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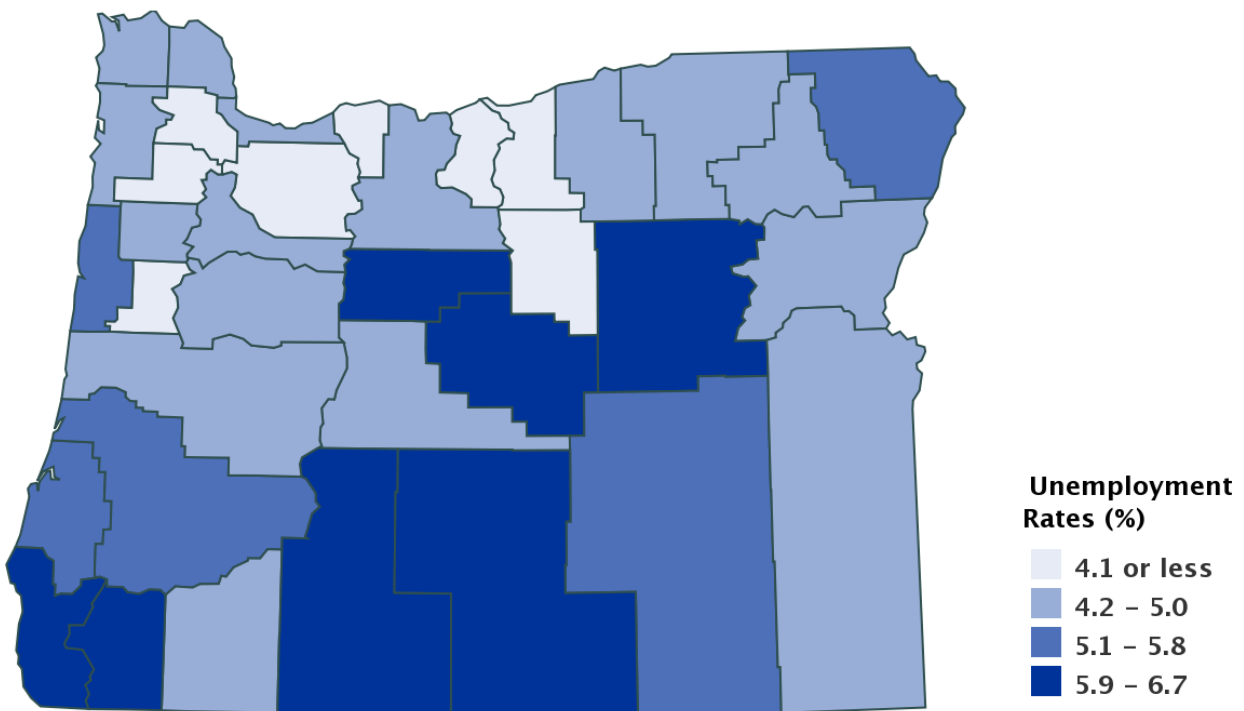
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## December 2022 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December, unemployment rates increased in all of Oregon's 36 counties over the month. Fourteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.5%, and three counties had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 3.5%.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (6.7%) in December. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Klamath (6.4%), Josephine (6.1%), Crook (6.0%), Curry (6.0%), and Lake (6.0%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate (3.2%) in December. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Sherman (3.4%), Washington (3.5%), Benton (3.6%), and Hood River (3.6%).

