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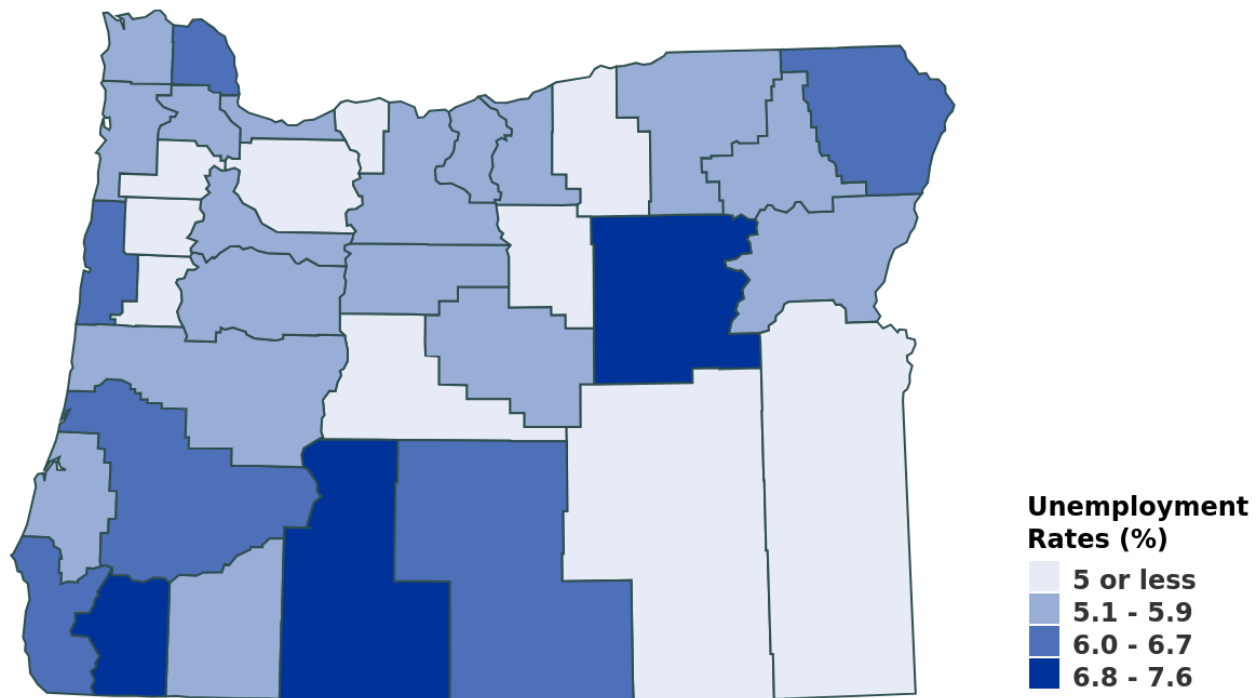
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January 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

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

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January at 7.6%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Klamath (7.5%) and Josephine (7.1%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in January at 4.1%. Benton and Malheur counties also had relatively low unemployment rates of 4.6% and 4.7%, respectively.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate
January 2026

