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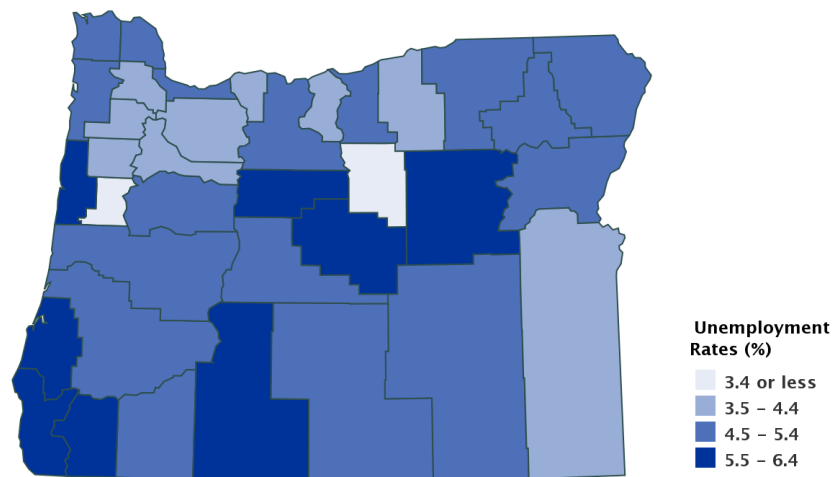
October 2021 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In October 2021, all of Oregon's 36 counties experienced over-the-month decreases in their unemployment rates. Thirteen counties experienced a 0.4 percentage point decrease over the month including Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Jefferson, Josephine, Lincoln, Tillamook, Crook, Marion, and Multnomah counties.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October at 6.4%. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates included Klamath (6.3%), Crook (6.2%), Curry (6.1%), and Lincoln (6.1%).

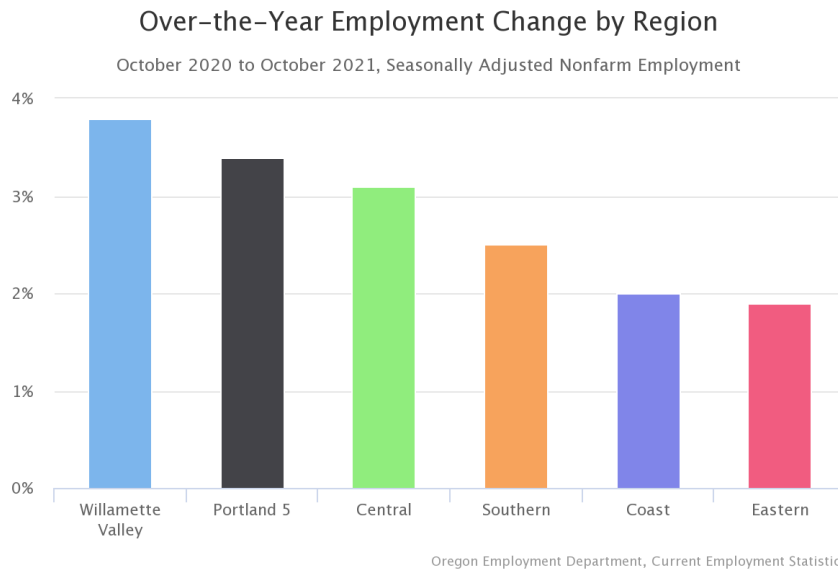
Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate for the month at 2.8%. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in October were Benton (3.4%), Washington (3.7%), and Malheur (3.9%) counties. Twelve counties had unemployment rates at or below the nationwide rate of 4.6%. Eleven of those counties also had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.4%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, October 2021



Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased in all six of Oregon's broad regions between October 2020 and October 2021. Most areas still have room to recover from pandemic job losses; the state has now recovered 74% of jobs lost in March and April 2020. The largest job increases since October 2020 occurred in the Willamette Valley (3.8%). The Portland 5 area (3.4%) and Central Oregon (3.1%) also experienced large over-the-year employment increases. Southern Oregon, the Coast, and Eastern Oregon regions added 2.5%, 2.0%, and 1.9%, respectively.



Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for November 2021 on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021. The November 2021 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	October 2021					September 2021					October 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	161,863,000	154,966,000	6,896,000	4.3	4.6	161,392,000	154,026,000	7,366,000	4.6	4.8	161,053,000	150,433,000	10,620,000	6.6	6.9
State of Oregon	2,171,416	2,096,973	74,443	3.4	4.4	2,174,392	2,083,981	90,411	4.2	4.7	2,128,309	1,990,326	137,983	6.5	7.0
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	60,909	58,570	2,339	3.8	4.9	60,860	58,044	2,816	4.6	5.2	58,996	55,116	3,880	6.6	7.0
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	100,699	97,284	3,415	3.4	4.9	101,341	97,254	4,087	4.0	5.2	100,072	94,027	6,045	6.0	6.6
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,063	46,773	1,290	2.7	3.4	47,527	45,956	1,571	3.3	3.6	46,573	44,279	2,294	4.9	5.2
Eugene (Lane County)	181,716	174,921	6,795	3.7	4.9	182,004	173,712	8,292	4.6	5.2	177,930	165,984	11,946	6.7	7.0
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	37,121	35,596	1,525	4.1	5.5	37,393	35,552	1,841	4.9	5.9	37,031	34,660	2,371	6.4	7.1
Medford (Jackson County)	108,913	105,103	3,810	3.5	4.8	108,688	103,993	4,695	4.3	5.0	107,133	100,342	6,791	6.3	6.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,362,892	1,316,183	46,709	3.4	4.3	1,355,499	1,301,163	54,336	4.0	4.7	1,345,132	1,254,915	90,217	6.7	7.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	209,917	202,864	7,053	3.4	4.4	211,184	202,596	8,588	4.1	4.7	207,387	195,309	12,078	5.8	6.2
Counties:															
Baker	7,669	7,424	245	3.2	4.7	7,668	7,379	289	3.8	4.9	7,454	7,028	426	5.7	6.5
Benton	48,063	46,773	1,290	2.7	3.4	47,527	45,956	1,571	3.3	3.6	46,573	44,279	2,294	4.9	5.2
Clackamas	226,045	218,860	7,185	3.2	4.1	225,320	216,628	8,692	3.9	4.4	220,181	205,902	14,279	6.5	6.7
Clatsop	19,658	18,925	733	3.7	5.1	20,097	19,215	882	4.4	5.5	19,371	18,039	1,332	6.9	7.3
Columbia	24,918	23,942	976	3.9	5.0	24,857	23,692	1,165	4.7	5.4	24,192	22,526	1,666	6.9	7.2
Coos	27,088	25,945	1,143	4.2	5.6	27,192	25,785	1,407	5.2	6.0	26,862	25,010	1,852	6.9	7.3
Crook	10,948	10,465	483	4.4	6.2	11,063	10,481	582	5.3	6.6	10,578	9,812	766	7.2	8.0
Curry	9,238	8,830	408	4.4	6.1	9,473	8,986	487	5.1	6.5	9,177	8,564	613	6.7	7.4
Deschutes	100,699	97,284	3,415	3.4	4.9	101,341	97,254	4,087	4.0	5.2	100,072	94,027	6,045	6.0	6.6
Douglas	47,681	45,764	1,917	4.0	5.3	48,484	46,111	2,373	4.9	5.7	47,843	44,935	2,908	6.1	6.5
Gilliam	917	886	31	3.4	4.5	916	878	38	4.1	4.9	1,003	953	50	5.0	5.4
Grant	3,248	3,127	121	3.7	6.4	3,361	3,216	145	4.3	6.6	3,258	3,090	168	5.2	7.3
Harney	3,899	3,770	129	3.3	4.9	3,878	3,724	154	4.0	5.1	3,834	3,656	178	4.6	5.8
Hood River	14,746	14,362	384	2.6	4.2	15,882	15,420	462	2.9	4.5	14,447	13,758	689	4.8	5.3
Jackson	108,913	105,103	3,810	3.5	4.8	108,688	103,993	4,695	4.3	5.0	107,133	100,342	6,791	6.3	6.9
Jefferson	10,580	10,145	435	4.1	5.8	10,669	10,144	525	4.9	6.2	10,497	9,794	703	6.7	7.6
Josephine	37,121	35,596	1,525	4.1	5.5	37,393	35,552	1,841	4.9	5.9	37,031	34,660	2,371	6.4	7.1
Klamath	30,221	28,935	1,286	4.3	6.3	30,445	28,889	1,556	5.1	6.6	29,943	27,913	2,030	6.8	7.8
Lake	3,779	3,651	128	3.4	5.2	3,879	3,718	161	4.2	5.4	3,727	3,557	170	4.6	5.7
Lane	181,716	174,921	6,795	3.7	4.9	182,004	173,712	8,292	4.6	5.2	177,930	165,984	11,946	6.7	7.0
Lincoln	21,152	20,211	941	4.4	6.1	21,774	20,633	1,141	5.2	6.5	20,590	18,908	1,682	8.2	8.6
Linn	60,909	58,570	2,339	3.8	4.9	60,860	58,044	2,816	4.6	5.2	58,996	55,116	3,880	6.6	7.0
Malheur	13,029	12,682	347	2.7	3.9	12,972	12,548	424	3.3	4.1	13,099	12,578	521	4.0	4.8
Marion	168,173	162,507	5,666	3.4	4.4	169,427	162,508	6,919	4.1	4.8	166,269	156,456	9,813	5.9	6.3
Morrow	5,989	5,813	176	2.9	4.2	6,093	5,875	218	3.6	4.4	5,843	5,597	246	4.2	5.0
Multnomah	470,341	453,322	17,019	3.6	4.7	468,945	448,308	20,637	4.4	5.1	461,841	426,009	35,832	7.8	8.1
Polk	41,744	40,357	1,387	3.3	4.2	41,757	40,088	1,669	4.0	4.5	41,118	38,853	2,265	5.5	5.8
Sherman	961	930	31	3.2	4.0	983	950	33	3.4	4.1	984	933	51	5.2	5.6
Tillamook	12,198	11,768	430	3.5	4.8	12,529	12,002	527	4.2	5.2	11,705	10,939	766	6.5	6.9
Umatilla	38,631	37,358	1,273	3.3	4.7	39,080	37,548	1,532	3.9	5.0	37,843	35,820	2,023	5.3	6.1
Union	12,411	11,996	415	3.3	5.0	12,420	11,923	497	4.0	5.3	12,172	11,497	675	5.5	6.4
Wallowa	3,700	3,576	124	3.4	5.3	3,842	3,698	144	3.7	5.4	3,589	3,410	179	5.0	6.4
Wasco	12,879	12,413	466	3.6	5.0	13,019	12,457	562	4.3	5.2	12,834	12,092	742	5.8	6.2
Washington	334,987	325,374	9,613	2.9	3.7	333,480	321,741	11,739	3.5	4.0	324,881	306,001	18,880	5.8	6.1
Wheeler	719	702	17	2.4	2.8	732	712	20	2.7	2.9	705	675	30	4.3	4.4
Yamhill	56,450	54,689	1,761	3.1	4.1	56,340	54,213	2,127	3.8	4.4	54,732	51,610	3,122	5.7	6.0

(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.