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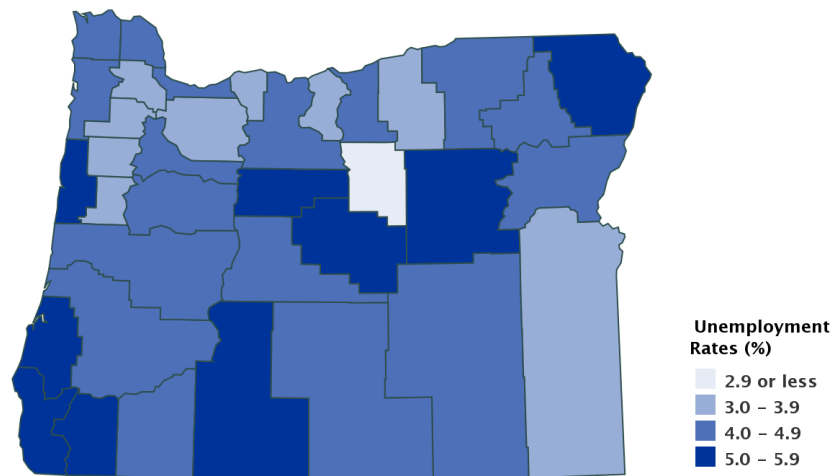
December 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In December 2021, all of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. Eight counties experienced a 0.3 percentage point decrease or more over the month including Clatsop, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, and Wasco counties.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December at 5.9%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Klamath (5.7%), Crook (5.6%), Curry (5.6%), and Lincoln (5.5%).

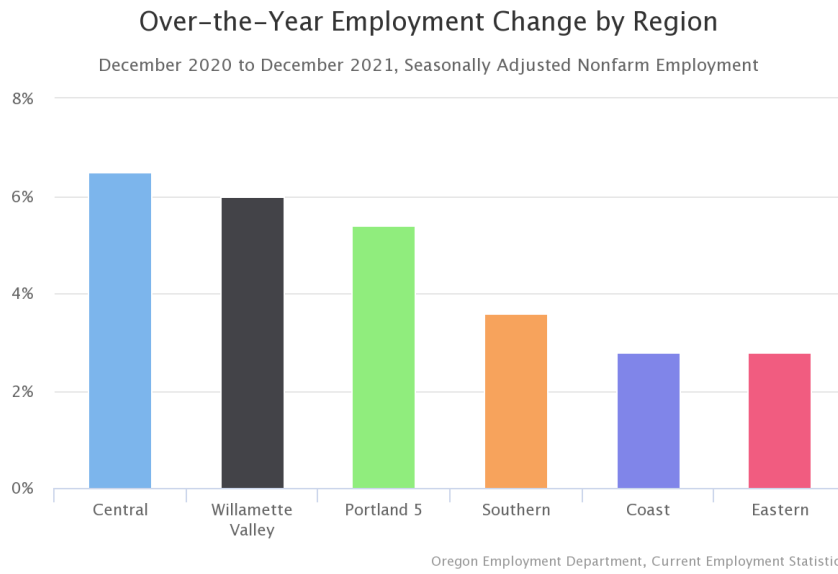
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 2.8%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in December were Benton (3.1%), Washington (3.4%), and Hood River (3.6%). Twelve counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.1%. Ten counties also had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 3.9%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2021