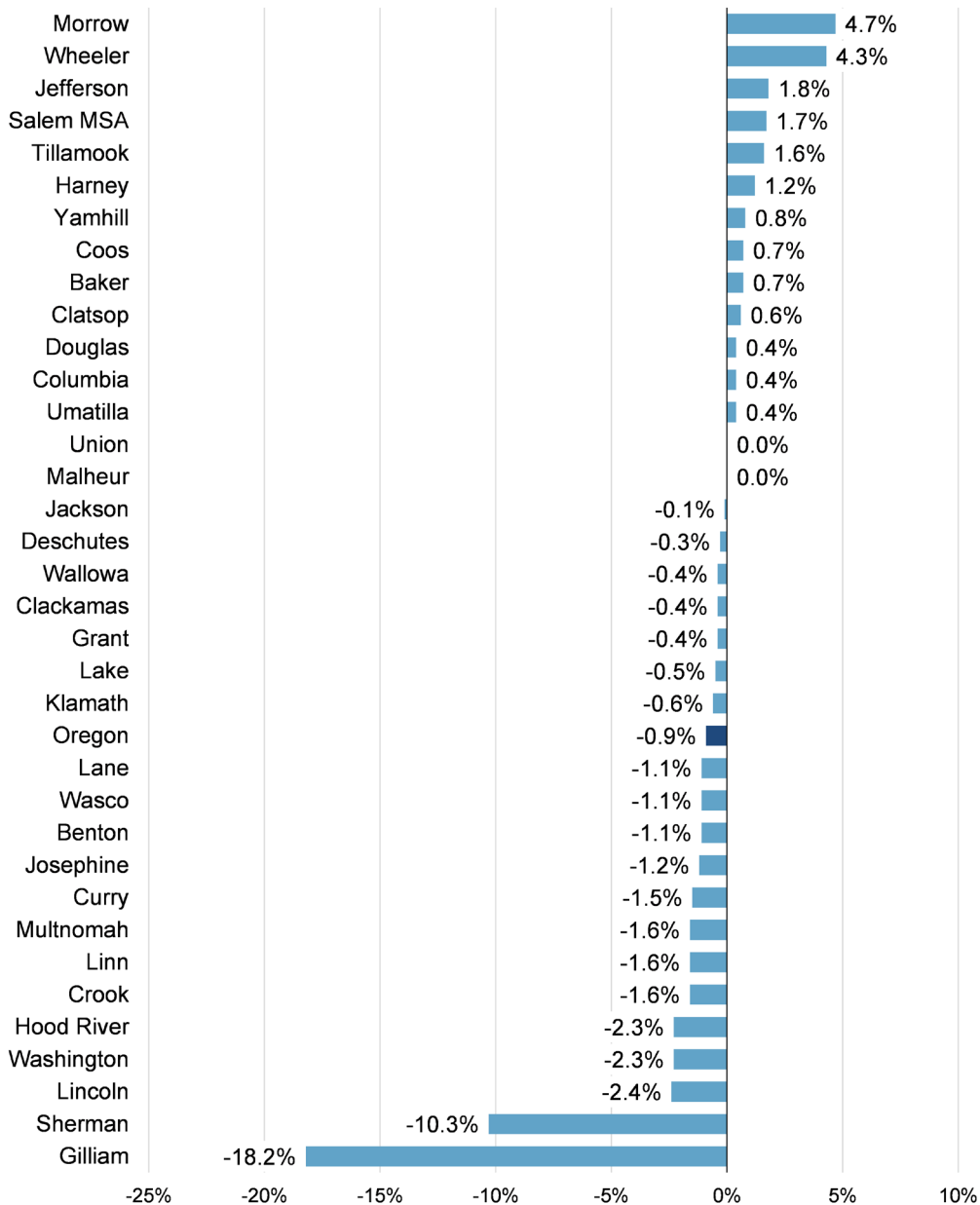


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between January 2025 and January 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 14 of Oregon’s counties, was unchanged in two, and decreased in 20. Morrow County had Oregon’s highest year-over-year job growth at 4.7%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Wheeler County (3.7%). Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 18.2%. Sherman County (-10.3%) also had a relatively large job decline. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.9%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

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



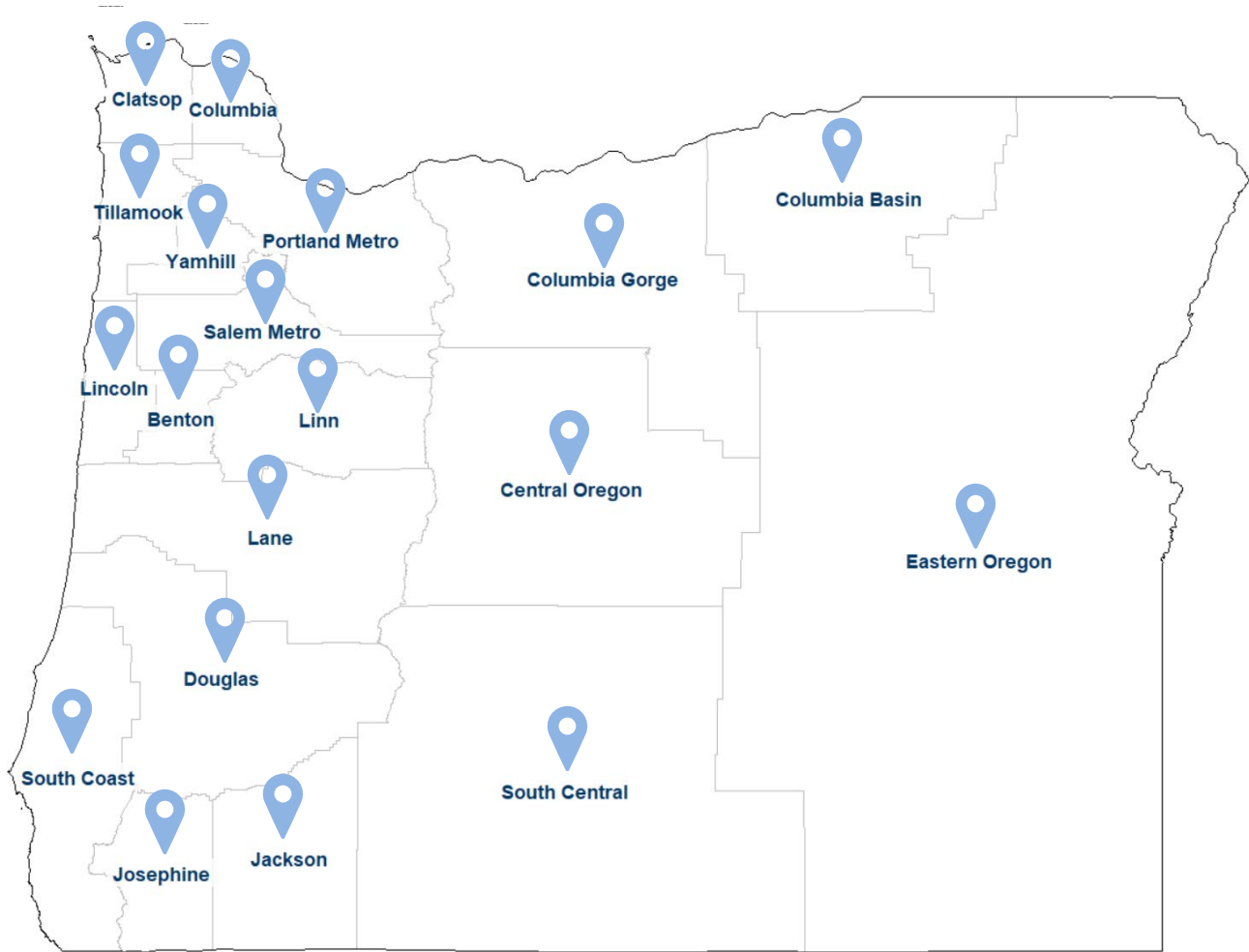
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February 2026 on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The February 2026 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

This Month’s Local Area Press Releases

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