

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 23, 2026

See your local area at QualityInfo.org

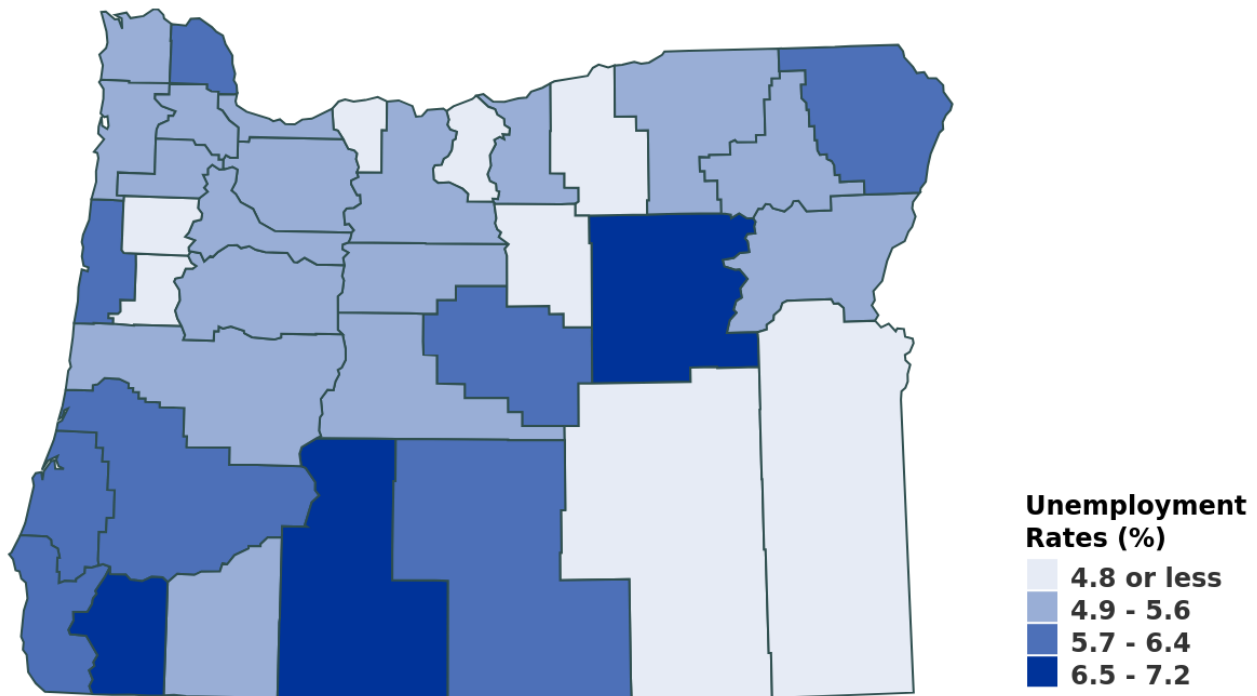
May 2026 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In May, the unemployment rate decreased or remained unchanged in 30 of Oregon's 36 counties and increased in six. Twenty counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and two had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 4.3%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May at 7.2%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (6.7%) and Grant (6.5%). Hood River County registered the lowest unemployment rate in May at 4.0%. Benton (4.2%) and Malheur (4.4%) counties also had relatively low unemployment rates.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

