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September 2025 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

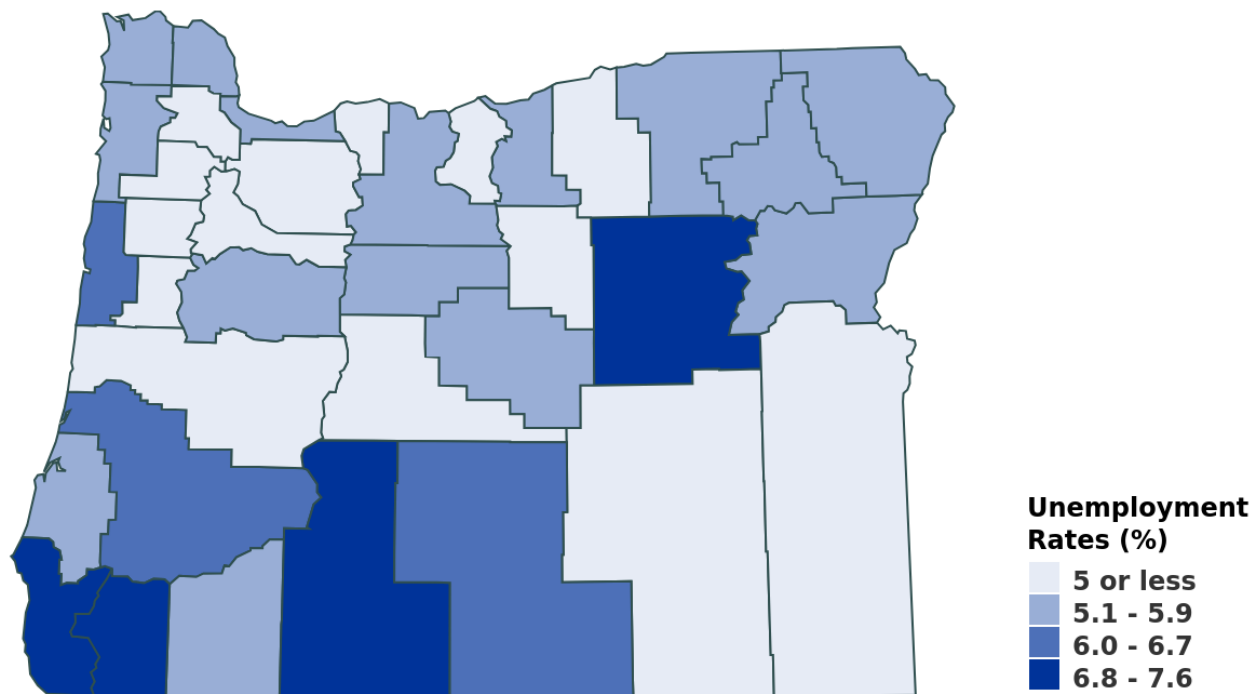
Today, the Oregon Employment Department released monthly county and metro labor market data for September 2025, after a significant delay due to the federal government shutdown.

In September, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in one of Oregon's 36 counties over the month (Morrow County), while unemployment rates increased in 35. Eighteen counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 5.2%, and three had rates at or below the U.S. rate of 4.4%.

Grant County had Oregon's highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September at 7.6%. Other counties with relatively high unemployment rates were Josephine (7.3%) and Klamath (7.2%). Wheeler and Hood River counties registered the lowest unemployment rates in September, both with rates of 4.1%. Benton County also had a relatively low unemployment rate at 4.3%.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate

