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# **April 2023 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties**

In April, unemployment rates decreased in all of Oregon's 36 counties over the month. Eleven counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.0%, and five counties had a rate at or below the U.S. rate of 3.4%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (6.1%) in April. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Crook (5.7%), Grant (5.6%), and Lake (5.6%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate (3.0%) in April. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Benton (3.1%), Gilliam (3.2%), Hood River (3.3%), and Washington (3.4%).

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

April 2023

Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between April 2022 and April 2023, total nonfarm employment rose in all six broad regions across Oregon. The Willamette Valley experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 2.0%. Employment also grew at a relatively fast pace in Central Oregon (1.9%) and along the Coast (1.1%). Growth was slowest in Southern Oregon (0.6%), the five Portland-metro counties (0.9%), and in Eastern Oregon (0.9%).



Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

# **Next News Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for May 2023 on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The May 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

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### Workforce & Economic Research May 23, 2023

## Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

|   | April 2023              |                  |                 |                           |                           | March 2023              |                  |                |                           |                           | April 2022              |                   |                |                           |                           |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|   | Civilian<br>Labor Force | Employed         | l<br>Unemploved | Jnemployment<br>Rate (UR) | Seasonally<br>Adjusted UR | Civilian<br>Labor Force | Employed         | Unemploved     | Unemployment<br>Rate (UR) | Seasonally<br>Adjusted UR | Civilian<br>Labor Force | Employed          | Unemployed     | Unemployment<br>Rate (UR) | Seasonally<br>Adjusted UR |
| United States                                     | 166,221,000             | 161,075,000      | 5,146,000       | 3.1                       | 3.4                       | 166,783,000             | 160,741,000      | 6,043,000      | 3.6                       | 3.5                       | 163,449,000             | 157,991,000       | 5,458,000      | 3.3                       | 3.6                       |
| State of Oregon                                   | 2,126,879               | 2,066,119        | 60,760          | 2.9                       | 4.0                       | 2,149,952               | 2,071,703        | 78,249         | 3.6                       | 4.4                       | 2,162,222               | 2,085,053         | 77,169         | 3.6                       | 3.6                       |
| Metropolitan Statistical Areas:                   |                         |                  |                 |                           |                           |                         |                  |                |                           |                           |                         |                   |                |                           |                           |
| Albany (Linn County)                              | 59,734                  | 57,859           | 1,875           | 3.1                       | 4.4                       | 60,582                  | 58,188           | 2,394          | 4.0                       | 4.8                       | 61,435                  | 58,969            | 2,466          | 4.0                       | 4.1                       |
| Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)                   | 100,548<br>49,342       | 97,648<br>48,277 | 2,900<br>1,065  | 2.9<br>2.2                | 4.1<br>3.1                | 101,585<br>49,706       | 97,695<br>48,403 | 3,890<br>1,303 | 3.8<br>2.6                | 4.4<br>3.4                | 102,427<br>49,137       | 98,895            | 3,532<br>1,550 | 3.4                       | 3.7<br>3.2                |
| Corvallis (Benton County)<br>Eugene (Lane County) | 49,342<br>177,406       | 171.996          | 5.410           | 3.0                       | 4.4                       | 49,706                  | 172,416          | 7.061          | 2.6                       | 3.4<br>4.8                | 183.794                 | 47,587<br>176,718 | 7.076          | 3.2<br>3.8                | 3.2<br>4.1                |
| Grants Pass (Josephine County)                    | 35,702                  | 34,326           | 1,376           | 3.9                       | 5.5                       | 36,206                  | 34,363           | 1,843          | 5.1                       | 6.0                       | 36,618                  | 34,897            | 1,721          | 4.7                       | 4.1                       |
| Medford (Jackson County)                          | 103,815                 | 100,234          | 3,581           | 3.4                       | 4.8                       | 105,168                 | 100,496          | 4,672          | 4.4                       | 5.2                       | 106,123                 | 101,858           | 4,265          | 4.0                       | 4.1                       |
| Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)                  | 1,350,989               | 1,312,422        | 38,567          | 2.9                       | 3.8                       | 1,367,848               | 1,319,550        | 48,298         | 3.5                       | 4.1                       | 1,357,055               | 1,310,211         | 46.844         | 3.5                       | 3.6                       |
| Salem (Marion and Polk counties)                  | 209,002                 | 202,940          | 6,062           | 2.9                       | 4.0                       | 211,007                 | 203,335          | 7,672          | 3.6                       | 4.3                       | 210,874                 | 203,011           | 7,863          | 3.7                       | 3.8                       |
