

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Benton County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 8.6%
July 2008 4.3%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 3.7% (Feb 2008)
Highest 9% (May 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

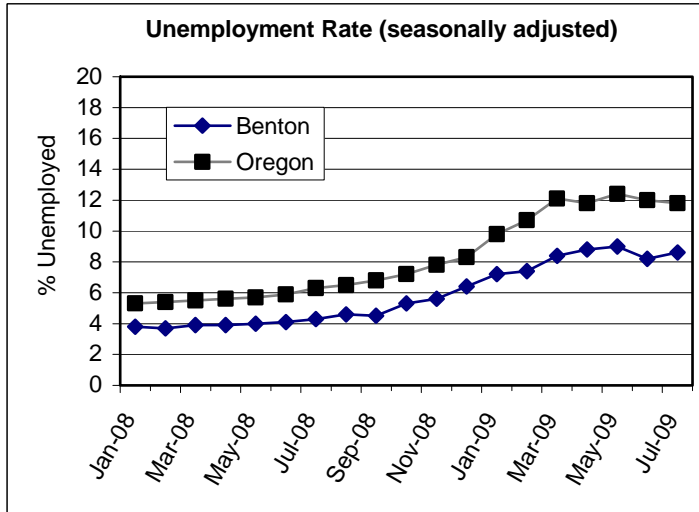
July 2009 406
July 2008 376

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 143 (Mar 2008)
Highest 651 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT



Trends in Number of Employed

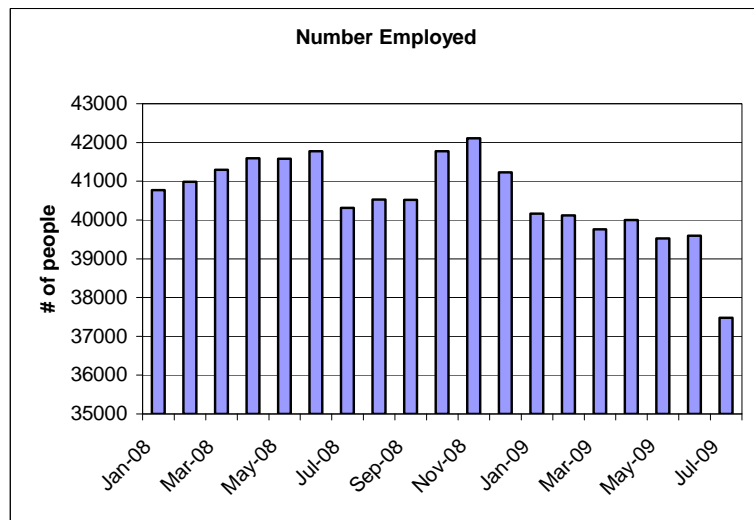
This year compared to last:

July 2009 37,476
July 2008 40,316

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 37,476 (Jul 2009)
Highest 42,109 (Nov 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

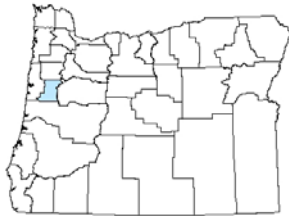
ABOUT

BENTON COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	78,153	85,300
Percent in Poverty	14.6	17.6
Percent Rural	19	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Population Resource Center at Portland State University. "Rural" is defined by the US Census Bureau using a complex formula. In simplest terms, rural refers to the population that lives in settlements of less than 2500 people, or in open country.



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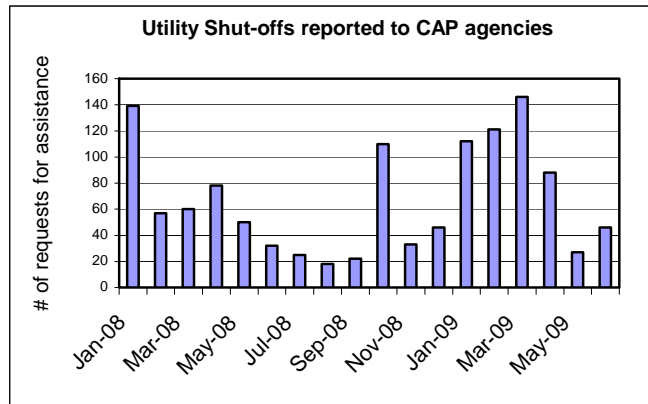


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HOUSING ASSISTANCE



Trends in the number of utility shut-off notices reported by Community Action Agency clients

This year compared to last:

June 2009	46
June 2008	32

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest	18 (Aug 2008)
Highest	146 (Mar 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

Trends in Food Stamp use (recipients per thousand population, right, and total number of recipients)

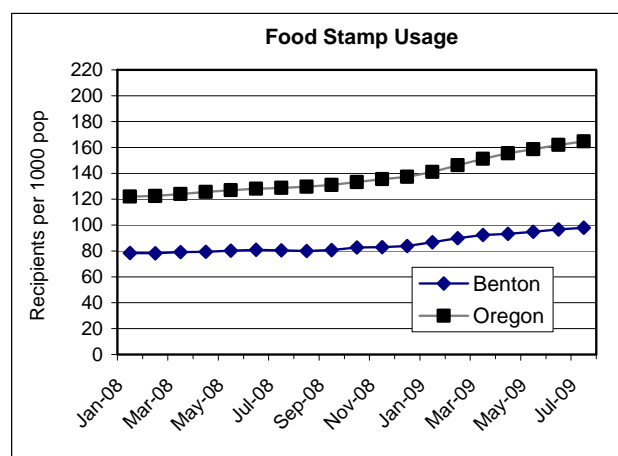
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	98	8,437
July 2008	80.4	6,857

Between January 2008 and now:

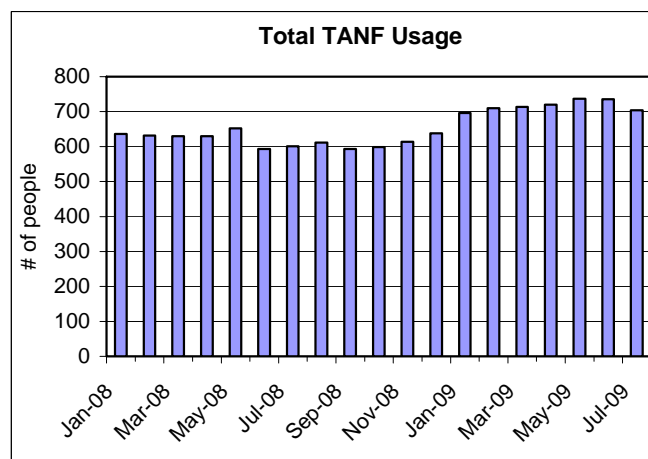
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	78.2 (Feb 2008)	6,668 (Feb 2008)
Highest	98 (Jul 2009)	8,437 (Jul 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



FOOD ASSISTANCE

INCOME ASSISTANCE



Trends in TANF use (recipients per thousand population and total number of recipients, left)

This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	7.2	704
July 2008	6.8	601

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	6.6 (Sep 2008)	593 (Sep 2008)
Highest	7.7 (Jun 2009)	737 (May 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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