

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Wasco County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 10.9%
July 2008 6.2%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 5.2% (Mar 2008)
Highest 11.3% (May 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

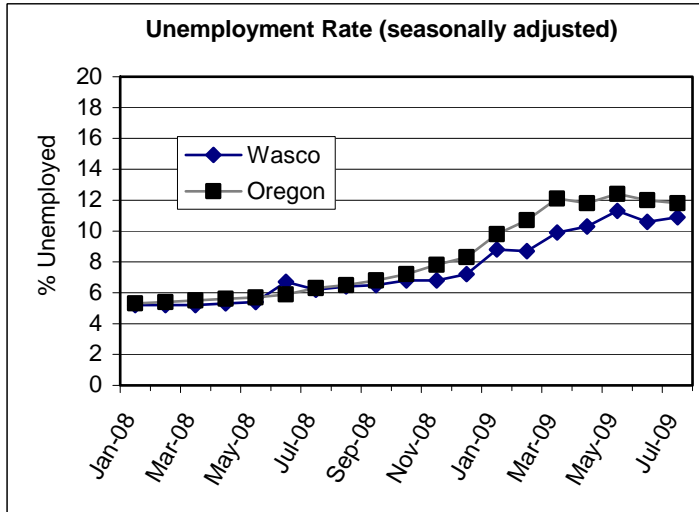
July 2009 177
July 2008 162

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 64 (Mar 2008)
Highest 329 (Dec 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT



Trends in Number of Employed

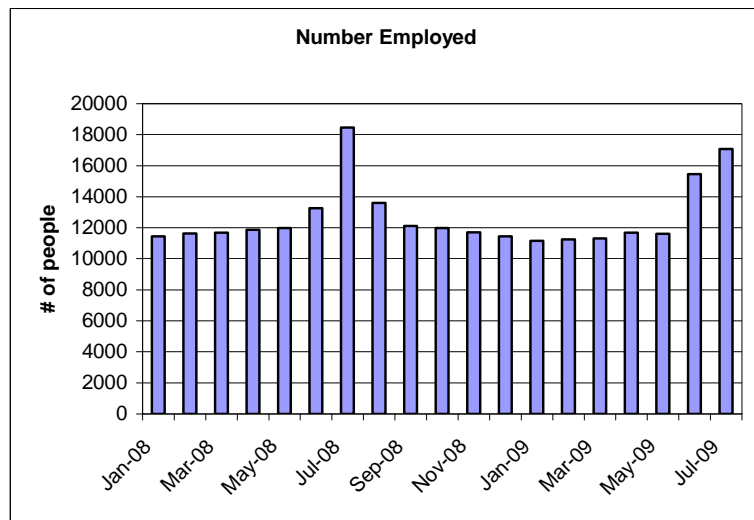
This year compared to last:

July 2009 17,087
July 2008 18,465

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 11,148 (Jan 2009)
Highest 18,465 (Jul 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

WASCO COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	23,791	24,125
Percent in Poverty	12.9	14.6
Percent Rural	33.8	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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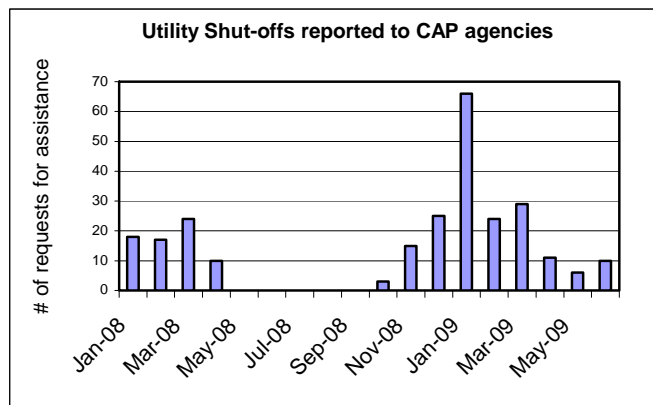


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HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009 10
June 2008 0

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 0 (Sep 2008)
Highest 66 (Jan 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

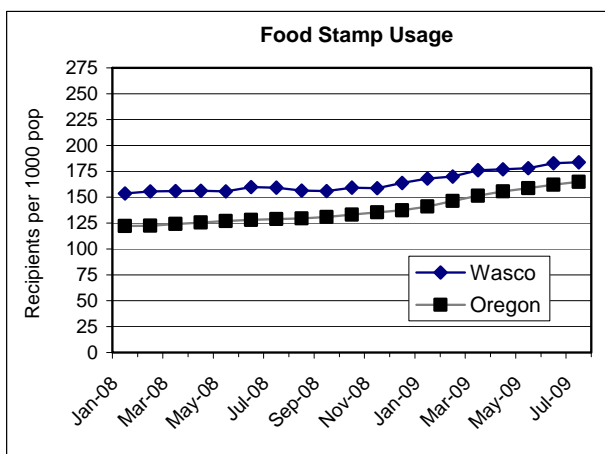
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	183.7	4,441
July 2008	159.3	3,844

Between January 2008 and now:

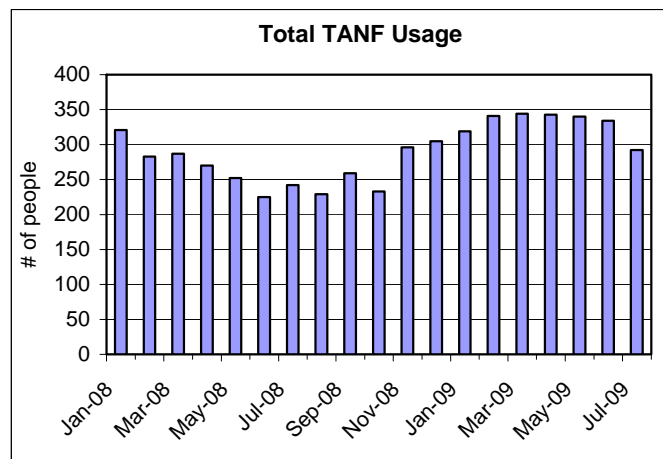
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	153.7 (Jan 2008)	3,708 (Jan 2008)
Highest	183.7 (Jul 2009)	4,441 (Jul 2009)

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	11.3	292
July 2008	9.2	242

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	8.7 (Jun 2008)	225 (Jun 2008)
Highest	13.0 (Apr 2009)	344 (Mar 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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