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between December 2020 and December 2021. Most areas still have room to recover from pandemic job losses. The largest job increases since December 2020 occurred in the Central Oregon (6.5%) region. The Willamette Valley (6.0%) and Portland 5 area (5.4%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. Southern Oregon, the Coast, and Eastern Oregon regions added 2.6%, 2.8%, and 2.8%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January 2022 on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The January 2022 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2021					November 2021					December 2020				
	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	161,696,000	155,732,000	5,964,000	3.7	3.9	162,099,000	155,797,000	6,302,000	3.9	4.2	160,017,000	149,613,000	10,404,000	6.5	6.7
State of Oregon	2,166,263	2,087,934	78,329	3.6	4.1	2,170,491	2,096,043	74,448	3.4	4.2	2,127,775	1,996,117	131,658	6.2	6.3
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,605	58,175	2,430	4.0	4.6	60,611	58,287	2,324	3.8	4.7	59,568	55,772	3,796	6.4	6.5
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	101,526	97,709	3,817	3.8	4.3	100,748	97,198	3,550	3.5	4.6	100,536	93,622	6,914	6.9	6.7
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,825	46,592	1,233	2.6	3.1	48,000	46,818	1,182	2.5	3.2	47,061	45,034	2,027	4.3	4.8
Eugene (Lane County)	181,252	174,271	6,981	3.9	4.4	182,926	176,226	6,700	3.7	4.6	179,485	168,264	11,221	6.3	6.4
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,750	35,019	1,731	4.7	5.1	36,801	35,197	1,604	4.4	5.3	37,040	34,528	2,512	6.8	6.6
Medford (Jackson County)	107,435	103,417	4,018	3.7	4.5	108,085	104,232	3,853	3.6	4.6	107,621	101,015	6,606	6.1	6.2
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,372,904	1,325,954	46,950	3.4	3.9	1,371,994	1,326,908	45,086	3.3	4.1	1,323,921	1,241,677	82,244	6.2	7.3
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	208,368	200,981	7,387	3.5	4.0	208,949	201,967	6,982	3.3	4.2	205,749	193,774	11,975	5.8	5.7
Counties:															
Baker	7,569	7,262	307	4.1	4.3	7,582	7,318	264	3.5	4.4	7,528	7,050	478	6.3	6.4
Benton	47,825	46,592	1,233	2.6	3.1	48,000	46,818	1,182	2.5	3.2	47,061	45,034	2,027	4.3	4.8
Clackamas	226,954	219,536	7,418	3.3	3.7	227,014	219,918	7,096	3.1	3.9	220,603	207,417	13,186	6.0	6.4
Clatsop	19,421	18,639	782	4.0	4.6	19,463	18,705	758	3.9	4.9	19,019	17,626	1,393	7.3	7.2
Columbia	25,091	24,061	1,030	4.1	4.7	25,091	24,100	991	3.9	4.8	24,353	22,720	1,633	6.7	7.0
Coos	26,877	25,650	1,227	4.6	5.2	26,958	25,786	1,172	4.3	5.3	27,087	25,397	1,690	6.2	6.7
Crook	10,818	10,249	569	5.3	5.6	10,869	10,345	524	4.8	5.9	10,585	9,998	887	8.4	8.0
Curry	8,943	8,480	463	5.2	5.6	9,003	8,553	450	5.0	5.8	8,938	8,321	617	6.9	6.8
Deschutes	101,526	97,709	3,817	3.8	4.3	100,748	97,198	3,550	3.5	4.6	100,536	93,622	6,914	6.9	6.7
Douglas	47,583	45,497	2,086	4.4	4.9	47,664	45,711	1,953	4.1	5.1	48,407	45,325	3,082	6.4	6.6
Gilliam	903	870	33	3.7	4.0	909	881	28	3.1	4.2	986	937	49	5.0	5.1
Grant	3,159	2,987	172	5.4	5.9	3,185	3,040	145	4.6	6.2	3,230	2,952	278	8.6	7.8
Harney	3,793	3,625	168	4.4	4.7	3,815	3,673	142	3.7	4.9	3,850	3,651	199	5.2	5.1
Hood River	14,329	13,923	406	2.8	3.6	14,166	13,779	387	2.7	3.9	13,767	13,057	710	5.2	5.2
Jackson	107,435	103,417	4,018	3.7	4.5	108,085	104,232	3,853	3.6	4.6	107,621	101,015	6,606	6.1	6.2
Jefferson	10,378	9,878	500	4.8	5.3	10,414	9,959	455	4.4	5.6	10,466	9,639	827	7.9	7.6
Josephine	36,750	35,019	1,731	4.7	5.1	36,801	35,197	1,604	4.4	5.3	37,040	34,528	2,512	6.8	6.6
Klamath	29,526	27,969	1,557	5.3	5.7	29,782	28,391	1,391	4.7	6.0	29,823	27,483	2,340	7.8	7.6
Lake	3,685	3,517	168	4.6	4.9	3,703	3,555	148	4.0	5.1	3,676	3,495	181	4.9	4.9
Lane	181,252	174,271	6,981	3.9	4.4	182,926	176,226	6,700	3.7	4.6	179,485	168,264	11,221	6.3	6.4
Lincoln	20,647	19,597	1,050	5.1	5.5	20,639	19,660	979	4.7	5.7	20,082	18,500	1,582	7.9	7.8
Linn	60,605	58,175	2,430	4.0	4.6	60,611	58,287	2,324	3.8	4.7	59,568	55,772	3,796	6.4	6.5
Malheur	12,427	12,028	399	3.2	3.7	12,615	12,266	349	2.8	3.8	12,790	12,189	601	4.7	4.8
Marion	166,855	160,886	5,969	3.6	4.1	167,348	161,719	5,629	3.4	4.2	164,863	155,121	9,742	5.9	6.1
Morrow	5,701	5,507	194	3.4	3.9	5,836	5,651	185	3.2	4.0	5,689	5,406	283	5.0	4.9
Multnomah	472,735	455,220	17,515	3.7	4.3	472,597	455,636	16,961	3.6	4.5	461,126	429,501	31,625	6.9	7.3
Polk	41,513	40,095	1,418	3.4	3.9	41,601	40,248	1,353	3.3	4.1	40,886	38,653	2,233	5.5	5.8
Sherman	949	917	32	3.4	3.7	933	903	30	3.2	3.8	994	949	45	4.5	4.7
Tillamook	11,980	11,515	465	3.9	4.3	12,085	11,642	443	3.7	4.5	11,601	10,896	705	6.1	6.0
Umatilla	37,222	35,771	1,451	3.9	4.3	37,919	36,570	1,349	3.6	4.5	37,257	34,957	2,300	6.2	6.0
Union	12,298	11,793	505	4.1	4.5	12,381	11,945	436	3.5	4.7	12,288	11,484	804	6.5	6.5
Wallowa	3,534	3,358	176	5.0	5.0	3,599	3,454	145	4.0	5.1	3,493	3,284	209	6.0	5.7
Wasco	12,699	12,179	520	4.1	4.5	12,915	12,440	475	3.7	4.8	12,667	11,824	843	6.7	6.1
Washington	336,405	326,686	9,719	2.9	3.4	336,328	327,056	9,272	2.8	3.5	325,139	308,147	16,992	5.2	5.6
Wheeler	703	684	19	2.7	2.8	714	694	20	2.8	2.9	700	669	31	4.4	4.4
Yamhill	56,175	54,370	1,805	3.2	3.7	56,196	54,491	1,705	3.0	3.9	54,569	51,533	3,036	5.6	5.8

(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.