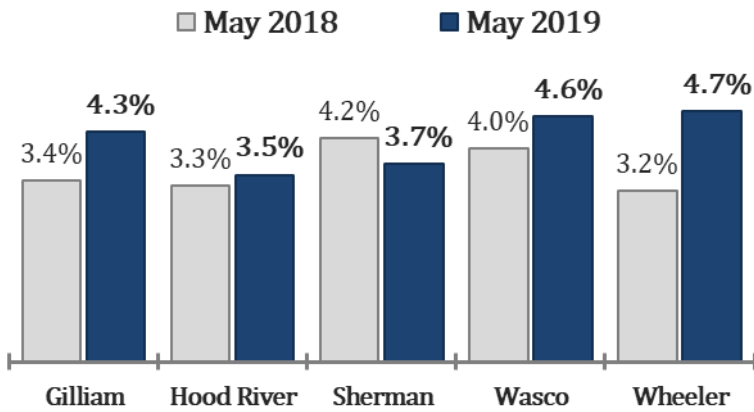




# Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

June 2019 Edition (May 2019 data)

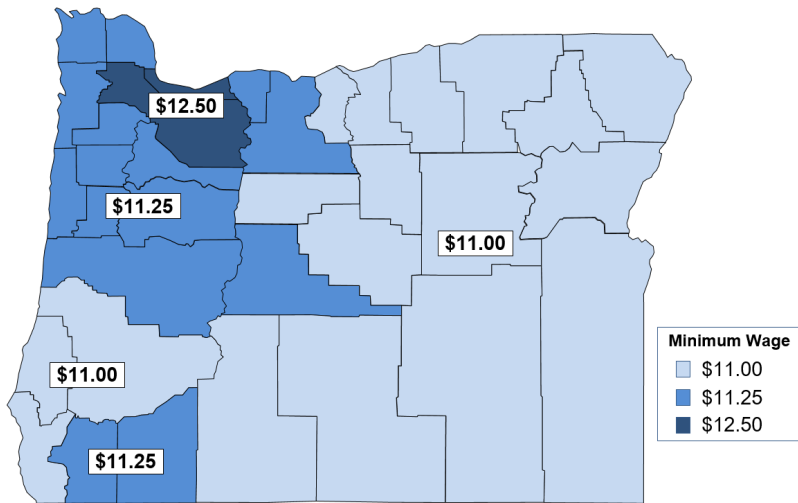
## Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



## Graph of the Month

### Oregon's Minimum Wage Increase - July 1, 2019

Source: Oregon Employment Department



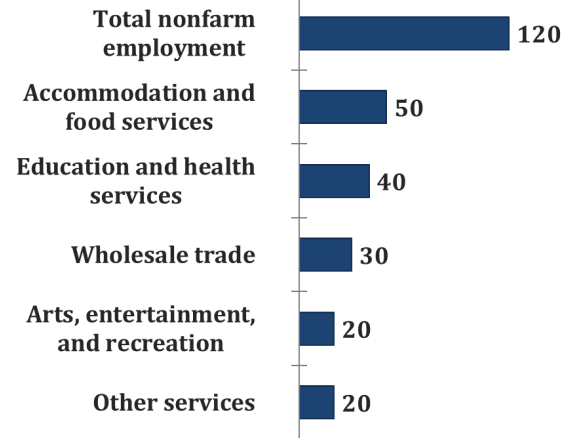
Come July 1st Oregon's three minimum wages will increase to the following levels: \$11.00/hr for nonurban counties, \$11.25/hr for the standard rate, and \$12.50/hr for the Portland UGB counties. These step increases were set by Senate Bill 1532 in 2016, and the minimum wage will continue to increase this time each year through 2022. Currently, Deschutes County has the lowest percentage of jobs paying a minimum wage among other metro counties (5.7 percent) - nearly two percentage points lower than Oregon (7.3 percent).

See [Oregon's Minimum Wage Increases on July 1, 2019](#) for more info.

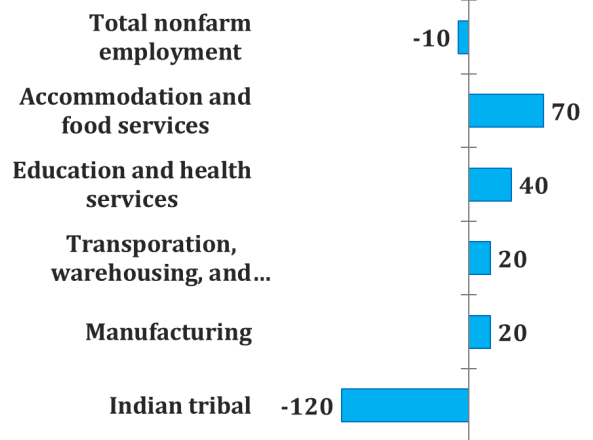
See Oregon's BOLI website for the [Minimum Wage Rate Summary](#).

## Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

### Hood River County



### Wasco County



## Largest Over-the-Year Changes

### Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+30)  
Leisure and hospitality (+15)

### Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (+5)  
Local government (+10)

### Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (-35)  
Leisure and hospitality (-15)