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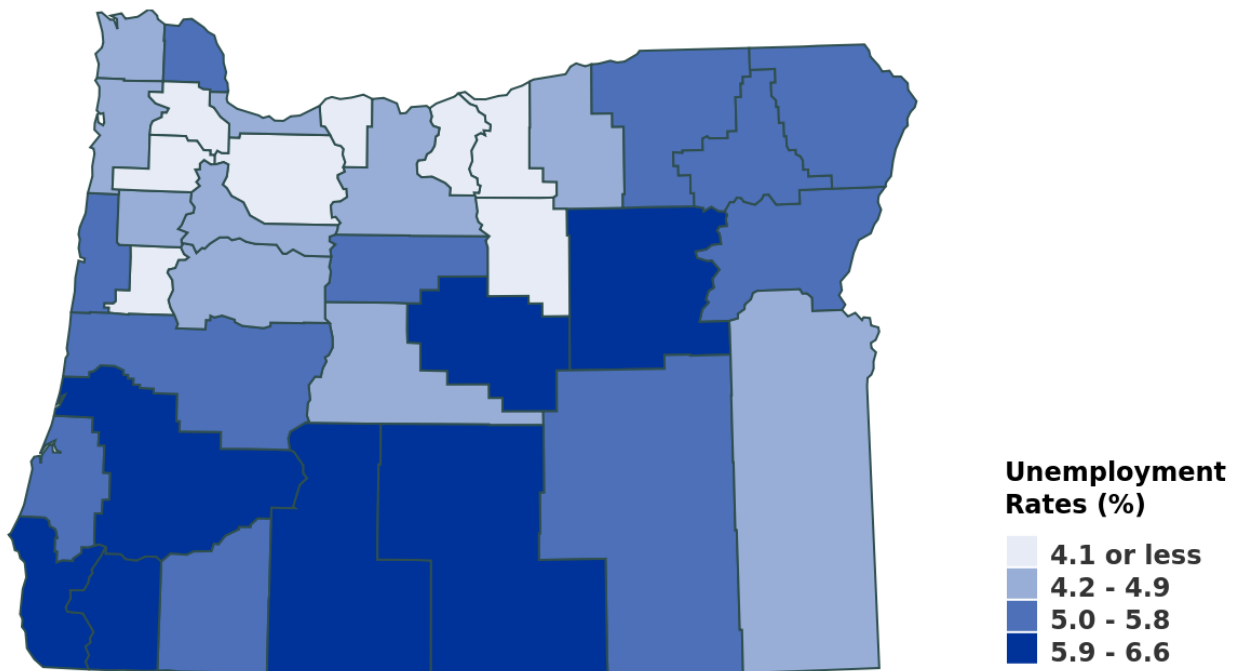
February 2023 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In February, unemployment rates increased in 13 of Oregon's counties over the month, remained constant in 17, and decreased in six. Seventeen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 4.7%, and three counties had a rate at or below the U.S. rate of 3.6%.

Klamath County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (6.6%) in February. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Grant (6.5%), Josephine (6.2%), Crook (6.2%), Curry (6.1%), and Lake (6.1%). Wheeler County registered the lowest unemployment rate (3.2%) in February. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Sherman (3.6%), Washington (3.6%), Benton (3.7%), and Hood River (3.7%).

