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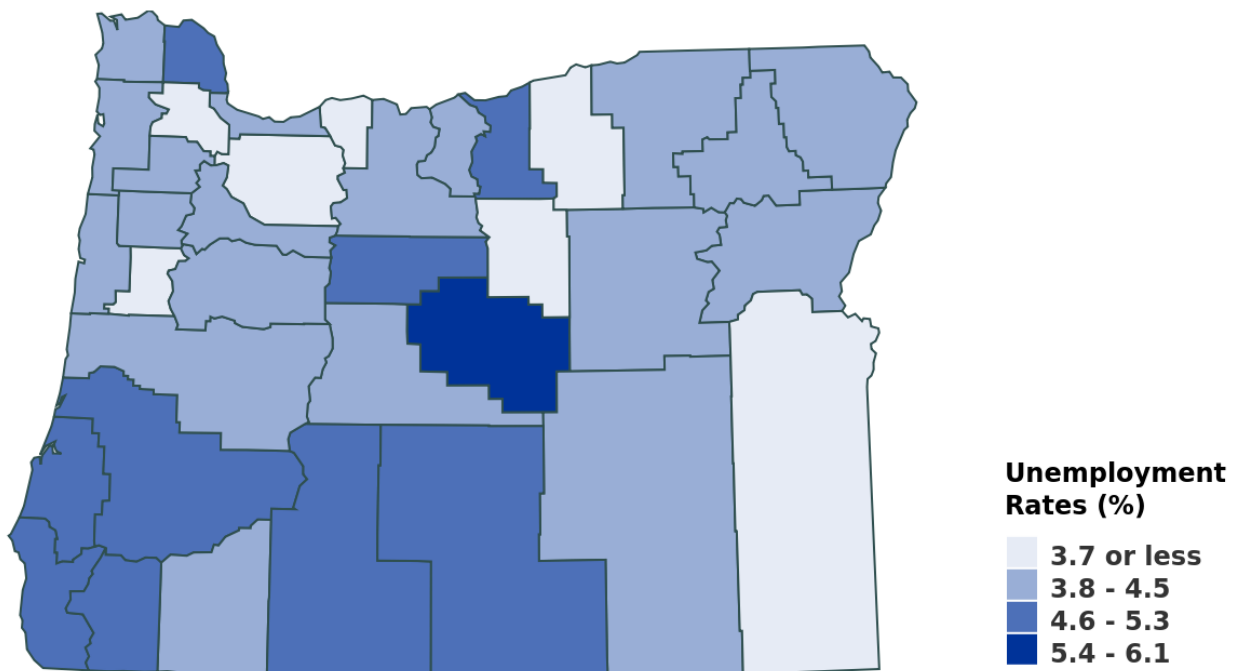
February 2024 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In February, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in three of Oregon's 36 counties over the month and increased in 33. Nineteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.2% and 13 had rates at or below the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.9%.

Crook County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February at 6.1%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (5.3%), Gilliam (5.2%), and Lake (5.2%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate in February at 2.9%. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Hood River (3.2%) and Benton (3.4%).

