

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Union County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 11.9%
July 2008 8.9%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 6.3% (Apr 2008)
Highest 13.7% (May 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

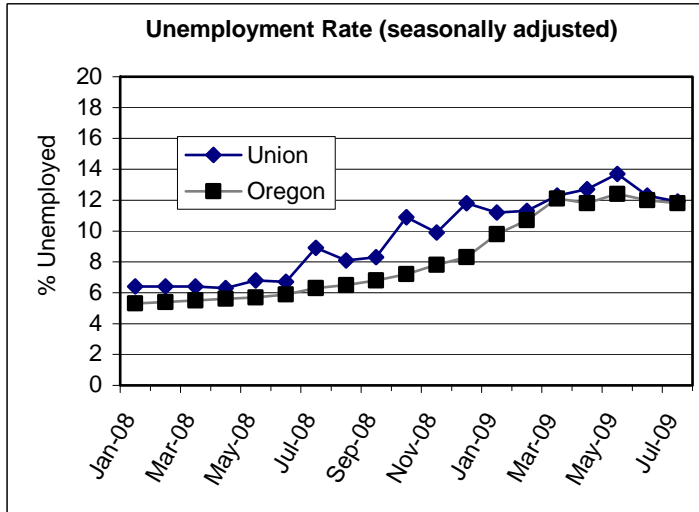
July 2009 176
July 2008 182

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 110 (Apr 2008)
Highest 580 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT



Trends in Number of Employed

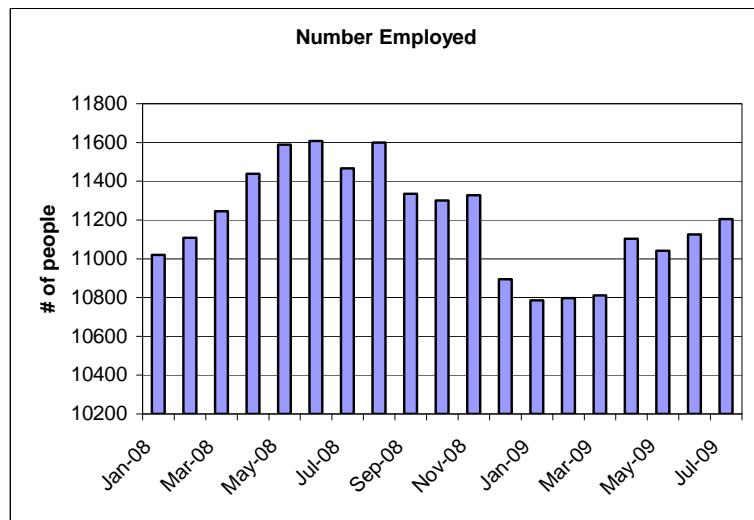
This year compared to last:

July 2009 11,205
July 2008 11,467

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 10,786 (Jan 2009)
Highest 11,607 (Jun 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

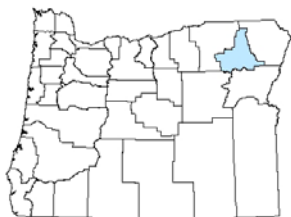
ABOUT

UNION COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	24,530	25,250
Percent in Poverty	13.8	16.7
Percent Rural	42.2	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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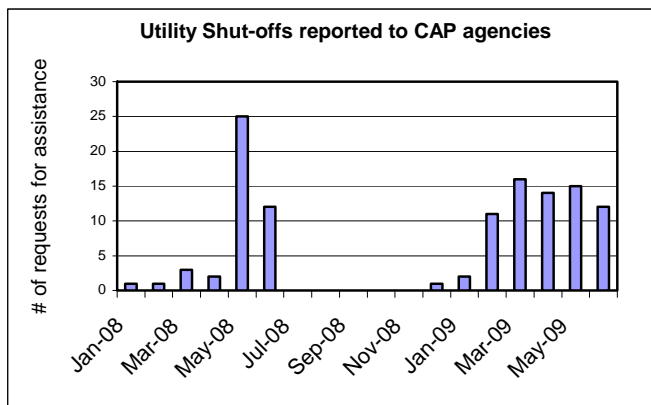


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HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009 12
 June 2008 12

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 0 (Nov 2008)
 Highest 25 (May 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

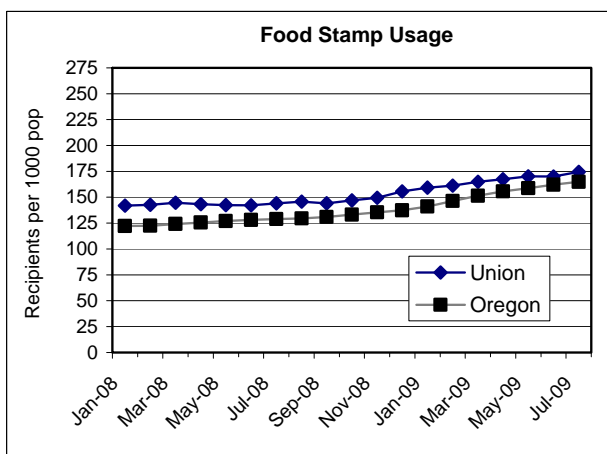
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	174.5	4,425
July 2008	144.2	3,642

Between January 2008 and now:

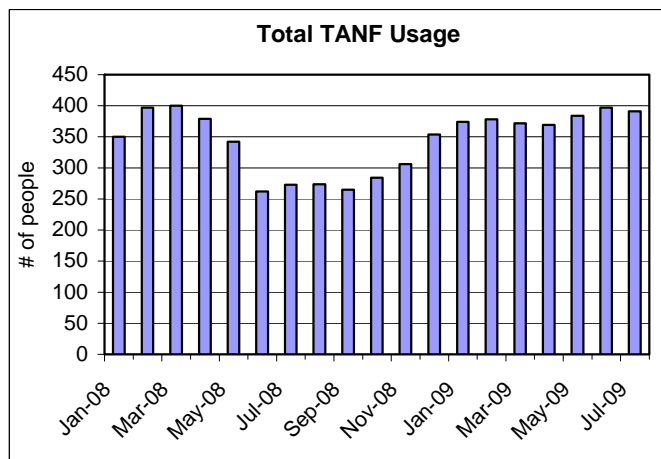
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	141.9 (Jan 2008)	3,584 (Jan 2008)
Highest	174.5 (Jul 2009)	4,425 (Jul 2009)

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	13.8	391
July 2008	10.6	273

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	9.9 (Sep 2008)	262 (Jun 2008)
Highest	15.2 (Mar 2008)	400 (Mar 2008)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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