

# Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

## Wallowa County

### Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 14.0%  
July 2008 7.4%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 6.4% (Jan 2008)  
Highest 14.0% (Jul 2009)

### Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

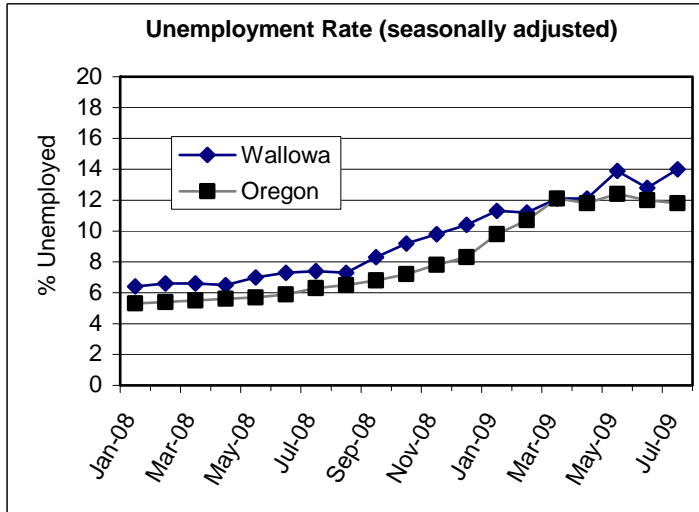
July 2009 52  
July 2008 34

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 16 (May 2008)  
Highest 124 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT



### Trends in Number of Employed

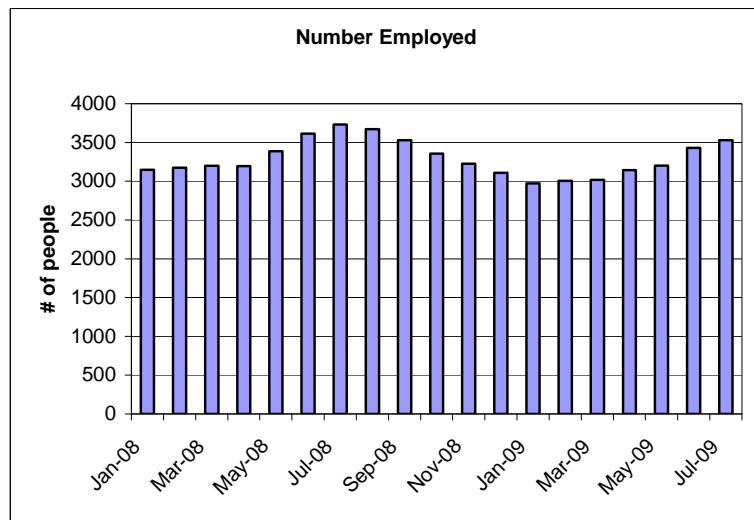
This year compared to last:

July 2009 3,530  
July 2008 3,732

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 2,975 (Jan 2009)  
Highest 3,732 (Jul 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

WALLOWA COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	7,226	7,130
Percent in Poverty	14.0	14.4
Percent Rural	100	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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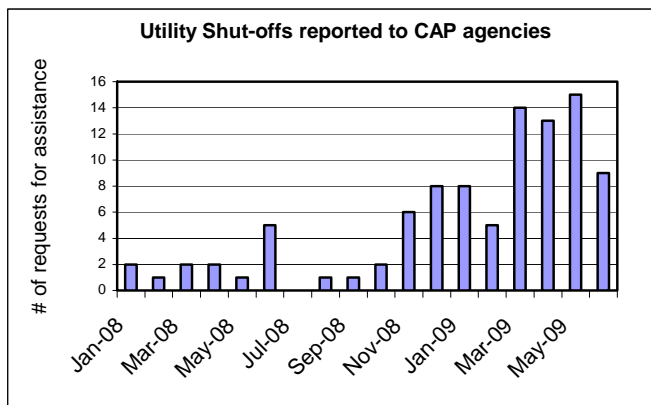


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### HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009      9  
 June 2008      5

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest            0 (Jul 2008)  
 Highest          15 (May 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

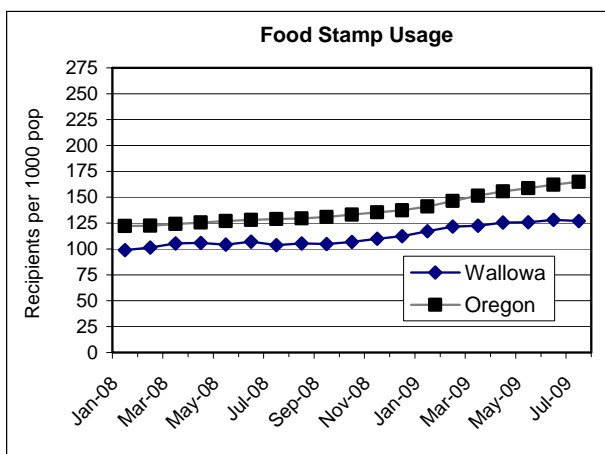
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	126.9	903
July 2008	103.6	739

Between January 2008 and now:

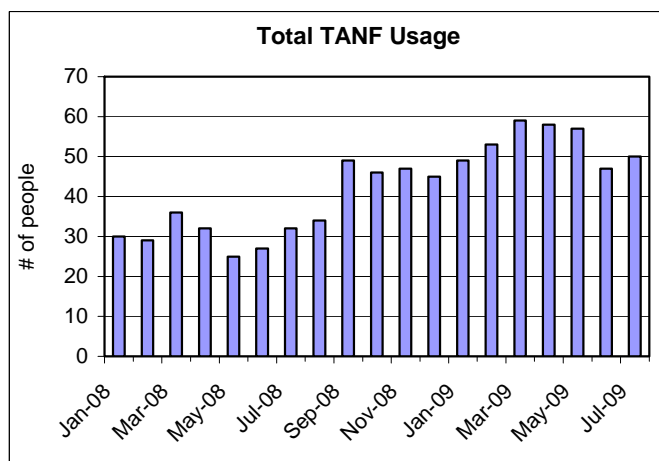
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	99.0 (Jan 2008)	706 (Jan 2008)
Highest	128.2 (Jun 2009)	912 (Jun 2009)

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	5.5	50
July 2008	4.5	32

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	3.1 (Jun 2008)	25 (May 2008)
Highest	6.9 (Jan 2009)	59 (Mar 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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