

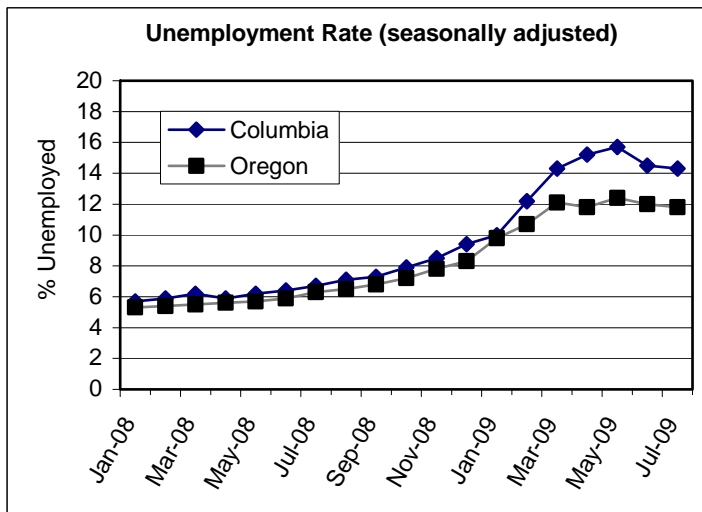


# Oregon County Monitor

## September 2009

### Columbia County

#### Unemployment Rate Trends



This year compared to last:

July 2009 14.3%  
July 2008 6.7%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 5.7% (Jan 2008)  
Highest 15.7% (May 2009)

#### Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

July 2009 534  
July 2008 370

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 155 (May 2008)  
Highest 763 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT

#### Trends in Number of Employed

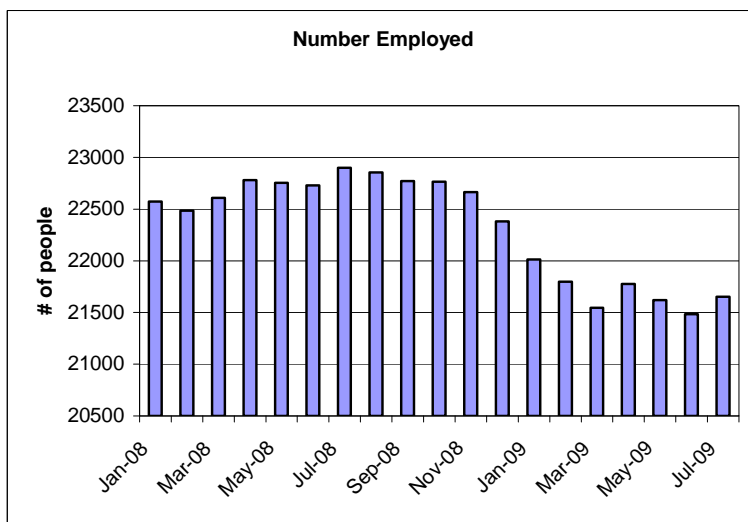
This year compared to last:

July 2009 21,651  
July 2008 22,898

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 21,484 (Jun 2009)  
Highest 22,898 (Jul 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

| COLUMBIA COUNTY    | 2000   | 2007   |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Population         | 43,560 | 47,565 |
| Percent in Poverty | 9.1    | 8.8    |
| Percent Rural      | 47     | 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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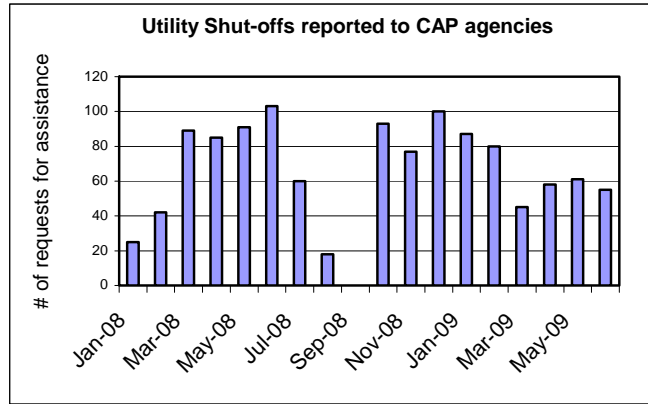


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#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009      55  
 June 2008      103

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest            0 (Sep 2008)  
 Highest          103 (Jun 2008)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

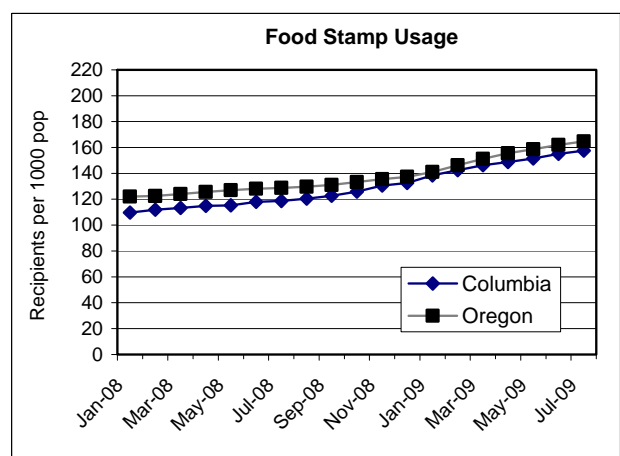
This year compared to last:

|           | Rate per thousand | Number |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|
| July 2009 | 157.6             | 7,579  |
| July 2008 | 118.7             | 5,647  |

Between January 2008 and now:

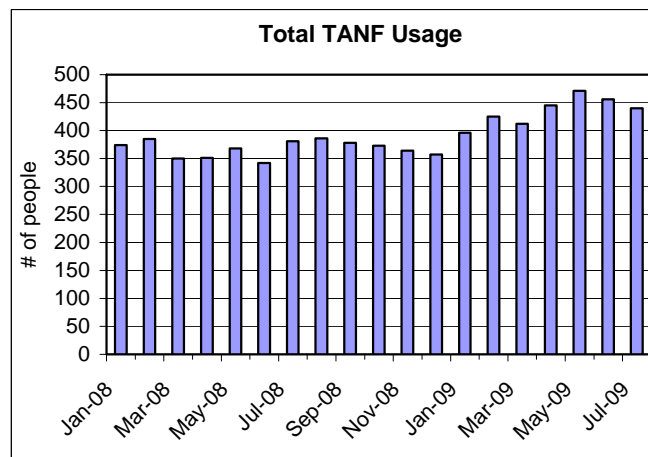
|         | Rate per thousand | Number           |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Lowest  | 109.7 (Jan 2008)  | 5,218 (Jan 2008) |
| Highest | 157.6 (Jul 2009)  | 7,579 (Jul 2009) |

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 | 8.4               | 440    |
| July 2008 | 7.9               | 381    |

Between January 2008 and now:

|         | Rate per thousand | Number         |
|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| Lowest  | 7 (Dec 2008)      | 342 (Jun 2008) |
| Highest | 9.1 (May 2009)    | 471 (May 2009) |

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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