September 2025

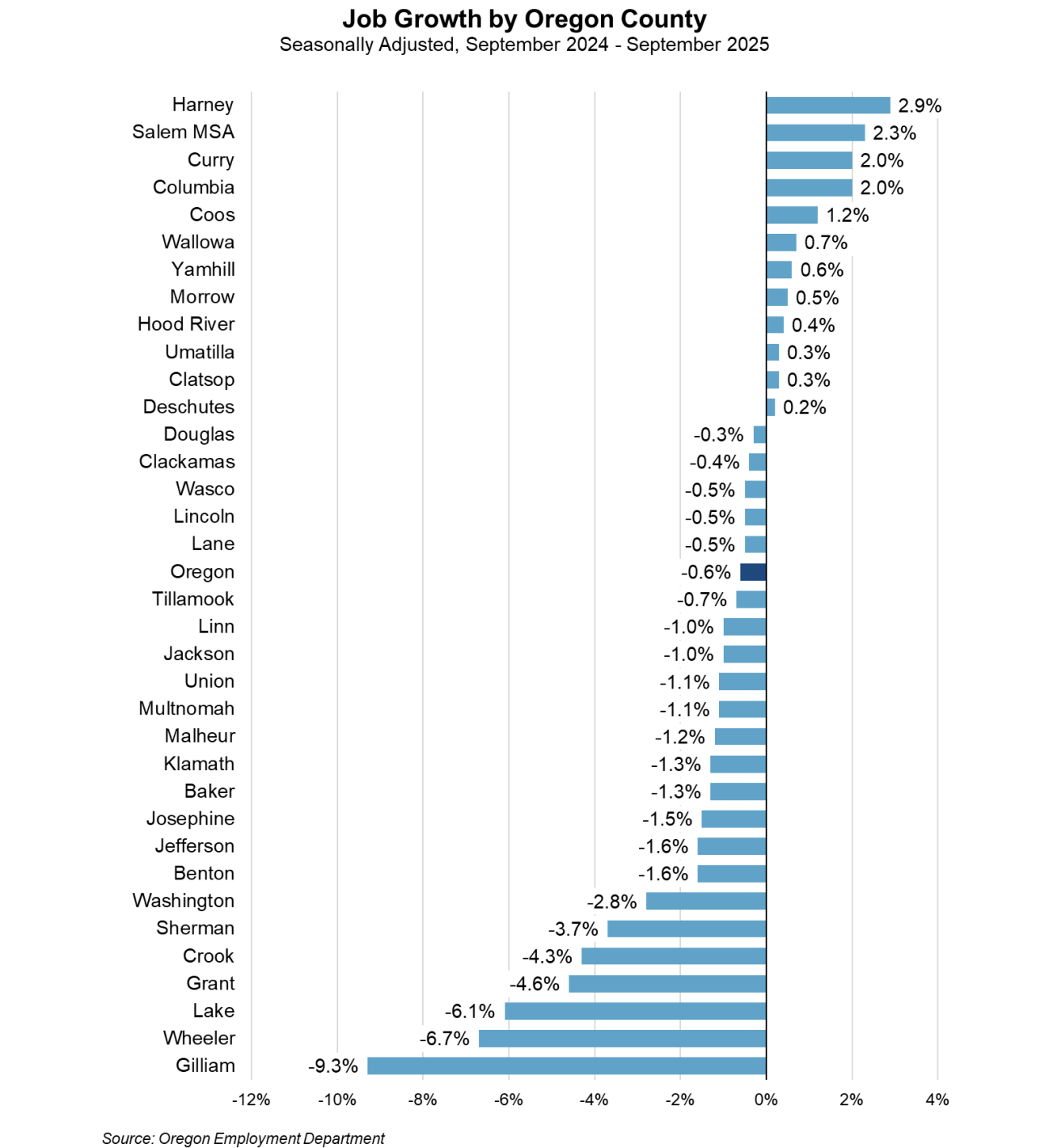


Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Between September 2024 and September 2025, total nonfarm employment rose in 13 of Oregon's counties and decreased in 23. Harney County had Oregon's highest year-over-year job growth at 2.9%.

Employment in Marion and Polk, the two counties composing the Salem MSA, grew by 2.3%. Curry County and Coos County also had relatively large job growth, each increasing by 2.0%. Gilliam County had the largest job loss over the year, falling by 9.3%. Wheeler County (-6.7%) and Lake County (-6.1%) also had relatively large job declines. Statewide, jobs fell by 0.6%.