| Counties:   |                         |                  |                 |                           |                           |                         |                  |                |                           |                           |                         |                   |                |                           |                           |
| Baker   | 7,186                   | 6,950            | 236             | 3.3                       | 4.6                       | 7,280                   | 6,945            | 335            | 4.6                       | 5.0                       | 7,467                   | 7,182             | 285            | 3.8                       | 4.2                       |
| Benton  | 49,342                  | 48,277           | 1,065           | 2.2                       | 3.1                       | 49,706                  | 48,403           | 1,303          | 2.6                       | 3.4                       | 49,137                  | 47,587            | 1,550          | 3.2                       | 3.2                       |
| Clackamas   | 222,934                 | 217,256          | 5,678           | 2.5                       | 3.6                       | 225,178                 | 218,037          | 7,141          | 3.2                       | 3.9                       | 225,668                 | 218,269           | 7,399          | 3.3                       | 3.4                       |
| Clatsop   | 18,824                  | 18,288           | 536             | 2.8                       | 4.0                       | 18,871                  | 18,138           | 733            | 3.9                       | 4.4                       | 19,418                  | 18,701            | 717            | 3.7                       | 3.8                       |
| Columbia  | 24,670                  | 23,844           | 826             | 3.3                       | 4.6                       | 24,988                  | 23,954           | 1,034          | 4.1                       | 5.0                       | 25,004                  | 23,965            | 1,039          | 4.2                       | 4.4                       |
| Coos  | 25,776                  | 24,849           | 927             | 3.6                       | 5.1                       | 26,373                  | 25,056           | 1,317          | 5.0                       | 5.6                       | 26,393                  | 25,228            | 1,165          | 4.4                       | 4.7                       |
| Crook   | 11,005                  | 10,518           | 487             | 4.4                       | 5.7                       | 11,143                  | 10,523           | 620            | 5.6                       | 6.0                       | 11,070                  | 10,561            | 509            | 4.6                       | 4.8                       |
| Curry   | 8,805                   | 8,500            | 305             | 3.5                       | 5.1                       | 8,953                   | 8,529            | 424            | 4.7                       | 5.6                       | 9,127                   | 8,707             | 420            | 4.6<br>3.4                | 4.8                       |
| Deschutes   | 100,548<br>45,646       | 97,648<br>43,932 | 2,900<br>1,714  | 2.9<br>3.8                | 4.1<br>5.3                | 101,585<br>46,349       | 97,695<br>44,076 | 3,890          | 3.8<br>4.9                | 4.4<br>5.8                | 102,427<br>47,588       | 98,895<br>45,453  | 3,532<br>2,135 | 3.4<br>4.5                | 3.7<br>4.7                |
| Douglas<br>Gilliam                                | 45,646                  | 43,932           | 24              | 2.2                       | 3.2                       | 1,137                   | 1,102            | 2,273<br>35    | 4.9                       | 3.5                       | 47,588                  | 45,455<br>868     | 2,135          | 4.5                       | 4.7                       |
| Grant   | 3,120                   | 2,954            | 166             | 5.3                       | 5.6                       | 3.143                   | 2,944            | 199            | 6.3                       | 6.1                       | 3.127                   | 2.922             | 205            | 6.6                       | 5.6                       |
| Harney  | 3,746                   | 3,628            | 118             | 3.2                       | 4.7                       | 3,741                   | 3,567            | 174            | 4.7                       | 5.2                       | 3,855                   | 3,706             | 149            | 3.9                       | 4.1                       |
| Hood River  | 13,356                  | 13,051           | 305             | 2.3                       | 3.3                       | 13,794                  | 13,389           | 405            | 2.9                       | 3.7                       | 13,880                  | 13,413            | 467            | 3.4                       | 3.0                       |
| Jackson   | 103,815                 | 100,234          | 3,581           | 3.4                       | 4.8                       | 105,168                 | 100,496          | 4,672          | 4.4                       | 5.2                       | 106,123                 | 101,858           | 4,265          | 4.0                       | 4.1                       |
| Jefferson   | 10,035                  | 9,678            | 357             | 3.6                       | 5.1                       | 10,107                  | 9,599            | 508            | 5.0                       | 5.6                       | 10,391                  | 9,919             | 472            | 4.5                       | 4.9                       |
| Josephine   | 35,702                  | 34,326           | 1,376           | 3.9                       | 5.5                       | 36,206                  | 34,363           | 1,843          | 5.1                       | 6.0                       | 36,618                  | 34,897            | 1,721          | 4.7                       | 4.8                       |
| Klamath   | 28,979                  | 27,791           | 1,188           | 4.1                       | 6.1                       | 29,281                  | 27,547           | 1,734          | 5.9                       | 6.5                       | 29,973                  | 28,467            | 1,506          | 5.0                       | 5.5                       |