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

February 2023

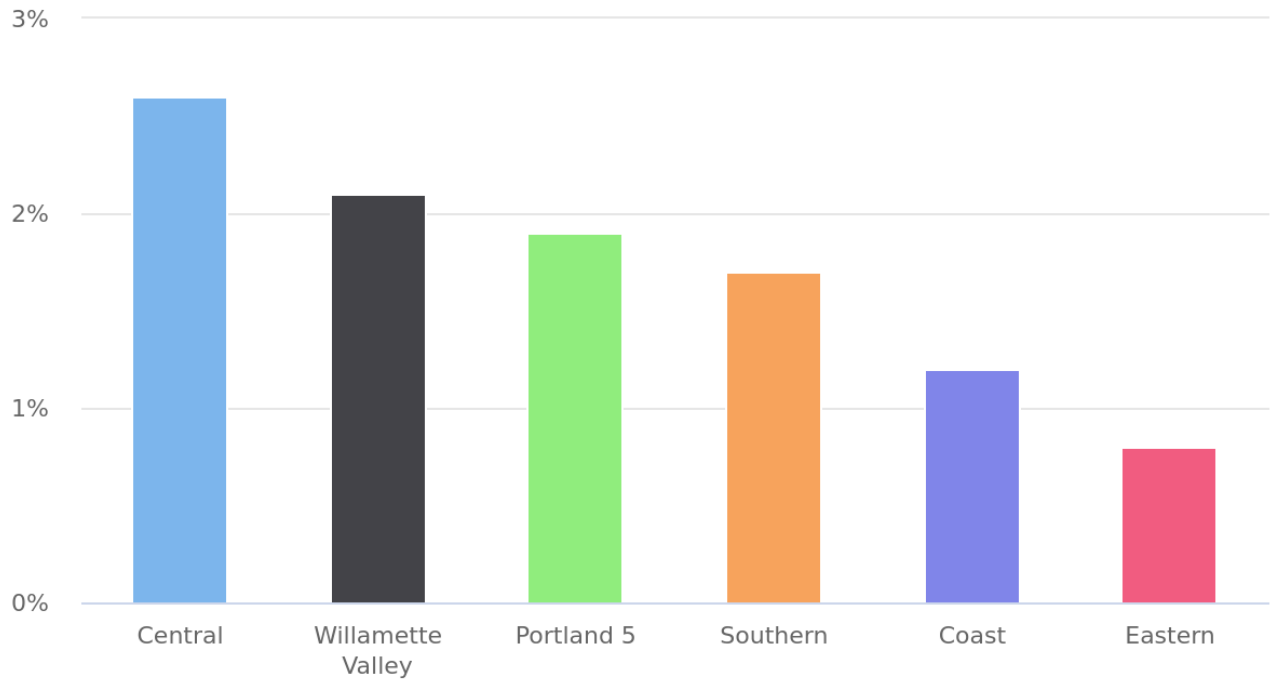


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between February 2022 and February 2023, total nonfarm employment rose in all six broad regions across Oregon. Central Oregon experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 2.6%. Employment also grew at a relatively fast pace in the Willamette Valley (2.1%), the five Portland-metro counties (1.9%), and Southern Oregon (1.7%). Growth was slowest along the Coast (1.2%) and in Eastern Oregon (0.8%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

