	104,583	99,645	4,938	4.7%	5.0%
Jefferson	11,355	10,707	648	5.7%	5.8%	11,460	10,855	605	5.3%	5.9%	10,978	10,473	505	4.6%	4.6%
Josephine	34,625	32,277	2,348	6.8%	7.2%	35,004	32,750	2,254	6.4%	7.3%	34,529	32,521	2,008	5.8%	6.0%
Klamath	28,900	26,721	2,179	7.5%	7.5%	29,371	27,363	2,008	6.8%	7.5%	28,483	26,678	1,805	6.3%	5.9%
Lake	3,354	3,142	212	6.3%	6.4%	3,403	3,208	195	5.7%	6.4%	3,457	3,277	180	5.2%	4.9%
Lane	190,471	180,876	9,595	5.0%	5.2%	191,663	182,469	9,194	4.8%	5.2%	189,586	181,456	8,130	4.3%	4.4%
Lincoln	20,449	19,205	1,244	6.1%	6.2%	20,827	19,646	1,181	5.7%	6.2%	20,248	19,202	1,046	5.2%	5.1%
Linn	62,615	59,284	3,331	5.3%	5.6%	63,164	59,952	3,212	5.1%	5.6%	62,459	59,585	2,874	4.6%	4.7%
Malheur	12,887	12,274	613	4.8%	4.9%	13,027	12,501	526	4.0%	4.9%	12,896	12,348	548	4.2%	4.1%
Marion	181,365	172,488	8,877	4.9%	5.1%	182,999	174,540	8,459	4.6%	5.1%	177,693	170,225	7,468	4.2%	4.2%
Morrow	6,276	5,977	299	4.8%	4.9%	6,391	6,125	266	4.2%	4.9%	6,139	5,883	256	4.2%	4.0%
Multnomah	470,337	447,387	22,950	4.9%	5.2%	475,233	452,206	23,027	4.8%	5.2%	467,965	448,710	19,255	4.1%	4.2%
Polk	47,046	44,809	2,237	4.8%	5.0%	47,526	45,408	2,118	4.5%	5.0%	46,168	44,284	1,884	4.1%	4.1%
Sherman	941	897	44	4.7%	5.2%	934	886	48	5.1%	5.3%	969	931	38	3.9%	4.0%
Tillamook	11,469	10,847	622	5.4%	5.5%	11,585	10,983	602	5.2%	5.5%	11,260	10,747	513	4.6%	4.4%
Umatilla	36,641	34,587	2,054	5.6%	5.6%	37,187	35,378	1,809	4.9%	5.6%	36,267	34,523	1,744	4.8%	4.7%
Union	11,978	11,306	672	5.6%	5.7%	12,035	11,429	606	5.0%	5.8%	11,853	11,266	587	5.0%	4.8%
Wallowa	3,600	3,367	233	6.5%	6.3%	3,678	3,474	204	5.5%	6.2%	3,480	3,308	172	4.9%	4.6%
Wasco	12,615	11,933	682	5.4%	5.3%	12,854	12,188	666	5.2%	5.4%	12,531	11,948	583	4.7%	4.3%
Washington	344,230	327,634	16,596	4.8%	5.1%	347,778	331,288	16,490	4.7%	5.1%	341,683	328,557	13,126	3.8%	3.9%
Wheeler	694	660	34	4.9%	4.8%	707	674	33	4.7%	4.7%	716	685	31	4.3%	4.0%
Yamhill	56,276	53,546	2,730	4.9%	5.0%	56,663	54,110	2,553	4.5%	5.0%	55,889	53,631	2,258	4.0%	4.0%

(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) The Bend metropolitan area includes Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties.

(3) The Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro metropolitan area includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon, and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington State.