

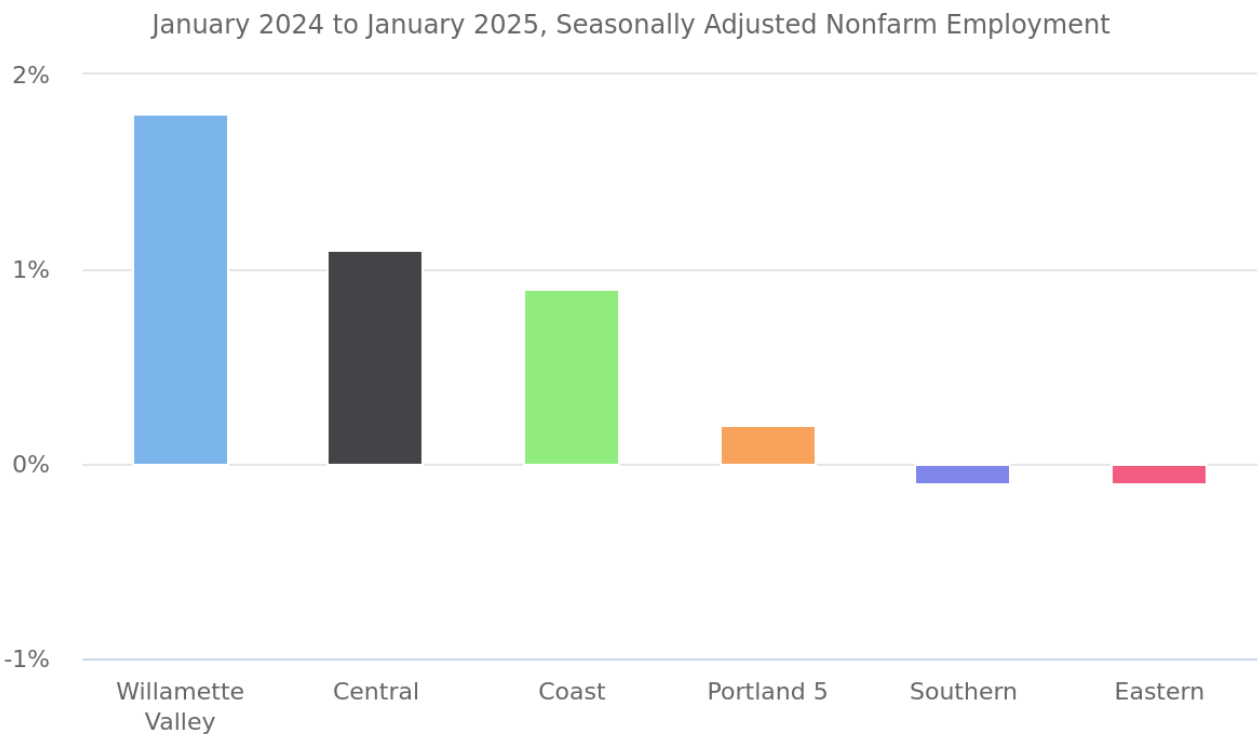
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January 2025 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Between January 2024 and January 2025, total nonfarm employment rose in four of Oregon's six broad regions and decreased in two. The Willamette Valley experienced the fastest job growth over the year at 1.8%. Employment also grew relatively quickly in Central Oregon (1.1%) and along the Coast (0.9%). Employment growth was slower in the five Portland-Metro counties (0.2%). Employment decreased in Southern Oregon (-0.1%) and in Eastern Oregon (-0.1%).

Over-the-Year Employment Change by Region



Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

Over-the-year between January 2024 and January 2025, non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 29 of Oregon's 36 counties and decreased in seven. Fifteen counties had unadjusted unemployment rates at or below Oregon's unadjusted rate of 5.4%.

Grant County had Oregon's highest non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January at 10.1%. Other counties with relatively high unadjusted unemployment rates were Klamath (8.5%) and Josephine (7.4%). Sherman County registered the lowest unadjusted unemployment rate in January at

4.1%. Benton and Hood River counties also had relatively low unadjusted unemployment rates, at 4.3% and 4.5%, respectively.

This release typically discusses seasonally adjusted local area unemployment rates. However, through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) or other MSAs around the country. Labor force statistics for Oregon MSAs are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for February 2025 on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. The February 2025 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

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