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

February 2024

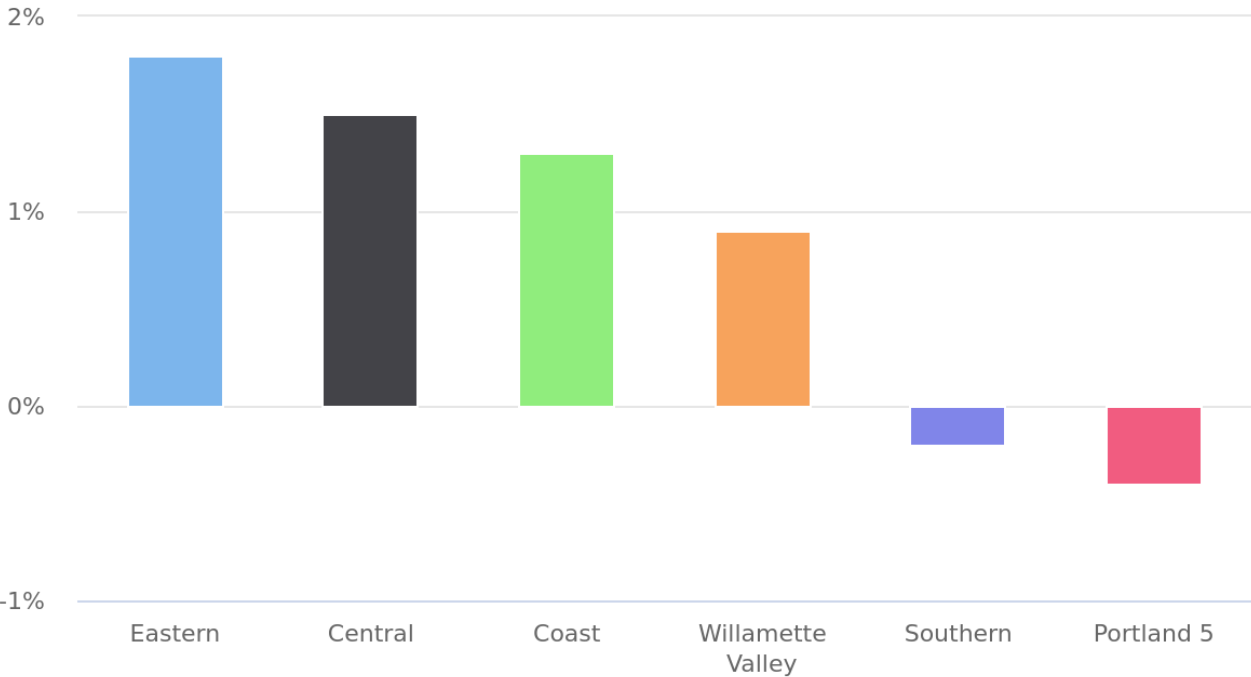


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between February 2023 and February 2024, total nonfarm employment rose in four of Oregon's six broad regions and fell in two. Eastern Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.8%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Central Oregon (1.5%) and along the Coast (1.3%). Employment grew at a relatively moderate pace in the Willamette Valley (0.9%). Employment decreased in Southern Oregon (-0.2%) and in the five Portland-metro counties (-0.4%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