Click on the graph below to access current employment data.

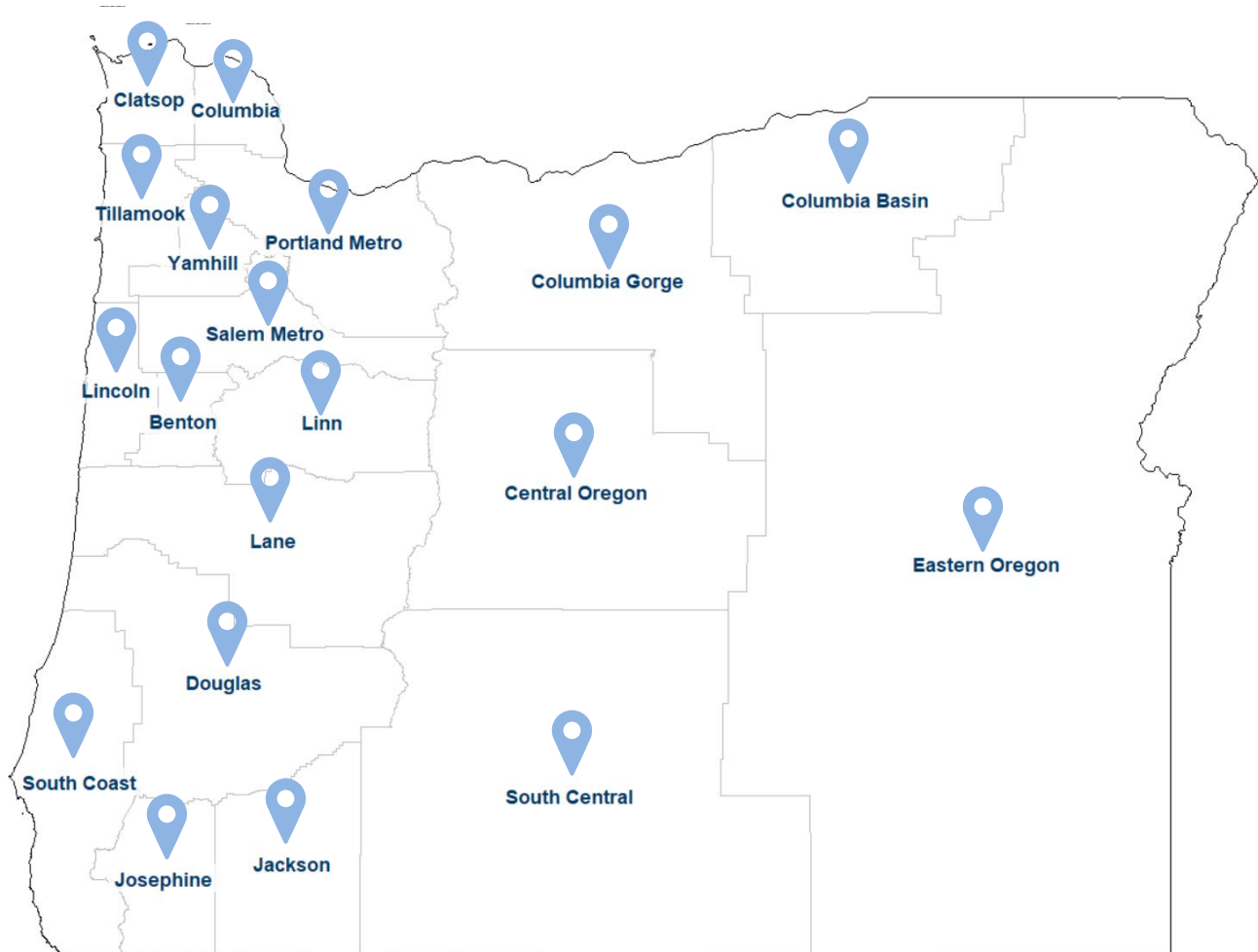


Next News Releases

The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for October and November 2025 on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026. The October and November 2025 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	September 2025					August 2025					September 2024				
	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
Oregon	2,236,232	2,118,750	117,482	5.3%	5.2%	2,241,369	2,118,466	122,903	5.5%	5.0%	2,208,600	2,121,525	87,075	3.9%	4.2%
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas</u>															
Albany (Linn County)	63,019	59,465	3,554	5.6%	5.6%	63,010	59,288	3,722	5.9%	5.4%	62,121	59,384	2,737	4.4%	4.7%
Bend (2)	137,394	130,778	6,616	4.8%	4.9%	137,783	131,008	6,775	4.9%	4.8%	134,396	129,257	5,139	3.8%	4.3%
Corvallis (Benton County)	49,160	46,817	2,343	4.8%	4.3%	48,030	45,725	2,305	4.8%	4.1%	48,485	46,702	1,783	3.7%	3.7%
Eugene-Springfield (Lane County)	189,626	179,542	10,084	5.3%	5.0%	189,281	178,844	10,437	5.5%	4.9%	187,046	179,429	7,617	4.1%	4.3%
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,123	32,705	2,418	6.9%	7.3%	35,422	32,664	2,758	7.8%	7.1%	35,106	33,272	1,834	5.2%	6.0%
Medford (Jackson County)	107,760	101,795	5,965	5.5%	5.7%	108,022	101,448	6,574	6.1%	5.6%	106,968	102,308	4,660	4.4%	5.0%
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (3)	1,398,006	1,328,364	69,642	5.0%	4.9%	1,402,573	1,328,942	73,631	5.2%	4.7%	1,383,825	1,331,205	52,620	3.8%	4.1%
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	233,228	221,881	11,347	4.9%	5.0%	229,890	217,610	12,280	5.3%	4.9%	227,179	218,580	8,599	3.8%	4.2%
<u>Counties</u>															
Baker	6,944	6,559	385	5.5%	5.7%	6,776	6,398	378	5.6%	5.5%	6,822	6,545	277	4.1%	4.6%
