

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Marion County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 11.7%
 July 2008 6.3%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 5.3% (Feb 2008)
 Highest 12.8% (May 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

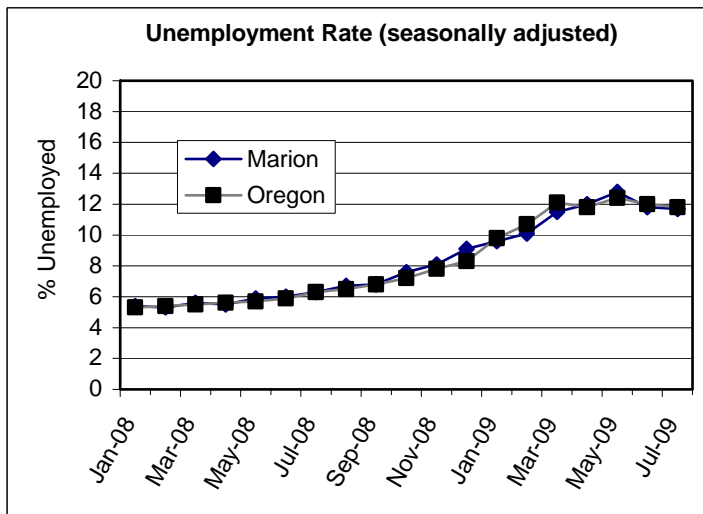
This year compared to last:

July 2009 2,509
 July 2008 2,238

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 1,091 (May 2008)
 Highest 4,330 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



UNEMPLOYMENT

Trends in Number of Employed

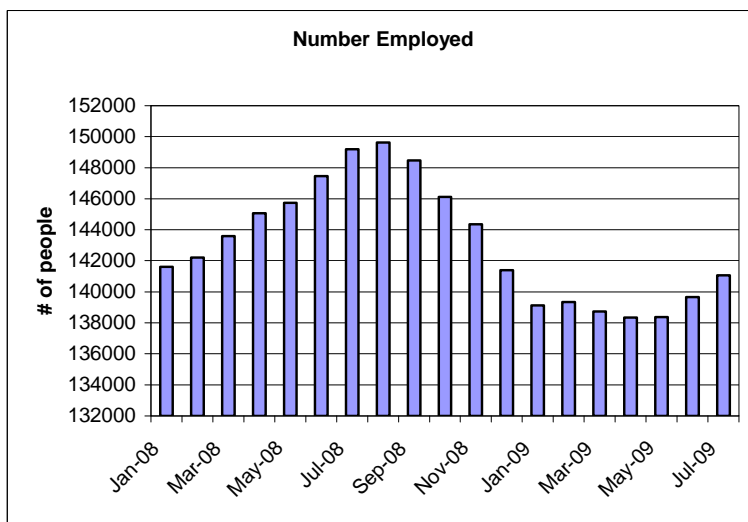
This year compared to last:

July 2009 141,053
 July 2008 149,205

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 138,334 (Apr 2009)
 Highest 149,635 (Aug 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

MARION COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	284,834	311,070
Percent in Poverty	13.5	15.2
Percent Rural	15.2	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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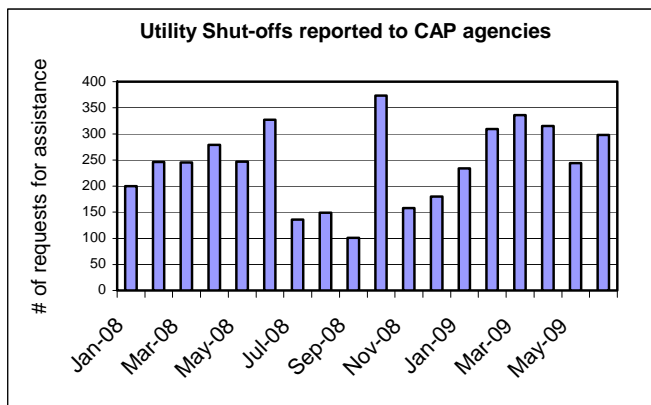


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HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009	298
June 2008	327

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest	101 (Sep 2008)
Highest	373 (Oct 2008)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

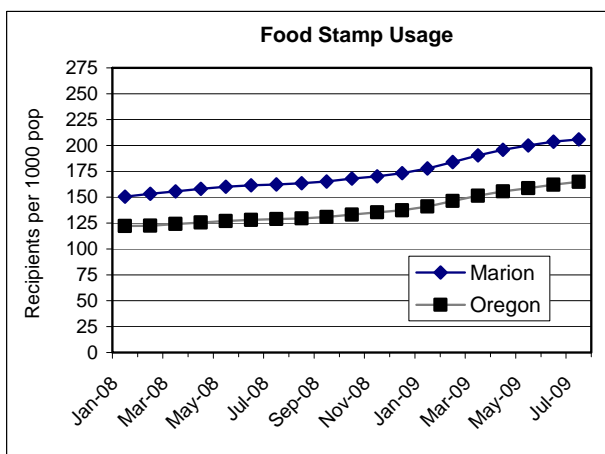
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	206.0	64,869
July 2008	162.3	50,487

Between January 2008 and now:

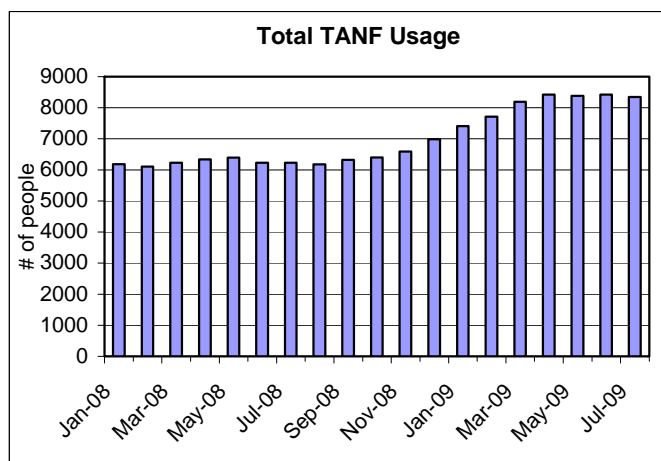
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	150.6 (Jan 2008)	46,838 (Jan 2008)
Highest	206.0 (Jul 2009)	64,869 (Jul 2009)

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	22.0	8,342
July 2008	17.8	6,228

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	17.2 (Feb 2008)	6,109 (Feb 2008)
Highest	22.1 (Jun 2009)	8,423 (Apr 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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