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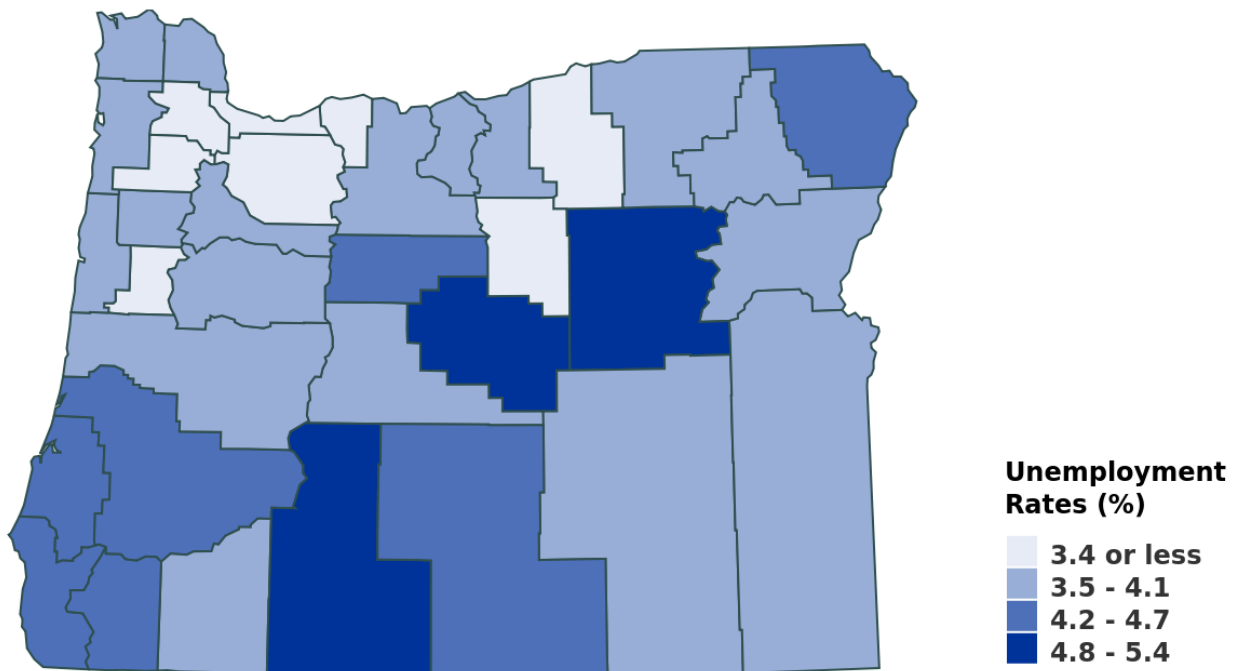
## August 2023 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

In August, unemployment rates decreased or remained unchanged in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties over the month. Unemployment rates only increased over the month in Crook, Sherman, and Gilliam counties. Eight counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide unemployment rate of 3.4%, and 19 counties had a rate at or below the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.8%.

Crook County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (5.4%) in August. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Klamath (5.2%) and Grant (5.0%). Benton and Hood River counties registered the lowest unemployment rate (2.7%) in August. Other counties with relatively low unemployment rates included Washington and Wheeler, both at 3.0%.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