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2022

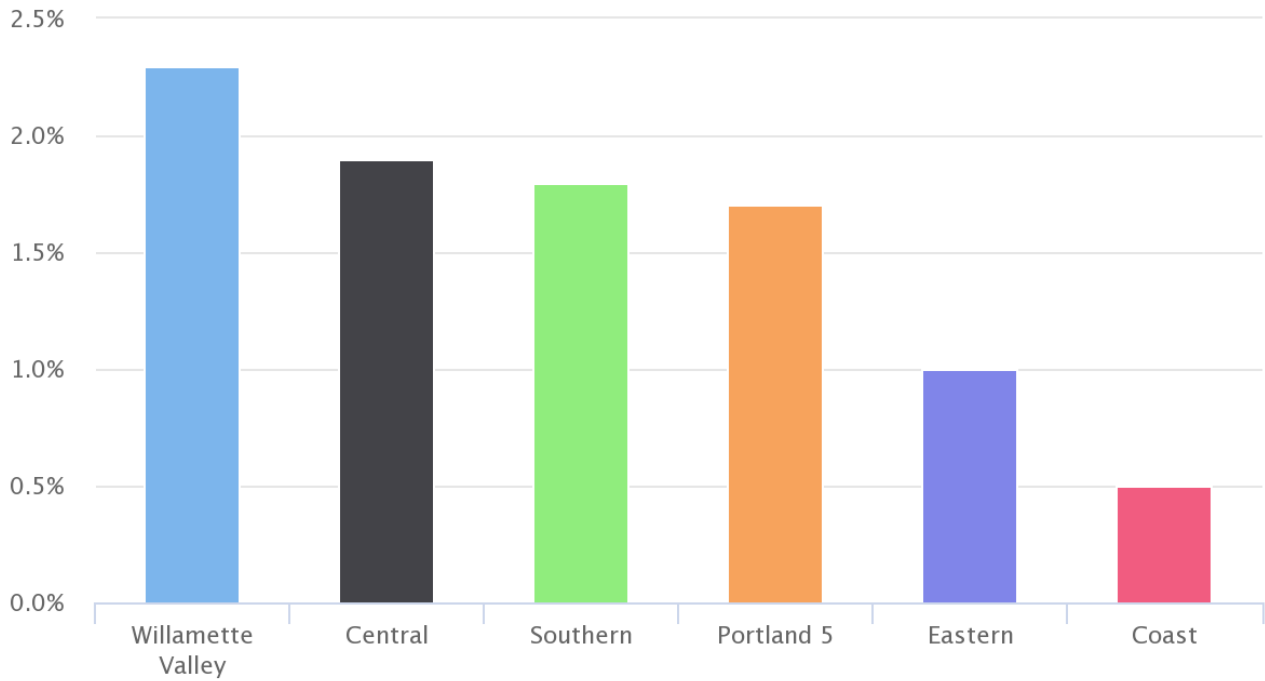


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between December 2021 and December 2022, total nonfarm employment rose in all six broad regions across Oregon. The Willamette Valley experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 2.3%. Employment also grew at a relatively fast pace in Central Oregon (1.9%), Southern Oregon (1.8%), and in the five Portland-metro counties (1.7%). Growth was slowest in Eastern Oregon (1.0%) and along the Coast (0.5%).

## Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

December 2021 to December 2022, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

### Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January 2023 on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. The January 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2022					November 2022					December 2021				
	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
United States	164,224,000	158,872,000	5,352,000	3.3	3.5	164,272,000	158,749,000	5,523,000	3.4	3.6	161,696,000	155,732,000	5,964,000	3.7	3.9
State of Oregon	2,176,198	2,078,191	98,007	4.5	4.5	2,185,247	2,091,689	93,558	4.3	4.3	2,162,903	2,085,481	77,422	3.6	4.2
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	61,012	57,951	3,061	5.0	4.8	61,268	58,304	2,964	4.8	4.6	61,000	58,593	2,407	3.9	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	103,118	98,139	4,979	4.8	4.4	103,515	99,048	4,467	4.3	4.1	103,724	99,929	3,795	3.7	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,825	47,075	1,750	3.6	3.6	49,072	47,473	1,599	3.3	3.5	48,492	47,275	1,217	2.5	3.2
Eugene (Lane County)	183,357	174,373	8,984	4.9	4.8	184,519	175,662	8,857	4.8	4.6	182,517	175,629	6,888	3.8	4.5
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,109	34,696	2,413	6.5	6.1	37,228	34,986	2,242	6.0	5.8	36,951	35,240	1,711	4.6	5.3
Medford (Jackson County)	106,538	101,116	5,422	5.1	5.0	107,461	102,303	5,158	4.8	4.7	107,391	103,416	3,975	3.7	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,391,563	1,334,787	56,776	4.1	4.0	1,391,396	1,336,448	54,948	3.9	3.9	1,369,607	1,322,133	47,474	3.5	4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	208,341	198,916	9,425	4.5	4.5	210,249	201,182	9,067	4.3	4.3	210,043	202,733	7,310	3.5	4.3
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,411	6,989	422	5.7	4.9	7,470	7,108	362	4.8	4.6	7,474	7,167	307	4.1	4.5
Benton	48,825	47,075	1,750	3.6	3.6	49,072	47,473	1,599	3.3	3.5	48,492	47,275	1,217	2.5	3.2
Clackamas	229,775	220,822	8,953	3.9	3.8	230,075	221,522	8,553	3.7	3.6	226,486	219,163	7,323	3.2	4.0
Clatsop	18,752	17,803	949	5.1	4.7	19,162	18,267	895	4.7	4.5	19,111	18,340	771	4.0	4.7
Columbia	25,569	24,236	1,333	5.2	5.0	25,553	24,282	1,271	5.0	4.7	25,029	24,010	1,019	4.1	4.9
Coos	26,146	24,561	1,585	6.1	5.8	26,328	24,802	1,526	5.8	5.6	26,874	25,657	1,217	4.5	5.4
Crook	11,106	10,333	773	7.0	6.0	11,165	10,507	658	5.9	5.7	10,883	10,313	570	5.2	5.9
Curry	8,771	8,206	565	6.4	6.0	8,856	8,314	542	6.1	5.7	8,888	8,430	458	5.2	5.9
Deschutes	103,118	98,139	4,979	4.8	4.4	103,515	99,048	4,467	4.3	4.1	103,724	99,929	3,795	3.7	4.3
Douglas	47,156	44,381	2,775	5.9	5.6	47,253	44,530	2,723	5.8	5.3	47,298	45,236	2,062	4.4	5.1
Gilliam	857	821	36	4.2	4.1	855	823	32	3.7	4.0	989	956	33	3.3	3.9
Grant	3,063	2,830	233	7.6	6.7	3,105	2,913	192	6.2	6.4	3,142	2,967	175	5.6	6.0
Harney	3,643	3,414	229	6.3	5.4	3,723	3,521	202	5.4	5.1	3,653	3,491	162	4.4	4.8
Hood River	13,960	13,449	511	3.7	3.6	13,743	13,267	476	3.5	3.4	13,965	13,566	399	2.9	3.7
Jackson	106,538	101,116	5,422	5.1	5.0	107,461	102,303	5,158	4.8	4.7	107,391	103,416	3,975	3.7	4.7
Jefferson	10,292	9,623	669	6.5	5.9	10,356	9,750	606	5.9	5.7	10,203	9,708	495	4.9	5.7
Josephine	37,109	34,696	2,413	6.5	6.1	37,228	34,986	2,242	6.0	5.8	36,951	35,240	1,711	4.6	5.3
Klamath	29,664	27,469	2,195	7.4	6.4	30,162	28,084	2,078	6.9	6.1	29,249	27,699	1,550	5.3	6.1
Lake	3,540	3,308	232	6.6	6.0	3,590	3,376	214	6.0	5.6	3,573	3,404	169	4.7	5.3
Lane	183,357	174,373	8,984	4.9	4.8	184,519	175,662	8,857	4.8	4.6	182,517	175,629	6,888	3.8	4.5
Lincoln	20,055	18,746	1,309	6.5	5.8	20,386	19,174	1,212	5.9	5.5	20,450	19,406	1,044	5.1	5.8
Linn	61,012	57,951	3,061	5.0	4.8	61,268	58,304	2,964	4.8	4.6	61,000	58,593	2,407	3.9	4.7
Malheur	12,212	11,600	612	5.0	4.6	12,386	11,866	520	4.2	4.3	12,454	12,058	396	3.2	3.9
Marion	166,323	158,746	7,577	4.6	4.4	167,787	160,496	7,291	4.3	4.2	167,718	161,817	5,901	3.5	4.3
Morrow	5,773	5,521	252	4.4	4.2	5,876	5,642	234	4.0	4.1	5,855	5,660	195	3.3	4.0
Multnomah	475,323	455,385	19,938	4.2	4.2	476,019	456,389	19,630	4.1	4.0	468,815	451,537	17,278	3.7	4.5
Polk	42,018	40,170	1,848	4.4	4.3	42,462	40,686	1,776	4.2	4.1	42,325	40,916	1,409	3.3	4.1
Sherman	930	897	33	3.5	3.4	924	894	30	3.2	3.2	931	900	31	3.3	3.8
Tillamook	11,968	11,376	592	4.9	4.6	12,151	11,599	552	4.5	4.4	11,742	11,280	462	3.9	4.6
Umatilla	36,725	34,810	1,915	5.2	4.9	37,142	35,474	1,668	4.5	4.7	37,071	35,647	1,424	3.8	4.5
Union	11,954	11,324	630	5.3	5.0	12,102	11,510	592	4.9	4.8	12,144	11,647	497	4.1	4.6
Wallowa	3,482	3,245	237	6.8	5.5	3,525	3,316	209	5.9	5.2	3,478	3,306	172	4.9	5.1
Wasco	12,799	12,121	678	5.3	4.2	12,900	12,254	646	5.0	4.0	13,050	12,529	521	4.0	4.5
Washington	339,564	327,504	12,060	3.6	3.5	339,689	328,216	11,473	3.4	3.3	333,410	323,816	9,594	2.9	3.6
Wheeler	700	676	24	3.4	3.2	732	710	22	3.0	3.0	715	697	18	2.5	3.0
Yamhill	56,709	54,475	2,234	3.9	3.9	56,710	54,623	2,087	3.7	3.7	55,851	54,073	1,778	3.2	3.9

(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) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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