February 2022 to February 2023, 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 2023 on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. The March 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	February 2023					January 2023					February 2022				
	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	166,178,000	159,713,000	6,465,000	3.9	3.6	165,070,000	158,692,000	6,378,000	3.9	3.4	163,725,000	156,942,000	6,782,000	4.1	3.8
State of Oregon	2,163,910	2,063,492	100,418	4.6	4.7	2,164,688	2,056,633	108,055	5.0	4.8	2,169,415	2,083,556	85,859	4.0	3.7
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	61,291	58,222	3,069	5.0	4.9	61,192	57,911	3,281	5.4	4.9	61,929	59,215	2,714	4.4	4.4
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	102,540	97,433	5,107	5.0	4.4	103,345	97,875	5,470	5.3	4.4	102,839	98,579	4,260	4.1	3.8
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,988	48,199	1,789	3.6	3.7	49,175	47,385	1,790	3.6	3.7	49,336	47,850	1,486	3.0	3.0
Eugene (Lane County)	181,181	172,101	9,080	5.0	5.0	181,418	171,741	9,677	5.3	4.9	184,503	176,865	7,638	4.1	4.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,581	34,197	2,384	6.5	6.2	36,975	34,250	2,725	7.4	6.3	36,842	34,919	1,923	5.2	5.0
Medford (Jackson County)	106,016	100,080	5,936	5.6	5.2	106,568	100,184	6,384	6.0	5.1	106,085	101,434	4,651	4.4	4.4
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,375,671	1,314,444	61,227	4.5	4.0	1,372,554	1,310,751	61,803	4.5	3.9	1,365,965	1,313,573	52,392	3.8	4.2
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	211,995	202,010	9,985	4.7	4.5	210,481	200,077	10,404	4.9	4.3	210,667	202,278	8,389	4.0	4.3
Counties:															
Baker	7,209	6,788	421	5.8	5.1	7,218	6,741	477	6.6	5.0	7,459	7,079	380	5.1	4.2
Benton	49,988	48,199	1,789	3.6	3.7	49,175	47,385	1,790	3.6	3.7	49,336	47,850	1,486	3.0	3.0
Clackamas	226,436	217,349	9,087	4.0	4.0	226,793	217,034	9,759	4.3	3.9	226,817	218,675	8,142	3.6	3.7
Clatsop	18,993	18,066	927	4.9	4.6	18,988	17,940	1,048	5.5	4.7	19,186	18,363	823	4.3	4.3
Columbia	25,203	23,892	1,311	5.2	5.1	25,249	23,826	1,423	5.6	5.1	25,165	24,012	1,153	4.6	4.6
Coos	26,363	24,907	1,456	5.5	5.8	26,470	24,822	1,648	6.2	5.8	26,627	25,353	1,274	4.8	5.0
Crook	11,148	10,345	803	7.2	6.2	11,183	10,336	847	7.6	6.1	11,066	10,444	620	5.6	5.4
Curry	8,848	8,303	545	6.2	6.1	8,934	8,269	665	7.4	6.1	9,147	8,654	493	5.4	5.6
Deschutes	102,540	97,433	5,107	5.0	4.4	103,345	97,875	5,470	5.3	4.4	102,839	98,579	4,260	4.1	3.8
Douglas	46,913	44,049	2,864	6.1	5.9	47,207	44,120	3,087	6.5	5.8	47,864	45,507	2,357	4.9	4.9
Gilliam	1,021	981	40	3.9	3.9	1,008	965	43	4.3	4.0	911	877	34	3.7	3.5
Grant	3,051	2,819	232	7.6	6.5	3,130	2,834	296	9.5	6.7	3,142	2,886	256	8.1	5.6
Harney	3,675	3,431	244	6.6	5.4	3,667	3,396	271	7.4	5.5	3,846	3,624	222	5.8	4.5
Hood River	13,927	13,382	545	3.9	3.7	13,673	13,089	584	4.3	3.7	14,130	13,663	467	3.3	3.3
Jackson	106,016	100,080	5,936	5.6	5.2	106,568	100,184	6,384	6.0	5.1	106,085	101,434	4,651	4.4	4.4
Jefferson	10,274	9,630	644	6.3	5.8	10,218	9,485	733	7.2	5.9	10,280	9,695	585	5.7	5.2
Josephine	36,581	34,197	2,384	6.5	6.2	36,975	34,250	2,725	7.4	6.3	36,842	34,919	1,923	5.2	5.0
Klamath	29,992	27,725	2,267	7.6	6.6	29,941	27,413	2,528	8.4	6.5	30,050	28,147	1,903	6.3	5.7
Lake	3,594	3,346	248	6.9	6.1	3,613	3,323	290	8.0	6.1	3,685	3,459	226	6.1	5.1
Lane	181,181	172,101	9,080	5.0	5.0	181,418	171,741	9,677	5.3	4.9	184,503	176,865	7,638	4.1	4.3
Lincoln	20,409	19,245	1,164	5.7	5.8	20,632	19,272	1,360	6.6	5.8	20,722	19,675	1,047	5.1	5.4
Linn	61,291	58,222	3,069	5.0	4.9	61,192	57,911	3,281	5.4	4.9	61,929	59,215	2,714	4.4	4.4
Malheur	12,258	11,635	623	5.1	4.7	12,240	11,534	706	5.8	4.7	12,531	11,999	532	4.2	3.6
Marion	169,292	161,347	7,945	4.7	4.5	168,140	159,825	8,315	4.9	4.5	168,302	161,561	6,741	4.0	4.0
Morrow	5,839	5,558	281	4.8	4.3	5,766	5,447	319	5.5	4.3	5,819	5,591	228	3.9	3.6
Multnomah	468,288	448,641	19,647	4.2	4.2	469,565	448,359	21,206	4.5	4.2	468,591	450,900	17,691	3.8	4.2
Polk	42,703	40,663	2,040	4.8	4.5	42,341	40,252	2,089	4.9	4.4	42,365	40,717	1,648	3.9	3.8
Sherman	951	909	42	4.4	3.6	944	899	45	4.8	3.5	926	891	35	3.8	3.6
Tillamook	11,885	11,278	607	5.1	4.7	11,886	11,241	645	5.4	4.7	12,132	11,641	491	4.0	4.2
Umatilla	37,923	35,430	2,493	6.6	5.3	37,892	34,966	2,926	7.7	5.1	37,420	35,712	1,708	4.6	4.1
Union	11,922	11,248	674	5.7	5.0	11,932	11,210	722	6.1	5.0	12,198	11,610	588	4.8	4.2
Wallowa	3,455	3,179	276	8.0	5.8	3,454	3,167	287	8.3	5.6	3,512	3,287	225	6.4	4.9
Wasco	12,730	11,993	737	5.8	4.4	12,747	11,935	812	6.4	4.3	12,798	12,210	588	4.6	4.2
Washington	334,826	322,410	12,416	3.7	3.6	334,172	321,059	13,113	3.9	3.6	334,136	323,458	10,678	3.2	3.3
Wheeler	728	702	26	3.6	3.2	727	700	27	3.7	3.2	720	691	29	4.0	3.1
Yamhill	56,457	54,010	2,447	4.3	4.1	56,286	53,828	2,458	4.4	4.0	56,340	54,315	2,025	3.6	3.7

(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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