

Oregon County Monitor

September 2009

Wheeler County

Unemployment Rate Trends

This year compared to last:

July 2009 10.6%
July 2008 5.5%

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 4.5% (Jun 2008)
Highest 10.6% (Jul 2009)

Trends in new Unemployment Claims

This year compared to last:

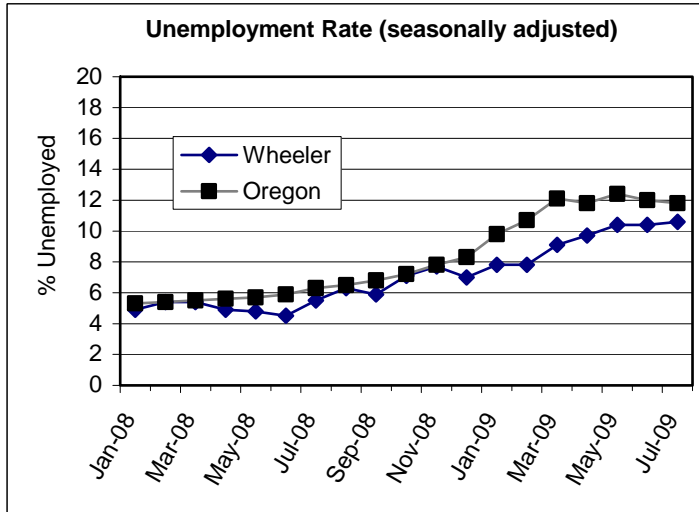
July 2009 2
July 2008 6

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 2 (Jul 2009)
Highest 11 (Jan 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department

UNEMPLOYMENT



Trends in Number of Employed

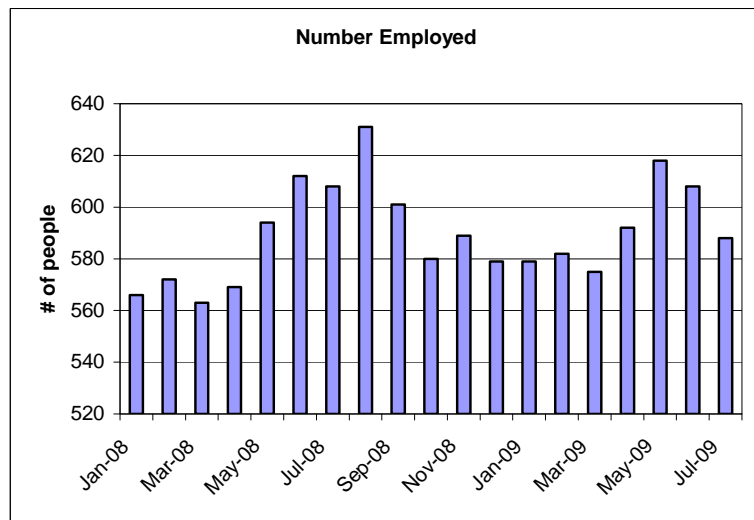
This year compared to last:

July 2009 588
July 2008 608

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 563 (Mar 2008)
Highest 631 (Aug 2008)

Source: Oregon Employment Department



JOBS

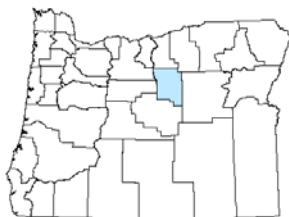
ABOUT

WHEELER COUNTY	2000	2007
Population	1,547	1,570
Percent in Poverty	15.6	17.3
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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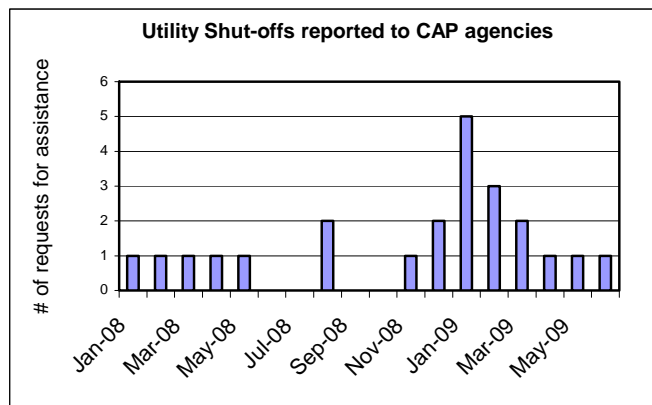


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HOUSING ASSISTANCE



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

This year compared to last:

June 2009 0
 June 2008 0

Between January 2008 and now:

Lowest 0 (Jun 2009)
 Highest 8 (Dec 2008)

Source: Community Action Partnership of Oregon

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

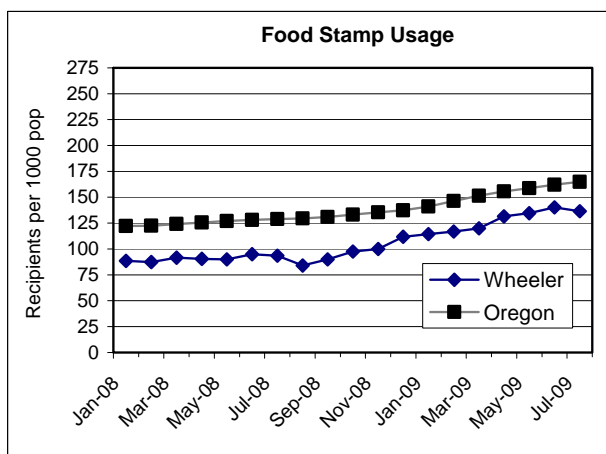
This year compared to last:

	Rate per thousand	Number
July 2009	136.5	215
July 2008	93.6	147

Between January 2008 and now:

	Rate per thousand	Number
Lowest	84.1 (Aug 2008)	132 (Aug 2008)
Highest	140.3 (Jun 2009)	221 (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)

[Wheeler County has no office for processing TANF applications. TANF applicants are served in other counties.]

Source: Oregon Department of Human Services



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