

Economic Development in Eastern Oregon



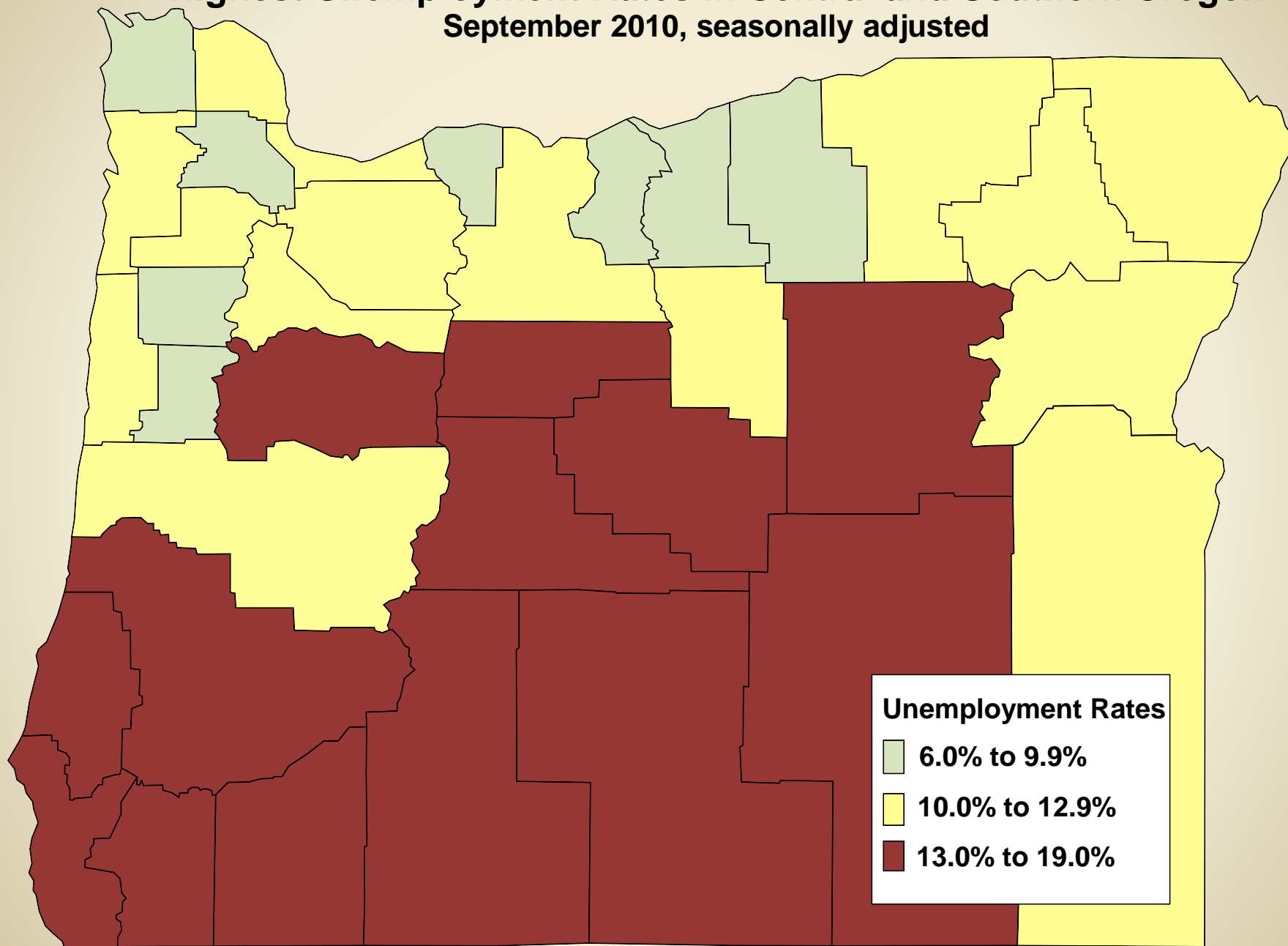
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Highest Unemployment Rates in Central and Southern Oregon

September 2010, seasonally adjusted





Community Renewable Energy Projects

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Community Renewable Energy

- **Locally owned renewable energy projects.**
 - **Revenue stays in local community**
 - **Low impact Hydro, Bio Mass, Geothermal, Wave, Community Scale Wind, net metering projects**
- **Small impact compared to large commercial renewable projects.**
- **Require same local siting considerations as larger (sub EFSC) projects**
- **Becoming a major interest throughout the United States**

Obstacles to Renewable Energy

- **The largest obstacle to Renewable Energy in the US is confused Federal and State policies that contradict each other**
- **Federal and State governments promote Renewable Energy as a major energy policy that provides local jobs and revenue, helps us get us off of fossil fuels, and adds diversification to local power grids.**
- **However, Regional government Agencies are not in sync with federal and state policies. Instead, they have imposed local restrictions that have halted numerous renewable projects in Oregon.**
- **DOD, FAA, USFWS, BLM, ODFW have all imposed crippling uncoordinated policy mandates with little attempt to coordinate with the Renewables Industry to seek mutually satisfactory solutions to complex issues.**

Economic Benefits from Renewables

**Oregon Renewables have resulted in the largest economic
boast to Oregon since the boom days of fishing and timber.**

**They have helped reverse the loss of population to declining
rural communities, brought significant financial stabilization
to local farming, and provided new jobs and state revenues
at a time when the Oregon budget severely needs financial
strengthening.**

**There are a number of renewable energy projects stalled at the
moment due to conflicting government policies**