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Distressed Counties, 2026							
County	Index Components				2026 Distressed Index		
	Relative U-Rate	Relative PCPI	Avg Wage Change	Employment Change	Distressed Index	Index <1.0	
<b>Oregon</b>	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.00	1.04	Non-Distressed	
1 Klamath	0.71	0.77	1.06	1.00	0.58	Distressed	
2 Grant	0.69	0.83	1.06	0.97	0.59	Distressed	
3 Josephine	0.73	0.81	1.03	0.99	0.60	Distressed	
4 Lake	0.82	0.75	1.05	0.95	0.61	Distressed	
5 Douglas	0.84	0.79	1.06	1.00	0.69	Distressed	
6 Malheur	1.09	0.61	1.05	0.99	0.69	Distressed	
7 Curry	0.78	0.87	1.05	1.01	0.72	Distressed	
8 Jefferson	0.94	0.71	1.08	1.00	0.72	Distressed	
9 Union	0.91	0.79	1.04	0.99	0.75	Distressed	
10 Baker	0.93	0.80	1.06	0.99	0.78	Distressed	
11 Columbia	0.88	0.86	1.03	1.02	0.79	Distressed	
12 Umatilla	0.94	0.79	1.06	1.00	0.79	Distressed	
13 Lincoln	0.88	0.88	1.04	1.00	0.80	Distressed	
14 Wheeler	1.13	0.74	1.02	0.95	0.81	Distressed	
15 Coos	0.89	0.89	1.05	1.00	0.83	Distressed	
16 Linn	0.94	0.85	1.05	1.00	0.84	Distressed	
17 Jackson	0.91	0.93	1.04	1.00	0.88	Distressed	
18 Morrow	1.02	0.85	1.04	0.99	0.89	Distressed	
19 Wallowa	0.88	0.96	1.05	1.01	0.89	Distressed	
20 Crook	0.91	0.88	1.19	0.98	0.93	Distressed	
21 Tillamook	0.98	0.91	1.03	1.00	0.93	Distressed	
22 Wasco	1.02	0.85	1.07	1.00	0.93	Distressed	
23 Clatsop	1.02	0.89	1.03	1.00	0.94	Distressed	
24 Harney	1.04	0.81	1.09	1.03	0.95	Distressed	
25 Marion	1.04	0.85	1.05	1.02	0.95	Distressed	
26 Polk	1.09	0.81	1.06	1.02	0.95	Distressed	
27 Lane	1.02	0.92	1.05	1.00	0.98	Distressed	
28 Sherman	1.11	0.84	1.07	0.98	0.98	Distressed	
29 Yamhill	1.09	0.91	1.02	1.01	1.02	Non-Distressed	
30 Benton	1.21	0.88	1.04	1.00	1.11	Non-Distressed	
31 Multnomah	1.02	1.12	1.04	0.99	1.17	Non-Distressed	
32 Gilliam	1.00	1.04	1.17	1.03	1.25	Non-Distressed	
33 Washington	1.09	1.15	1.04	0.98	1.27	Non-Distressed	
34 Clackamas	1.06	1.19	1.03	1.00	1.31	Non-Distressed	
35 Hood River	1.24	1.06	1.02	1.00	1.35	Non-Distressed	
36 Deschutes	1.09	1.22	1.06	1.01	1.41	Non-Distressed	

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	Oregon	1.00	1.00	1.03	1.01		1.04
1 Klamath	0.75	0.76	1.04	1.01	0.59	Distressed	
2 Malheur	1.08	0.59	1.02	1.01	0.60	Distressed	
3 Jefferson	0.87	0.68	1.02	1.00	0.61	Distressed	
4 Grant	0.75	0.81	1.07	0.97	0.62	Distressed	
5 Josephine	0.75	0.81	1.04	1.00	0.63	Distressed	
6 Douglas	0.80	0.78	1.02	1.00	0.64	Distressed	
7 Lake	0.84	0.74	1.05	0.99	0.64	Distressed	
8 Crook	0.69	0.85	1.08	1.01	0.65	Distressed	
9 Curry	0.79	0.85	1.07	0.97	0.69	Distressed	
10 Union	0.89	0.79	1.05	1.00	0.74	Distressed	
11 Harney	0.95	0.78	1.05	0.99	0.77	Distressed	
12 Baker	0.95	0.77	1.05	1.01	0.78	Distressed	
13 Columbia	0.85	0.87	1.03	1.02	0.78	Distressed	