Benton	49,160	46,817	2,343	4.8%	4.3%	48,030	45,725	2,305	4.8%	4.1%	48,485	46,702	1,783	3.7%	3.7%
Clackamas	229,711	218,092	11,619	5.1%	4.8%	231,251	219,255	11,996	5.2%	4.7%	228,000	219,405	8,595	3.8%	4.0%
Clatsop	20,422	19,360	1,062	5.2%	5.2%	21,008	19,906	1,102	5.2%	5.0%	20,351	19,560	791	3.9%	4.4%
Columbia	27,133	25,462	1,671	6.2%	5.9%	27,266	25,529	1,737	6.4%	5.7%	26,736	25,566	1,170	4.4%	4.7%
Coos	27,504	25,881	1,623	5.9%	5.8%	27,773	26,014	1,759	6.3%	5.6%	26,954	25,705	1,249	4.6%	5.0%
Crook	13,385	12,641	744	5.6%	5.6%	13,335	12,611	724	5.4%	5.4%	13,036	12,448	588	4.5%	5.2%
Curry	8,429	7,867	562	6.7%	6.8%	8,497	7,918	579	6.8%	6.5%	8,246	7,819	427	5.2%	5.8%
Deschutes	112,536	107,297	5,239	4.7%	4.7%	112,915	107,537	5,378	4.8%	4.6%	110,219	106,109	4,110	3.7%	4.1%
Douglas	47,346	44,390	2,956	6.2%	6.2%	47,291	44,164	3,127	6.6%	6.0%	46,576	44,261	2,315	5.0%	5.5%
Gilliam	1,075	1,016	59	5.5%	5.2%	1,003	946	57	5.7%	4.8%	1,061	1,021	40	3.8%	4.7%
Grant	3,109	2,921	188	6.0%	7.6%	3,065	2,872	193	6.3%	7.3%	3,133	2,986	147	4.7%	6.5%
Harney	3,649	3,491	158	4.3%	4.9%	3,735	3,581	154	4.1%	4.7%	3,620	3,487	133	3.7%	4.5%
Hood River	14,611	14,044	567	3.9%	4.1%	14,752	14,109	643	4.4%	4.0%	14,873	14,432	441	3.0%	3.4%
Jackson	107,760	101,795	5,965	5.5%	5.7%	108,022	101,448	6,574	6.1%	5.6%	106,968	102,308	4,660	4.4%	5.0%
Jefferson	11,473	10,840	633	5.5%	5.6%	11,533	10,860	673	5.8%	5.4%	11,141	10,700	441	4.0%	4.6%
Josephine	35,123	32,705	2,418	6.9%	7.3%	35,422	32,664	2,758	7.8%	7.1%	35,106	33,272	1,834	5.2%	6.0%
Klamath	29,717	27,725	1,992	6.7%	7.2%	29,914	27,751	2,163	7.2%	7.0%	29,450	28,018	1,432	4.9%	5.9%
Lake	3,543	3,348	195	5.5%	6.3%	3,562	3,365	197	5.5%	6.2%	3,627	3,475	152	4.2%	5.0%
Lane	189,626	179,542	10,084	5.3%	5.0%	189,281	178,844	10,437	5.5%	4.9%	187,046	179,429	7,617	4.1%	4.3%