| Lake  | 3,587                   | 3,413            | 174             | 4.9                       | 5.6                       | 3,584                   | 3,393            | 191            | 5.3                       | 5.9                       | 3,678                   | 3,518             | 160            | 4.4                       | 4.8                       |
| Lane  | 177,406                 | 171,996          | 5,410           | 3.0                       | 4.4                       | 179,477                 | 172,416          | 7,061          | 3.9                       | 4.8                       | 183,794                 | 176,718           | 7,076          | 3.8                       | 4.1                       |
| Lincoln   | 20,451                  | 19,779           | 672             | 3.3                       | 4.9                       | 20,447                  | 19,539           | 908            | 4.4                       | 5.4                       | 20,765                  | 19,855            | 910            | 4.4                       | 4.6                       |
| Linn  | 59,734                  | 57,859           | 1,875           | 3.1                       | 4.4                       | 60,582                  | 58,188           | 2,394          | 4.0                       | 4.8                       | 61,435                  | 58,969            | 2,466          | 4.0                       | 4.1                       |
| Malheur   | 12,508<br>167.047       | 12,153           | 355<br>4,800    | 2.8<br>2.9                | 4.3<br>4.1                | 12,521                  | 12,077           | 444            | 3.5<br>3.6                | 4.6<br>4.4                | 12,797                  | 12,349            | 448            | 3.5<br>3.7                | 3.8<br>3.8                |
| Marion<br>Morrow                                  | 5,836                   | 162,247<br>5,688 | 4,800           | 2.9                       | 4.1<br>3.8                | 168,550<br>5,838        | 162,463<br>5.653 | 6,087<br>185   | 3.6                       | 4.4                       | 168,613<br>5,989        | 162,324<br>5.784  | 6,289<br>205   | 3.7                       | 3.8<br>3.7                |
| Multnomah   | 460,539                 | 448,207          | 12,332          | 2.3                       | 3.8                       | 465,668                 | 449,885          | 15,783         | 3.4                       | 4.1                       | 465,469                 | 450,042           | 15,427         | 3.4                       | 3.5                       |
| Polk  | 41,955                  | 40,693           | 1,262           | 3.0                       | 4.1                       | 403,000                 | 40,872           | 1,585          | 3.7                       | 4.5                       | 42,261                  | 40,687            | 1,574          | 3.7                       | 3.8                       |
| Sherman   | 965                     | 933              | 32              | 3.3                       | 3.6                       | 969                     | 934              | 35             | 3.6                       | 3.7                       | 943                     | 913               | 30             | 3.2                       | 3.2                       |
| Tillamook   | 11.910                  | 11,566           | 344             | 2.9                       | 4.2                       | 11.984                  | 11,511           | 473            | 3.9                       | 4.6                       | 12.177                  | 11.705            | 472            | 3.9                       | 3.9                       |
| Umatilla  | 36,695                  | 35,589           | 1,106           | 3.0                       | 4.7                       | 36,918                  | 35,508           | 1,410          | 3.8                       | 5.1                       | 37,677                  | 36,197            | 1,480          | 3.9                       | 4.1                       |
| Union   | 11,805                  | 11,435           | 370             | 3.1                       | 4.5                       | 11,943                  | 11,421           | 522            | 4.4                       | 4.9                       | 12,207                  | 11,698            | 509            | 4.2                       | 4.3                       |
| Wallowa   | 3,494                   | 3,346            | 148             | 4.2                       | 5.5                       | 3,461                   | 3,270            | 191            | 5.5                       | 5.8                       | 3,514                   | 3,340             | 174            | 5.0                       | 5.0                       |
| Wasco   | 12,384                  | 11,975           | 409             | 3.3                       | 4.3                       | 12,590                  | 12,033           | 557            | 4.4                       | 4.7                       | 12,713                  | 12,213            | 500            | 3.9                       | 3.8                       |
| Washington  | 329,814                 | 321,783          | 8,031           | 2.4                       | 3.4                       | 333,204                 | 323,304          | 9,900          | 3.0                       | 3.6                       | 333,157                 | 323,177           | 9,980          | 3.0                       | 3.1                       |
| Wheeler   | 732                     | 716              | 16              | 2.2                       | 3.0                       | 729                     | 707              | 22             | 3.0                       | 3.2                       | 738                     | 717               | 21             | 2.8                       | 3.3                       |
| Yamhill   | 55,431                  | 53,947           | 1,484           | 2.7                       | 3.7                       | 56,028                  | 54,166           | 1,862          | 3.3                       | 4.0                       | 56,120                  | 54,247            | 1,873          | 3.3                       | 3.5                       |

(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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