May 2026



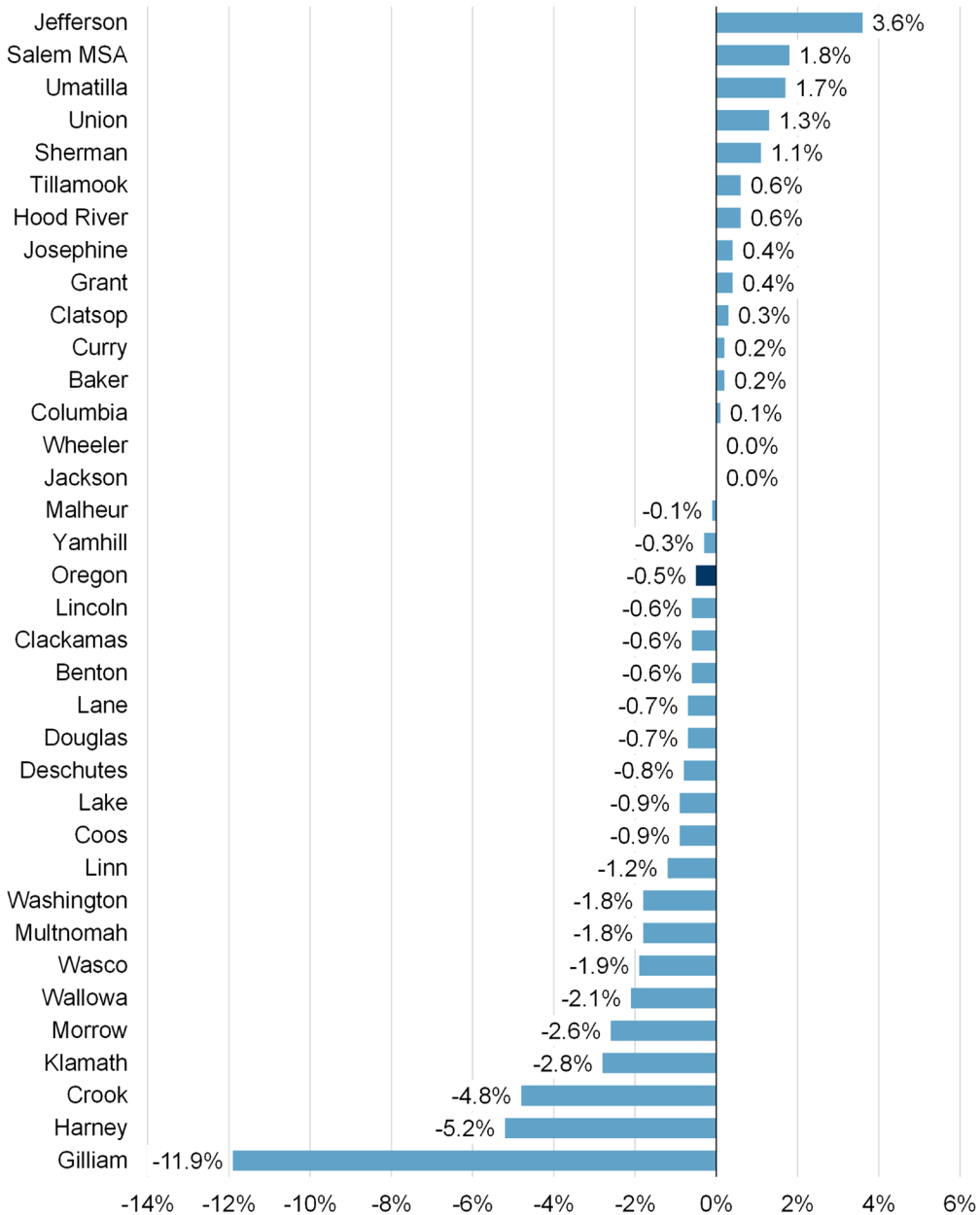
Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between May 2025 and May 2026, total nonfarm employment rose in 14 of Oregon’s counties, was unchanged in two, and decreased in 20. Jefferson County had Oregon’s highest year-over-year job growth at 3.6%. The Salem MSA (1.8%) and Umatilla County (1.7%) also had relatively high job gains. Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 11.9%. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.5%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

