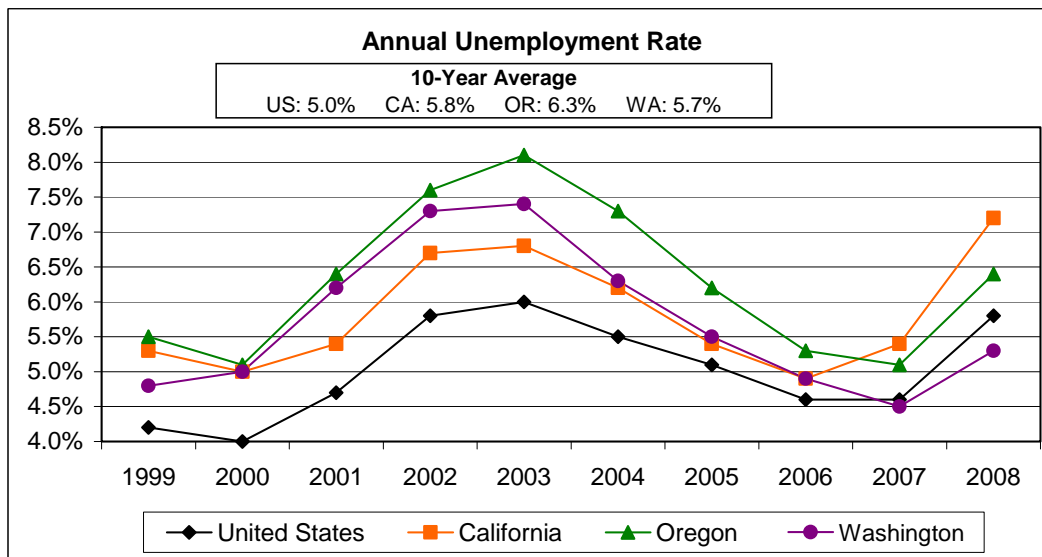


UNEMPLOYMENT IN OREGON

- Oregon's unemployment rate in 2008 was 6.4%.
- For the second consecutive year, California had a higher unemployment rate (7.2%) than Oregon (6.4%). The last time California's unemployment rate was higher than Oregon's was in 1998.
- Oregon's unemployment rate increased 1.3% between 2007 and 2008, reversing the prior four years of decline.
- In 2008, the average annual unemployment rate in Oregon (6.4%) reached its lowest level since 2004 (7.3%).
- Oregon had the 10th highest unemployment rate in the nation in 2008.
- Oregon unemployment in 2008 was slightly higher than the state's average over the last ten years (6.3%).



- In 2008, fifteen Oregon counties had unemployment rates that were lower than the state average.
- Sixteen counties in Oregon had 2008 unemployment rates that were above their ten-year averages.
- Unemployment rates in 17 counties jumped by more than 20% between 2007 and 2008.
- Deschutes (60%), Crook (52%), and Jefferson (46%) counties experienced the largest percentage increases in unemployment over the 2007-2008 period.

Lowest Unemployment, 2008

County	2008	10-Year Average
Gilliam	4.3%	5.6%
Benton	4.5%	4.6%
Clatsop	5.1%	5.8%
Washington	5.1%	5.3%
Hood River	5.3%	6.9%

Highest Unemployment, 2008

County	2008	10-Year Average
Grant	10.3%	9.7%
Jefferson	9.9%	6.7%
Douglas	9.8%	8.6%
Crook	9.6%	8.0%
Harney	9.4%	9.2%