

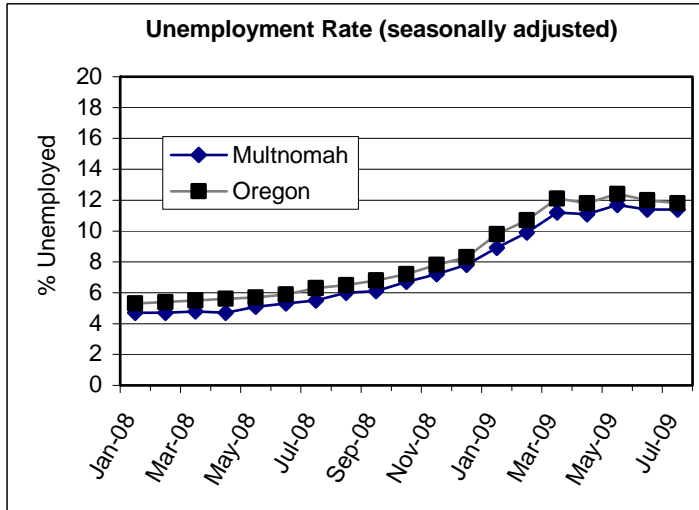


# Oregon County Monitor

## September 2009

### Multnomah County

#### Unemployment Rate Trends



This year compared to last:

July 2009 11.4%  
July 2008 5.5%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 4.7% (Apr 2008)  
Highest 11.7% (May 2009)

#### Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

July 2009 7,013  
July 2008 5,633

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 2,374 (Mar 2008)  
Highest 8,376 (Jan 2009)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT

#### Trends in Number of Employed

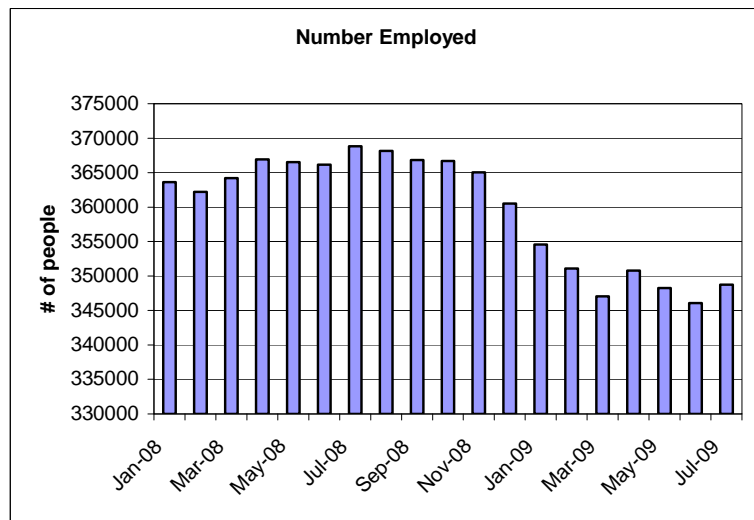
This year compared to last:

July 2009 348,752  
July 2008 368,843

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 346,071 (Jun 2009)  
Highest 368,843 (Jul 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

MULTNOMAH COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	660,486	717,880
Percent in Poverty	12.7	15.0
Percent Rural	1.8	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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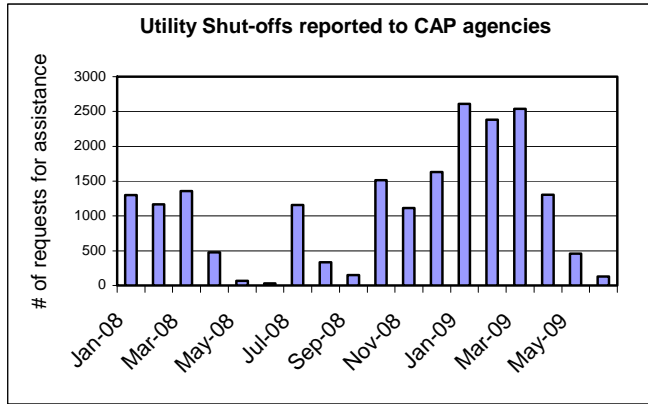


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#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009	129
June 2008	33

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest	33 (Jun 2008)
Highest	2,609 (Jan 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

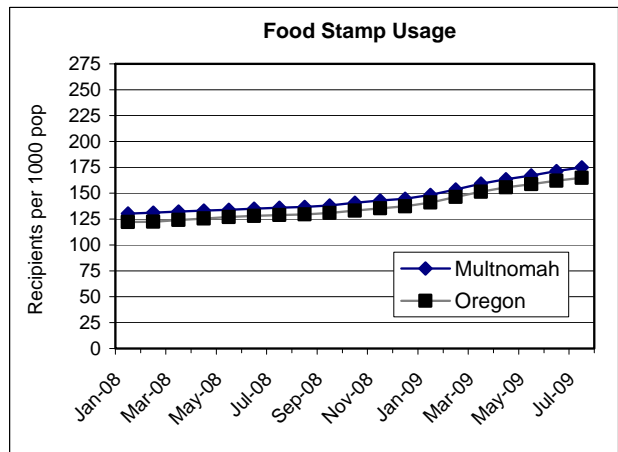
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	174.9	125,587
July 2008	135.9	96,498

Between January 2008 and now:

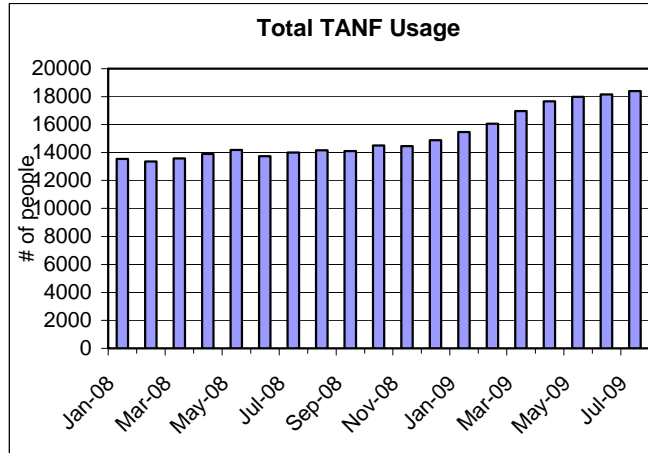
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	130.3 (Jan 2008)	92,527 (Jan 2008)
Highest	174.9 (Jul 2009)	125,587 (Jul 2009)

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	21.4	18,398
July 2008	17.8	14,011

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	17.2 (Feb 2008)	13,364 (Feb 2008)
Highest	21.4 (Jul 2009)	18,398 (Jul 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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