August 2023

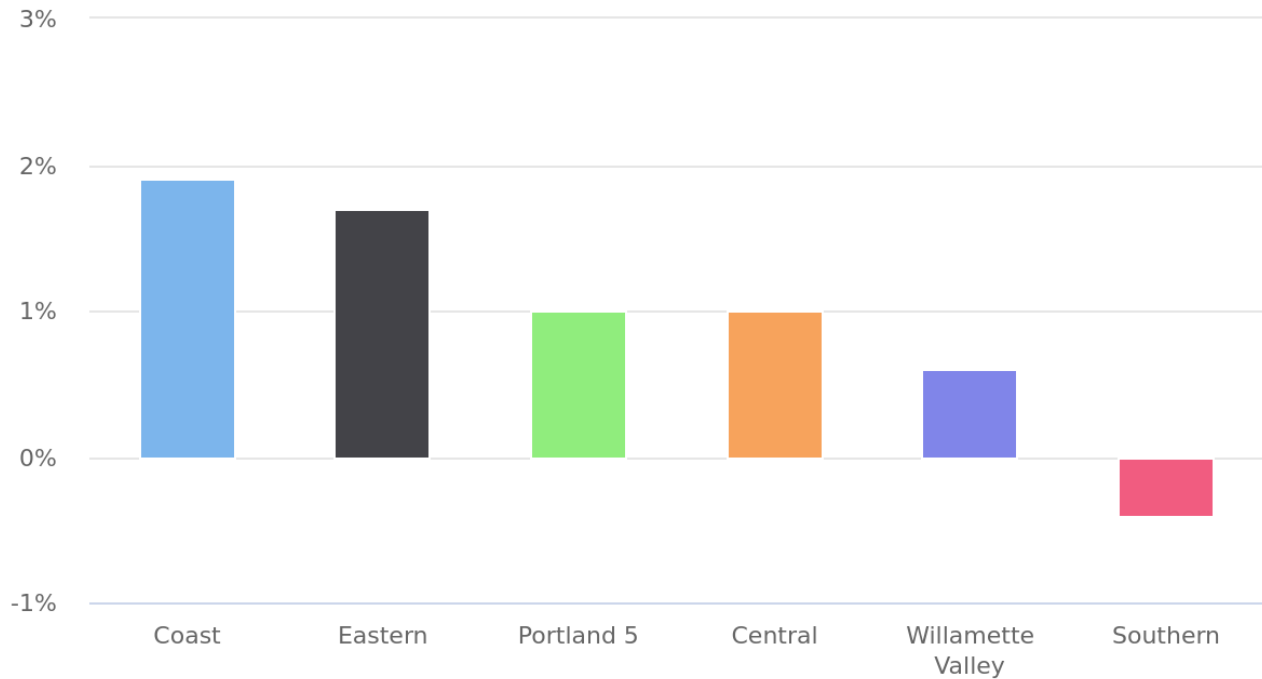


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between August 2022 and August 2023, total nonfarm employment rose in five of the six broad regions across Oregon. The Coast experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.9%. Employment also grew at a relatively fast pace in Eastern Oregon (1.7%). Employment grew at a relatively moderate pace in the five Portland-metro counties (1.0%), in Central Oregon (1.0%), and in the Willamette Valley (0.6%). Employment declined in Southern Oregon (-0.4%).

## Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region

August 2022 to August 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 September 2023 on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. The September 2023 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	August 2023					July 2023					August 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	168,049,000	161,427,000	6,623,000	3.9	3.8	168,354,000	161,982,000	6,372,000	3.8	3.5	164,971,000	158,714,000	6,256,000	3.8	3.7
State of Oregon	2,162,031	2,079,243	82,788	3.8	3.4	2,159,181	2,076,162	83,019	3.8	3.4	2,200,720	2,098,123	102,597	4.7	4.3
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	60,534	58,076	2,458	4.1	3.8	60,276	57,763	2,513	4.2	3.9	62,066	58,870	3,196	5.1	4.7
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	102,310	98,514	3,796	3.7	3.7	101,800	98,041	3,759	3.7	3.7	104,897	100,314	4,583	4.4	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	47,616	46,031	1,585	3.3	2.7	47,594	45,999	1,595	3.4	2.7	47,898	45,858	2,040	4.3	3.7
Eugene (Lane County)	176,246	168,900	7,346	4.2	3.8	176,586	169,191	7,395	4.2	3.9	182,970	173,392	9,578	5.2	4.8
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	36,272	34,439	1,833	5.1	4.7	36,035	34,254	1,781	4.9	4.7	37,040	34,761	2,279	6.2	5.9
Medford (Jackson County)	105,476	100,871	4,605	4.4	4.1	105,841	100,841	5,000	4.7	4.3	108,115	102,291	5,824	5.4	4.9
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,369,375	1,318,486	50,889	3.7	3.3	1,365,110	1,316,555	48,555	3.6	3.3	1,379,779	1,318,757	61,022	4.4	4.1
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	212,609	204,468	8,141	3.8	3.5	212,058	203,878	8,180	3.9	3.5	216,064	205,664	10,400	4.8	4.5
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	7,078	6,793	285	4.0	4.1	7,059	6,767	292	4.1	4.1	7,406	7,039	367	5.0	5.1
Benton	47,616	46,031	1,585	3.3	2.7	47,594	45,999	1,595	3.4	2.7	47,898	45,858	2,040	4.3	3.7
Clackamas	226,866	218,883	7,983	3.5	3.2	226,039	218,180	7,859	3.5	3.2	229,714	219,890	9,824	4.3	4.0
Clatsop	19,839	19,120	719	3.6	3.6	19,781	19,071	710	3.6	3.6	20,442	19,501	941	4.6	4.6
Columbia	25,085	23,941	1,144	4.6	4.1	24,969	23,838	1,131	4.5	4.1	25,391	24,053	1,338	5.3	4.9
Coos	26,370	25,141	1,229	4.7	4.3	26,297	25,070	1,227	4.7	4.4	26,892	25,274	1,618	6.0	5.6
Crook	11,049	10,428	621	5.6	5.4	11,021	10,408	613	5.6	5.3	11,421	10,780	641	5.6	5.8
Curry	9,285	8,873	412	4.4	4.3	9,219	8,819	400	4.3	4.4	9,499	8,945	554	5.8	5.8
Deschutes	102,310	98,514	3,796	3.7	3.7	101,800	98,041	3,759	3.7	3.7	104,897	100,314	4,583	4.4	4.3
Douglas	46,552	44,324	2,228	4.8	4.5	46,322	44,111	2,211	4.8	4.6	48,168	45,336	2,832	5.9	5.5
Gilliam	932	892	40	4.3	4.0	917	874	43	4.7	3.8	985	939	46	4.7	4.0
Grant	3,266	3,145	121	3.7	5.0	3,261	3,129	132	4.0	5.1	3,323	3,159	164	4.9	6.6
Harney	3,662	3,537	125	3.4	3.9	3,643	3,514	129	3.5	3.9	3,866	3,686	180	4.7	5.3
Hood River	14,656	14,192	464	3.2	2.7	14,696	14,234	462	3.1	2.7	15,149	14,472	677	4.5	3.9
Jackson	105,476	100,871	4,605	4.4	4.1	105,841	100,841	5,000	4.7	4.3	108,115	102,291	5,824	5.4	4.9
Jefferson	10,034	9,588	446	4.4	4.5	10,034	9,574	460	4.6	4.5	10,260	9,660	600	5.8	5.9
Josephine	36,272	34,439	1,833	5.1	4.7	36,035	34,254	1,781	4.9	4.7	37,040	34,761	2,279	6.2	5.9
Klamath	29,592	28,187	1,405	4.7	5.2	29,386	27,938	1,448	4.9	5.4	30,704	28,794	1,910	6.2	6.2
Lake	3,633	3,476	157	4.3	4.7	3,674	3,510	164	4.5	4.8	3,774	3,566	208	5.5	5.8
Lane	176,246	168,900	7,346	4.2	3.8	176,586	169,191	7,395	4.2	3.9	182,970	173,392	9,578	5.2	4.8
Lincoln	21,772	20,867	905	4.2	4.1	21,690	20,781	909	4.2	4.2	22,084	20,874	1,210	5.5	5.5
Linn	60,534	58,076	2,458	4.1	3.8	60,276	57,763	2,513	4.2	3.9	62,066	58,870	3,196	5.1	4.7
Malheur	12,623	12,128	495	3.9	3.6	12,532	12,023	509	4.1	3.7	12,867	12,200	667	5.2	4.7
Marion	170,014	163,531	6,483	3.8	3.5	169,696	163,166	6,530	3.8	3.6	172,837	164,510	8,327	4.8	4.5
Morrow	6,126	5,914	212	3.5	3.3	6,105	5,864	241	3.9	3.3	6,165	5,888	277	4.5	4.4
Multnomah	468,525	451,024	17,501	3.7	3.3	466,603	449,425	17,178	3.7	3.3	473,957	453,088	20,869	4.4	4.0
Polk	42,595	40,937	1,658	3.9	3.5	42,362	40,712	1,650	3.9	3.6	43,227	41,154	2,073	4.8	4.4
Sherman	972	935	37	3.8	3.8	971	931	40	4.1	3.7	1,019	981	38	3.7	3.4
Tillamook	12,365	11,897	468	3.8	3.7	12,354	11,883	471	3.8	3.7	12,524	11,917	607	4.8	4.7
Umatilla	38,825	37,335	1,490	3.8	3.9	38,884	37,148	1,736	4.5	4.0	38,891	37,004	1,887	4.9	5.0
Union	11,975	11,537	438	3.7	3.8	11,888	11,460	428	3.6	3.9	12,428	11,828	600	4.8	5.0
Wallowa	3,853	3,729	124	3.2	4.5	3,871	3,742	129	3.3	4.7	3,853	3,674	179	4.6	5.8
Wasco	13,812	13,293	519	3.8	3.7	13,318	12,799	519	3.0	3.8	14,457	13,845	612	4.2	4.4
Washington	334,989	323,572	11,417	3.4	3.0	333,376	322,076	11,300	3.4	3.0	338,429	325,129	13,300	3.9	3.6
Wheeler	753	728	25	3.3	3.0	749	725	24	3.2	3.0	743	713	30	4.0	3.4
Yamhill	56,479	54,462	2,017	3.6	3.2	56,327	54,299	2,028	3.6	3.3	57,259	54,739	2,520	4.4	4.0

(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.