Job Growth by Oregon County

Seasonally Adjusted, May 2025 - May 2026



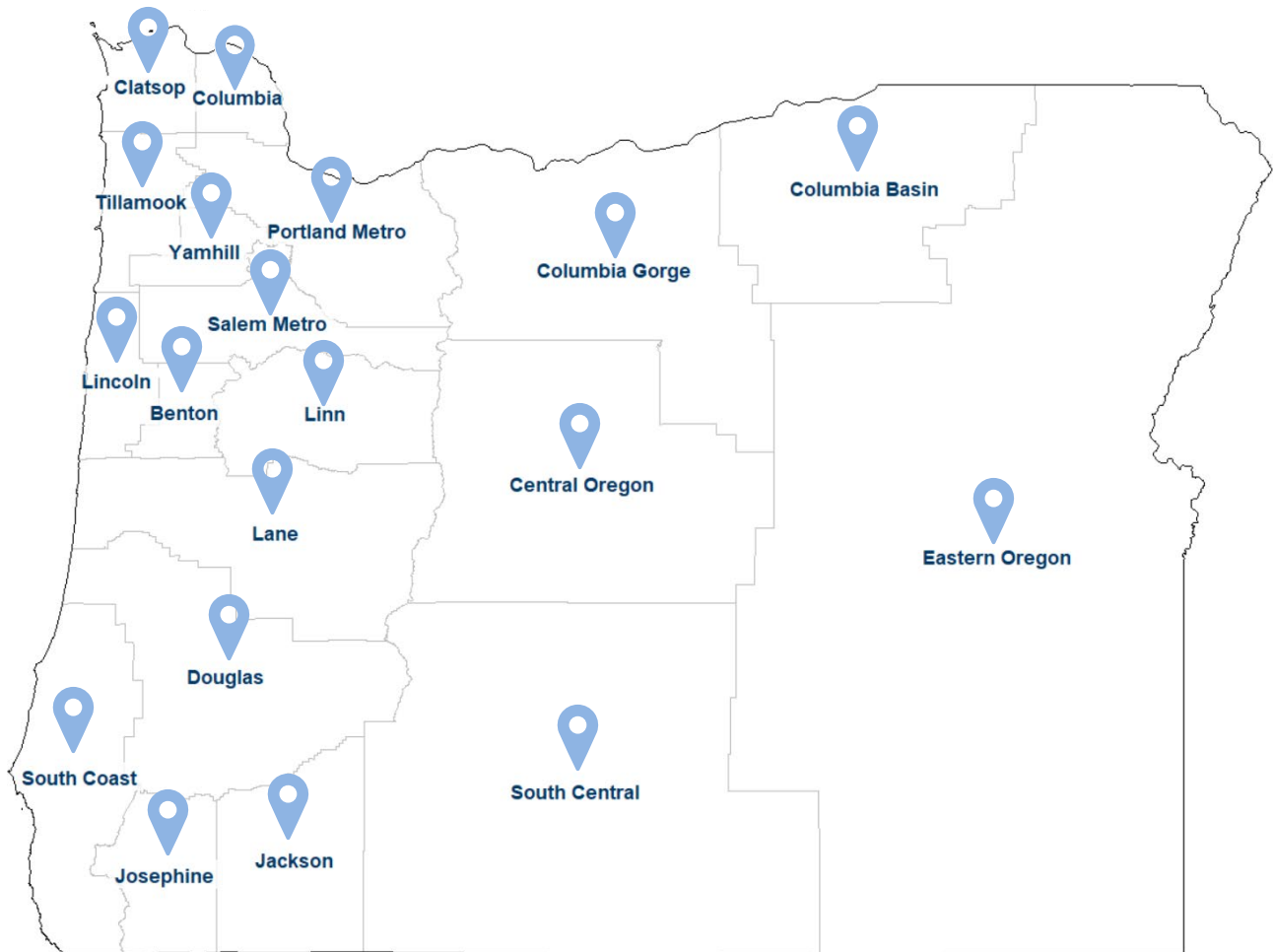
Source: Oregon Employment Department

Next News Releases

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

This Month's Local Area Press Releases

Click on the map below to open your local area's press release.



To file a claim for unemployment benefits or get more information about unemployment programs, visit unemployment.oregon.gov.

The Oregon Employment Department (OED) is an equal opportunity agency. OED provides free help so you can use our services. Some examples are sign language and spoken-language interpreters, written materials in other languages, large print, audio, and other formats. To get help, please call 503-947-1444. TTY users call 711. You can also send an email to communications@employ.oregon.gov.

El Departamento de Empleo de Oregon (OED) es una agencia de igualdad de oportunidades. El OED proporciona ayuda gratuita para que usted pueda utilizar nuestros servicios. Algunos ejemplos son intérpretes de lengua de señas e idiomas hablados, materiales escritos en otros idiomas, letra grande, audio y otros formatos. Para obtener ayuda, por favor llame al 503-947-1444. Usuarios de TTY pueden llamar al 711. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a communications@employ.oregon.gov.

###