

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Harney County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 17.5%
July 2008 12.5%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 7.9% (Apr 2008)
Highest 19.3% (May 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

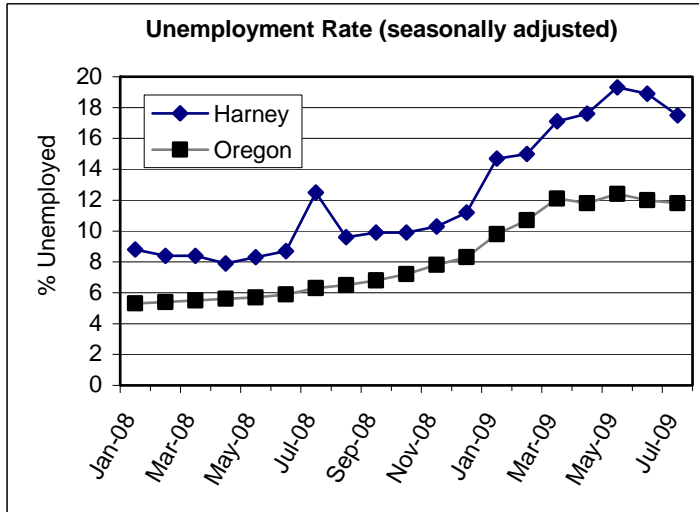
This year compared to last:

July 2009 71
July 2008 90

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 28 (Aug 2008)
Highest 131 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



UNEMPLOYMENT

Trends in Number of Employed

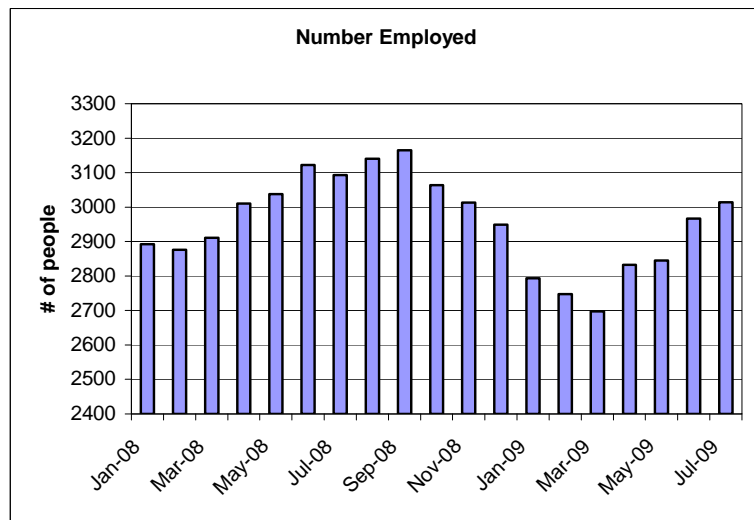
This year compared to last:

July 2009 3,014
July 2008 3,039

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 2,698 (Mar 2009)
Highest 3,165 (Sep 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

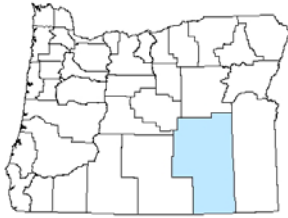
ABOUT

HARNEY COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	7,609	7,680
Percent in Poverty	11.8	16.1
Percent Rural	44.5	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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HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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

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Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

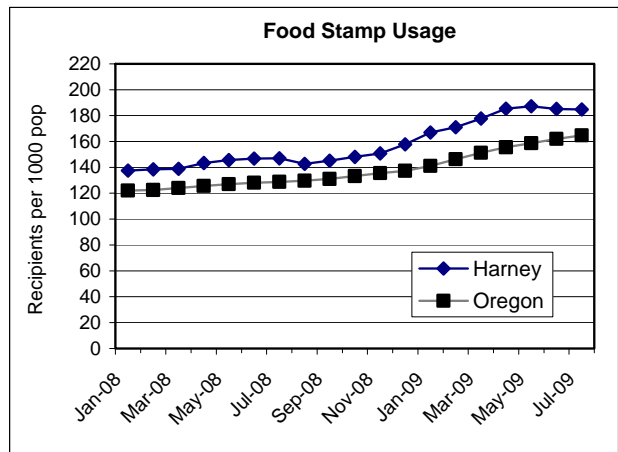
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	184.7	1,423
July 2008	147.0	1,129

Between January 2008 and now:

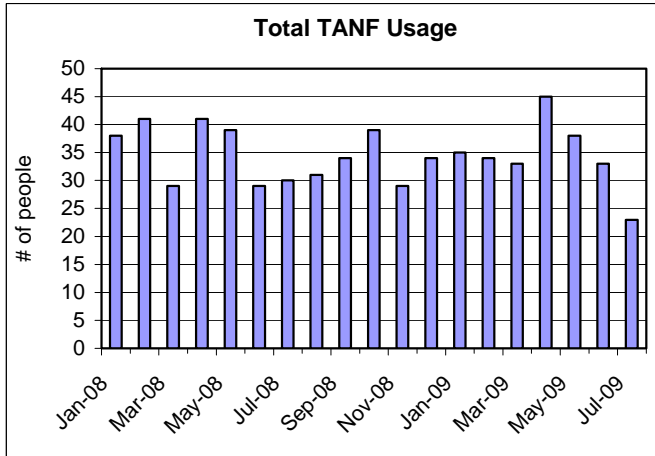
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	137.6 (Jan 2008)	1,057 (Jan 2008)
Highest	187.3 (May 2009)	1,443 (May 2009)

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	8.5	23
July 2008	5.3	30

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	1.6 (Feb 2008)	23 (Jul 2009)
Highest	8.5 (Jan 2009)	45 (Apr 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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