14 Coos	0.85	0.88	1.04	1.00	0.78	Distressed	
15 Lincoln	0.87	0.88	1.02	1.00	0.78	Distressed	
16 Linn	0.89	0.84	1.06	1.00	0.79	Distressed	
17 Umatilla	1.00	0.79	1.03	1.00	0.81	Distressed	
18 Jackson	0.87	0.92	1.03	1.00	0.83	Distressed	
19 Gilliam	0.85	1.06	0.94	0.99	0.84	Distressed	
20 Wasco	1.00	0.84	1.03	1.00	0.87	Distressed	
21 Wallowa	0.93	0.88	1.08	1.00	0.88	Distressed	
22 Polk	1.03	0.81	1.05	1.03	0.89	Distressed	
23 Lane	0.95	0.91	1.03	1.01	0.90	Distressed	
24 Marion	1.00	0.86	1.03	1.02	0.91	Distressed	
25 Tillamook	1.03	0.91	1.03	0.99	0.96	Distressed	
26 Clatsop	1.03	0.90	1.04	1.01	0.97	Distressed	
27 Morrow	1.11	0.86	1.07	1.02	1.04	Non-Distressed	
28 Yamhill	1.08	0.91	1.03	1.02	1.04	Non-Distressed	
29 Benton	1.21	0.89	1.03	1.01	1.12	Non-Distressed	
30 Sherman	1.05	0.98	1.07	1.02	1.12	Non-Distressed	
31 Wheeler	1.37	0.73	1.15	1.03	1.18	Non-Distressed	
32 Deschutes	1.03	1.19	1.03	1.03	1.30	Non-Distressed	
33 Clackamas	1.08	1.18	1.02	1.01	1.32	Non-Distressed	
34 Washington	1.11	1.17	1.02	1.00	1.32	Non-Distressed	
35 Hood River	1.28	1.06	1.05	0.99	1.42	Non-Distressed	
36 Multnomah	1.00	1.12	1.03	0.99	1.42	Non-Distressed	

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Distressed Counties, 2024							
	County	Index Components				2024 Distressed Index	
		Relative	Relative	Avg Wage	Employment	Distressed Index	Index <1.0
		U-Rate	PCPI	Change	Change		
	<b>Oregon</b>	1	1	1.04	0.99	1.03	Non-Distressed
1	Klamath	0.71	0.76	1.06	0.98	0.56	Distressed
2	Lake	0.74	0.75	1.03	0.97	0.56	Distressed
3	Jefferson	0.80	0.70	1.08	1.00	0.60	Distressed
4	Coos	0.80	0.87	1.04	0.98	0.62	Distressed
5	Josephine	0.74	0.84	1.03	0.99	0.63	Distressed
6	Douglas	0.79	0.79	1.04	0.98	0.64	Distressed
7	Grant	0.73	0.82	1.07	1.00	0.64	Distressed
8	Malheur	1.00	0.62	1.06	1.99	0.65	Distressed
9	Baker	0.86	0.78	1.06	0.97	0.69	Distressed
10	Curry	0.80	0.83	1.04	0.99	0.69	Distressed
11	Harney	0.88	0.80	1.06	0.96	0.72	Distressed
12	Union	0.93	0.79	1.06	0.98	0.75	Distressed
13	Umatilla	0.90	0.79	1.06	1.01	0.76	Distressed
14	Wallowa	0.82	0.85	1.09	1.01	0.76	Distressed
15	Lincoln	0.86	0.86	1.04	1.00	0.77	Distressed
16	Columbia	0.86	0.86	1.08	1.00	0.80	Distressed
17	Wasco	0.95	0.84	1.02	1.00	0.81	Distressed
18	Jackson	0.86	0.92	1.05	0.99	0.82	Distressed
19	Linn	0.93	0.84	1.06	0.99	0.82	Distressed
20	Multnomah	1.06	1.12	1.04	1.00	0.84	Non-Distressed
21	Polk	1.00	0.81	1.04	1.00	0.84	Distressed
22	Lane	0.93	0.90	1.04	1.00	0.85	Distressed
23	Clatsop	1.00	0.86	1.05	0.98	0.89	Distressed
24	Tillamook	0.97	0.88	1.05	0.99	0.89	Distressed
25	Marion	1.00	0.87	1.04	1.00	0.91	Distressed
26	Crook	0.66	0.83	1.15	1.10	0.93	Distressed
27	Morrow	1.06	0.88	1.07	1.00	1.00	Non-Distressed
28	Wheeler	1.28	0.69	1.10	1.03	1.00	Distressed
29	Yamhill	1.09	0.91	1.05	1.00	1.04	Non-Distressed