Lincoln	21,180	19,897	1,283	6.1%	6.0%	21,802	20,477	1,325	6.1%	5.8%	21,109	20,109	1,000	4.7%	5.2%
Linn	63,019	59,465	3,554	5.6%	5.6%	63,010	59,288	3,722	5.9%	5.4%	62,121	59,384	2,737	4.4%	4.7%
Malheur	13,266	12,666	600	4.5%	4.8%	13,366	12,775	591	4.4%	4.6%	13,098	12,636	462	3.5%	4.0%
Marion	185,377	176,340	9,037	4.9%	5.0%	182,879	173,038	9,841	5.4%	4.9%	180,522	173,668	6,854	3.8%	4.2%
Morrow	6,551	6,249	302	4.6%	4.9%	6,484	6,175	309	4.8%	4.9%	6,409	6,192	217	3.4%	3.9%
Multnomah	472,989	448,074	24,915	5.3%	5.1%	476,874	450,802	26,072	5.5%	4.9%	469,446	451,068	18,378	3.9%	4.2%
Polk	47,851	45,541	2,310	4.8%	4.8%	47,011	44,572	2,439	5.2%	4.7%	46,657	44,912	1,745	3.7%	4.1%
Sherman	986	940	46	4.7%	5.0%	984	932	52	5.3%	4.8%	983	949	34	3.5%	3.9%
Tillamook	11,819	11,188	631	5.3%	5.3%	11,965	11,338	627	5.2%	5.2%	11,729	11,265	464	4.0%	4.3%
Umatilla	38,606	36,646	1,960	5.1%	5.5%	37,954	35,897	2,057	5.4%	5.4%	37,801	36,281	1,520	4.0%	4.7%
Union	11,977	11,343	634	5.3%	5.7%	12,034	11,399	635	5.3%	5.6%	11,902	11,401	501	4.2%	4.8%
Wallowa	3,831	3,640	191	5.0%	5.9%	3,899	3,712	187	4.8%	5.6%	3,766	3,638	128	3.4%	4.6%
Wasco	12,793	12,112	681	5.3%	5.2%	13,100	12,395	705	5.4%	5.0%	12,777	12,278	499	3.9%	4.3%
Washington	345,984	327,975	18,009	5.2%	4.9%	347,629	329,226	18,403	5.3%	4.7%	341,598	329,396	12,202	3.6%	3.8%
Wheeler	692	662	30	4.3%	4.1%	684	655	29	4.2%	3.9%	730	704	26	3.6%	3.9%
Yamhill	57,056	54,221	2,835	5.0%	4.8%	57,262	54,286	2,976	5.2%	4.6%	56,502	54,398	2,104	3.7%	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) The Bend metropolitan area includes Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties.

(3) The Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro metropolitan area includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon, and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington State.