February 2023 to February 2024, 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 March 2024 on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. The March 2024 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	February 2024					January 2024					February 2023				
	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	167,285,000	160,315,000	6,970,000	4.2%	3.9%	166,428,000	159,650,000	6,778,000	4.1%	3.7%	166,178,000	159,713,000	6,465,000	3.9%	3.6%
Oregon	2,191,600	2,084,882	106,718	4.9%	4.2%	2,163,747	2,057,746	106,001	4.9%	4.1%	2,160,157	2,071,885	88,272	4.1%	3.6%
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</u>															
Albany (Linn County)	61,862	58,543	3,319	5.4%	4.4%	61,085	57,832	3,253	5.3%	4.1%	60,736	58,041	2,695	4.4%	5.1%
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	107,318	101,944	5,374	5.0%	3.8%	106,271	100,958	5,313	5.0%	3.7%	102,789	98,301	4,488	4.4%	4.7%
Corvallis (Benton County)	51,310	49,348	1,962	3.8%	3.4%	50,156	48,274	1,882	3.8%	3.3%	49,552	47,983	1,569	3.2%	3.8%
Eugene (Lane County)	186,015	176,652	9,363	5.0%	4.3%	183,272	174,032	9,240	5.0%	4.1%	183,191	175,206	7,985	4.4%	5.1%
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,210	33,895	2,315	6.4%	5.3%	36,123	33,707	2,416	6.7%	5.1%	35,822	33,727	2,095	5.8%	6.4%
Medford (Jackson County)	107,016	100,927	6,089	5.7%	4.5%	105,990	99,888	6,102	5.8%	4.3%	104,938	99,721	5,217	5.0%	5.4%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,363,770	1,298,167	65,603	4.8%	4.0%	1,348,307	1,285,610	62,697	4.7%	3.8%	1,366,990	1,314,257	52,733	3.9%	4.3%
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	216,713	206,083	10,630	4.9%	4.1%	213,128	202,737	10,391	4.9%	3.9%	210,941	202,174	8,767	4.2%	4.7%
<u>Counties</u>															
Baker	7,154	6,734	420	5.9%	4.4%	7,085	6,649	436	6.2%	4.3%	7,009	6,634	375	5.4%	5.4%
Benton	51,310	49,348	1,962	3.8%	3.4%	50,156	48,274	1,882	3.8%	3.3%	49,552	47,983	1,569	3.2%	3.8%
Clackamas	226,997	217,173	9,824	4.3%	3.6%	224,206	214,412	9,794	4.4%	3.5%	225,897	217,923	7,974	3.5%	4.1%
Clatsop	19,882	18,913	969	4.9%	3.9%	19,597	18,619	978	5.0%	3.7%	19,017	18,201	816	4.3%	4.7%
Columbia	25,283	23,854	1,429	5.7%	4.8%	24,987	23,556	1,431	5.7%	4.6%	25,126	23,972	1,154	4.6%	5.3%
Coos	27,512	25,940	1,572	5.7%	4.8%	27,098	25,504	1,594	5.9%	4.6%	26,683	25,398	1,285	4.8%	5.8%
Crook	11,273	10,324	949	8.4%	6.1%	11,154	10,246	908	8.1%	5.8%	11,194	10,486	708	6.3%	6.2%
Curry	9,052	8,475	577	6.4%	4.9%	8,945	8,316	629	7.0%	4.7%	8,992	8,516	476	5.3%	6.1%
Deschutes	107,318	101,944	5,374	5.0%	3.8%	106,271	100,958	5,313	5.0%	3.7%	102,789	98,301	4,488	4.4%	4.7%
Douglas	47,962	45,053	2,909	6.1%	4.9%	47,683	44,792	2,891	6.1%	4.7%	47,097	44,575	2,522	5.4%	6.1%
Gilliam	915	855	60	6.6%	5.2%	910	854	56	6.2%	4.9%	955	918	37	3.9%	3.8%
Grant	3,223	3,022	201	6.2%	4.5%	3,216	2,992	224	7.0%	4.6%	3,139	2,933	206	6.6%	6.6%
Harney	3,614	3,392	222	6.1%	4.2%	3,562	3,344	218	6.1%	4.0%	3,595	3,381	214	6.0%	5.7%
Hood River	14,301	13,720	581	4.1%	3.2%	13,949	13,374	575	4.1%	3.1%	13,984	13,502	482	3.4%	4.0%
Jackson	107,016	100,927	6,089	5.7%	4.5%	105,990	99,888	6,102	5.8%	4.3%	104,938	99,721	5,217	5.0%	5.4%
Jefferson	10,312	9,677	635	6.2%	4.6%	10,258	9,592	666	6.5%	4.5%	10,269	9,703	566	5.5%	6.0%
Josephine	36,210	33,895	2,315	6.4%	5.3%	36,123	33,707	2,416	6.7%	5.1%	35,822	33,727	2,095	5.8%	6.4%
Klamath	30,586	28,397	2,189	7.2%	5.1%	30,329	28,075	2,254	7.4%	5.0%	29,564	27,551	2,013	6.8%	6.7%
Lake	3,543	3,305	238	6.7%	5.2%	3,525	3,260	265	7.5%	5.2%	3,525	3,310	215	6.1%	6.3%
Lane	186,015	176,652	9,363	5.0%	4.3%	183,272	174,032	9,240	5.0%	4.1%	183,191	175,206	7,985	4.4%	5.1%
Lincoln	21,386	20,237	1,149	5.4%	4.3%	21,281	20,079	1,202	5.6%	4.2%	20,593	19,569	1,024	5.0%	5.8%
Linn	61,862	58,543	3,319	5.4%	4.4%	61,085	57,832	3,253	5.3%	4.1%	60,736	58,041	2,695	4.4%	5.1%
Malheur	12,961	12,361	600	4.6%	3.7%	12,857	12,212	645	5.0%	3.6%	12,508	11,962	546	4.4%	5.0%
Marion	173,108	164,602	8,506	4.9%	4.0%	170,261	161,917	8,344	4.9%	3.8%	168,449	161,473	6,976	4.1%	4.7%
Morrow	6,028	5,770	258	4.3%	3.5%	5,900	5,627	273	4.6%	3.4%	5,879	5,633	246	4.2%	4.5%
Multnomah	469,724	447,971	21,753	4.6%	3.9%	464,163	442,670	21,493	4.6%	3.7%	466,934	449,643	17,291	3.7%	4.3%
Polk	43,605	41,481	2,124	4.9%	4.1%	42,867	40,820	2,047	4.8%	3.9%	42,492	40,701	1,791	4.2%	4.7%
Sherman	981	926	55	5.6%	4.3%	975	922	53	5.4%	4.1%	947	910	37	3.9%	3.7%
Tillamook	12,412	11,781	631	5.1%	4.0%	12,234	11,614	620	5.1%	3.8%	11,997	11,464	533	4.4%	4.9%
Umatilla	38,815	36,861	1,954	5.0%	3.8%	38,300	36,200	2,100	5.5%	3.8%	38,102	35,912	2,190	5.7%	5.5%
Union	12,238	11,546	692	5.7%	4.1%	12,113	11,406	707	5.8%	3.9%	12,005	11,413	592	4.9%	5.2%
Wallowa	3,542	3,298	244	6.9%	4.2%	3,491	3,251	240	6.9%	4.1%	3,473	3,230	243	7.0%	6.2%
Wasco	12,824	12,135	689	5.4%	3.9%	12,567	11,867	700	5.6%	3.8%	12,546	11,893	653	5.2%	4.9%
Washington	335,150	320,950	14,200	4.2%	3.5%	330,755	316,845	13,910	4.2%	3.4%	334,001	323,105	10,896	3.3%	3.8%
Wheeler	806	774	32	4.0%	2.9%	782	751	31	4.0%	2.8%	771	748	23	3.0%	3.4%
Yamhill	56,683	54,047	2,636	4.7%	3.8%	55,796	53,287	2,509	4.5%	3.6%	56,387	54,246	2,141	3.8%	4.3%

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

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