



# Oregon County Monitor

## September 2009

### Washington County

#### Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 9.9%  
July 2008 4.9%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 4.3% (Feb 2008)  
Highest 11.0% (May 2009)

#### Trends in new Unemployment Claims

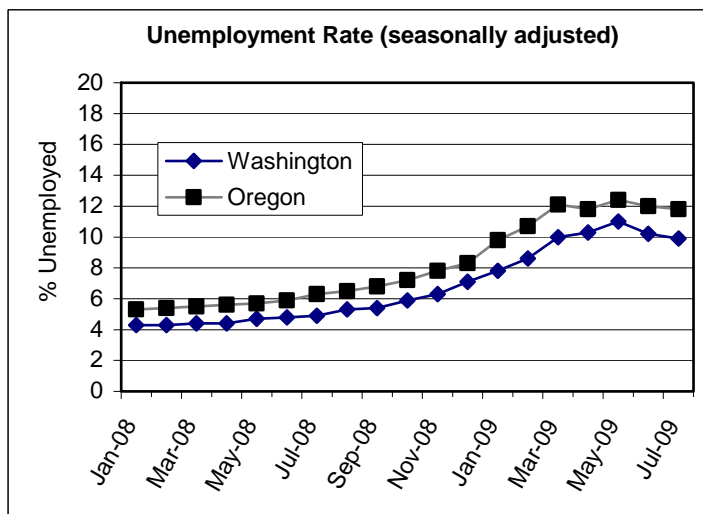
This year compared to last:

July 2009 4,521  
July 2008 3,425

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 1,540 (Mar 2008)  
Highest 5,435 (Jan 2009)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



UNEMPLOYMENT

#### Trends in Number of Employed

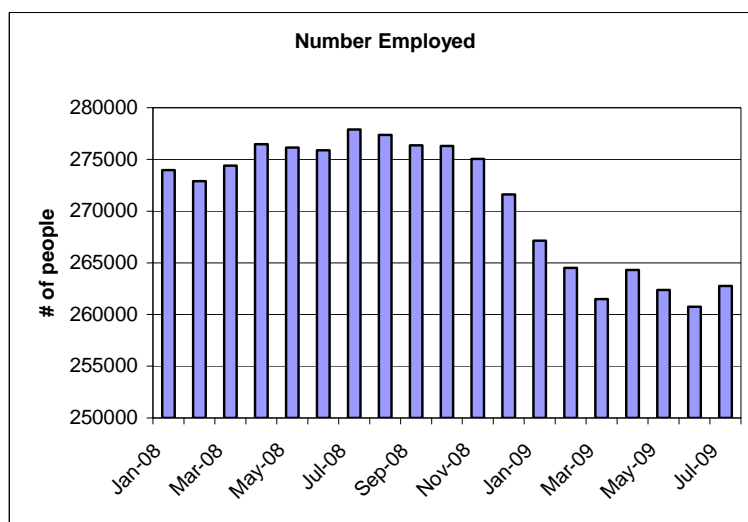
This year compared to last:

July 2009 262,762  
July 2008 277,900

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 260,742 (Jun 2009)  
Highest 277,900 (Jul 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

ABOUT

WASHINGTON COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	445,342	511,075
Percent in Poverty	7.4	8.6
Percent Rural	6.9	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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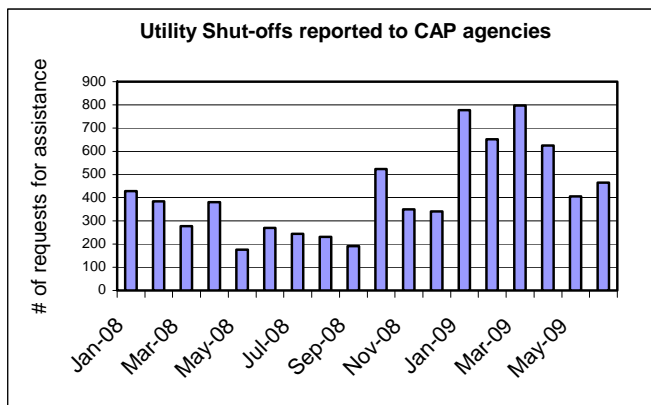


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#### HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009	465
June 2008	270

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest	176 (May 2008)
Highest	797 (Mar 2009)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

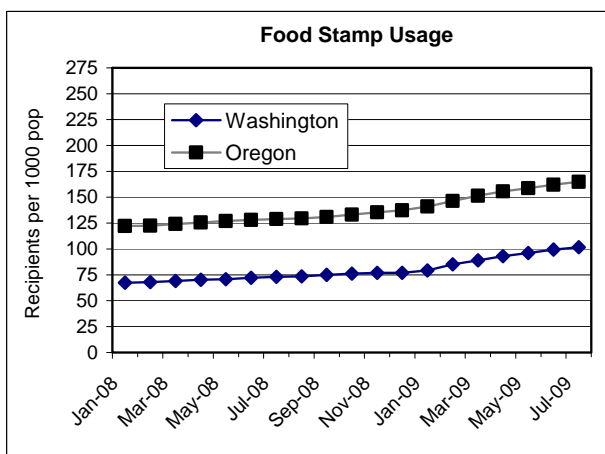
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	101.7	52,882
July 2008	73.1	37,384

Between January 2008 and now:

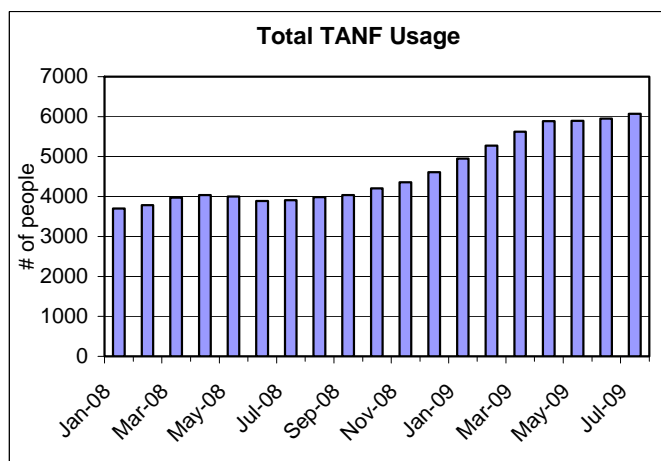
	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	67.4 (Jan 2008)	34,434 (Jan 2008)
Highest	101.7 (Jul 2009)	52,882 (Jul 2009)

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	9.5	6,068
July 2008	6.6	3,912

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	6.6 (Jun 2008)	3,698 (Jan 2008)
Highest	9.5 (Jul 2009)	6,068 (Jul 2009)

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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