

# Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

## Jefferson County

### Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 15.7%  
July 2008 9.8%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 7.3% (Feb 2008)  
Highest 16.4% (May 2009)

### Trends in new Unemployment Claims

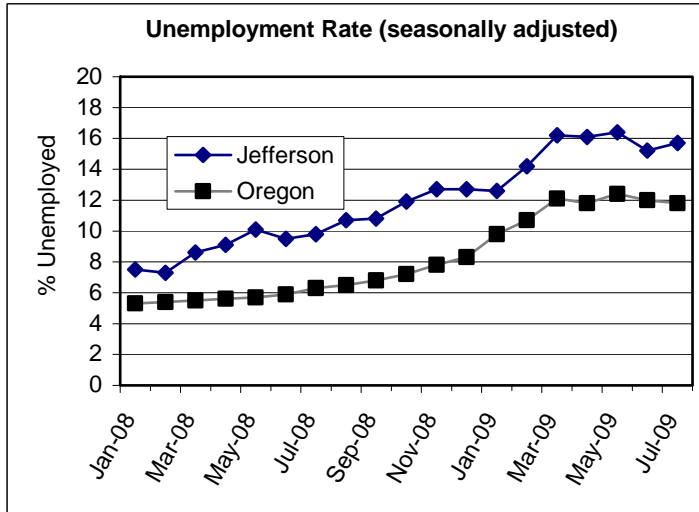
This year compared to last:

July 2009 153  
July 2008 147

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 92 (Jun 2008)  
Highest 385 (Jan 2009)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



UNEMPLOYMENT

### Trends in Number of Employed

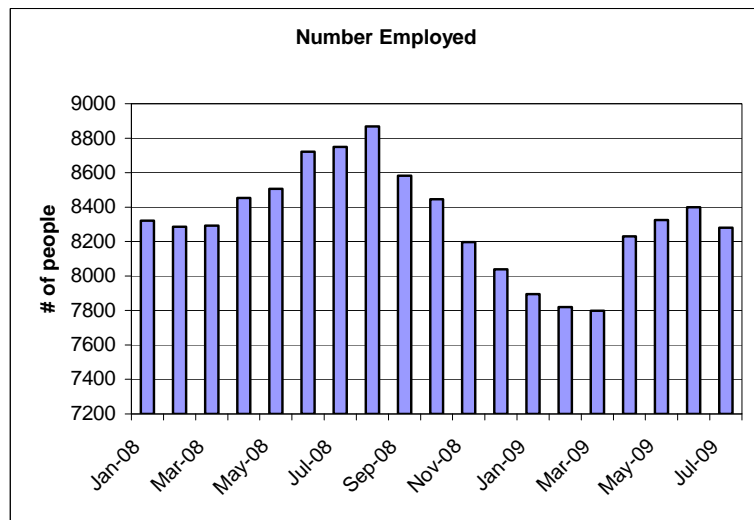
This year compared to last:

July 2009 8,280  
July 2008 8,749

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 7,799 (Mar 2009)  
Highest 8,868 (Aug 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

JEFFERSON COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	19,009	22,030
Percent in Poverty	14.6	18.8
Percent Rural	62.8	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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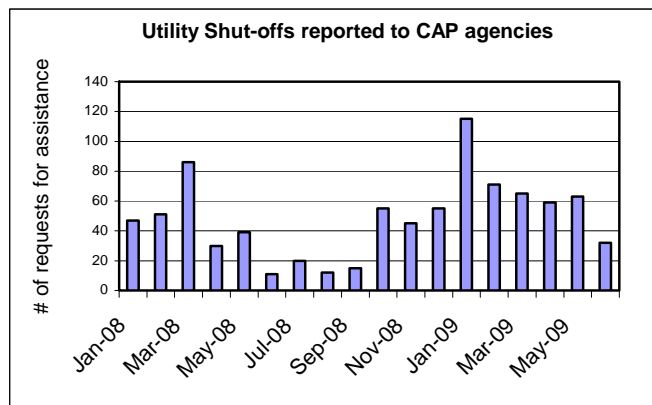


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#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009 32  
June 2008 11

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 11 (Jun 2008)  
Highest 115 (Jan 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

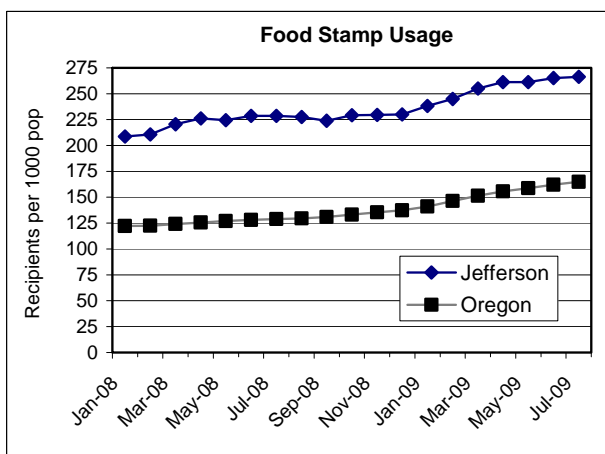
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	266.4	5,981
July 2008	228.7	5,038

Between January 2008 and now:

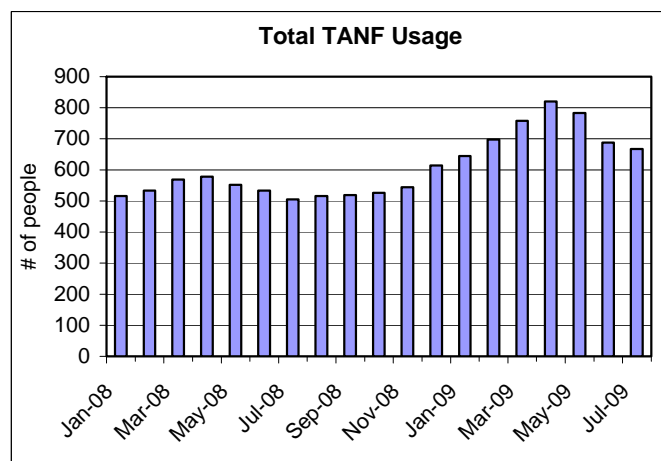
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	208.7 (Jan 2008)	4,597 (Jan 2008)
Highest	266.4 (Jul 2009)	5,981 (Jul 2009)

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	27.0	667
July 2008	18.8	505

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	18.8 (Jul 2008)	505 (Jul 2008)
Highest	31.1 (May 2009)	820 (Apr 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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