30	Sherman	0.95	1.08	1.04	0.99	1.06	Non-Distressed
31	Benton	1.23	0.89	1.01	1.01	1.12	Non-Distressed
32	Gilliam	0.90	1.11	1.14	0.99	1.14	Non-Distressed
33	Deschutes	0.97	1.15	1.07	0.99	1.18	Non-Distressed
34	Hood River	1.23	1.04	1.02	0.98	1.27	Non-Distressed
35	Washington	1.16	1.18	0.99	1.00	1.35	Non-Distressed
36	Clackamas	1.12	1.17	1.04	1.00	1.37	Non-Distressed

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	County	Index Components				2023 Distressed Index	
		Relative	Relative	Avg Wage	Employment	Distressed	Index <1.0
		U-Rate	PCPI	Change	Change	Index	
	Oregon	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.01	1.17	Non-Distressed
1	Jefferson	0.80	0.70	1.16	1.02	0.66	Distressed
2	Klamath	0.78	0.78	1.14	1.01	0.70	Distressed
3	Lincoln	0.76	0.85	1.17	0.99	0.75	Distressed
4	Curry	0.78	0.86	1.16	1.02	0.79	Distressed
5	Lake	0.95	0.76	1.10	1.03	0.82	Distressed
6	Clatsop	0.87	0.85	1.16	0.98	0.84	Distressed
7	Coos	0.83	0.91	1.12	1.02	0.85	Distressed
8	Douglas	0.90	0.82	1.15	1.02	0.86	Distressed
9	Grant	0.78	0.83	1.12	1.02	0.86	Distressed
10	Union	0.93	0.81	1.13	1.01	0.86	Distressed
11	Josephine	0.84	0.88	1.14	1.02	0.87	Distressed
12	Malheur	1.18	0.63	1.13	1.03	0.87	Distressed
13	Linn	0.93	0.86	1.08	1.02	0.88	Distressed
14	Columbia	0.90	0.87	1.17	1.00	0.91	Distressed
15	Tillamook	0.95	0.84	1.16	1.01	0.92	Distressed
16	Crook	0.78	0.82	1.32	1.10	0.93	Distressed
17	Umatilla	1.00	0.79	1.15	1.02	0.93	Distressed
18	Baker	1.02	0.78	1.13	1.04	0.94	Distressed
19	Harney	1.02	0.80	1.11	1.06	0.95	Distressed
20	Lane	0.95	0.90	1.16	1.00	0.98	Distressed
21	Wallowa	0.96	0.86	1.14	1.06	1.00	Non-Distressed
22	Marion	1.02	0.87	1.15	1.02	1.05	Non-Distressed
23	Wasco	1.00	0.85	1.22	1.01	1.05	Non-Distressed
24	Multnomah	0.93	1.14	1.17	1.04	1.06	Non-Distressed
25	Polk	1.08	0.81	1.17	1.04	1.06	Non-Distressed
26	Jackson	0.96	0.92	1.17	1.03	1.07	Non-Distressed
27	Morrow	1.13	0.84	1.11	1.03	1.09	Non-Distressed
28	Yamhill	1.11	0.91	1.14	1.00	1.14	Non-Distressed
29	Gilliam	1.08	1.03	1.09	0.99	1.20	Non-Distressed
30	Wheeler	1.58	0.69	1.07	1.03	1.20	Non-Distressed
31	Deschutes	0.98	1.10	1.19	1.05	1.35	Non-Distressed
32	Benton	1.33	0.88	1.16	0.99	1.36	Non-Distressed
33	Hood River	1.16	1.06	1.17	0.99	1.41	Non-Distressed
34	Clackamas	1.08	1.16	1.16	1.00	1.47	Non-Distressed
35	Sherman	1.21	1.10	1.14	1.03	1.56	Non-Distressed
36	Washington	1.18	1.16	1.18	1.00	1.61	Non-Distressed

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- The state's unemployment rate divided by the county's unemployment rate;
- The county's per capita personal income (PCPI) divided by the state's per capita personal income;
- The change in the county's average covered payroll per worker over a two year period;
- The sum of the change in the county's employment over a two year period;