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## **Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA): December 2018**

### **Lane County's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 4.6 Percent in December**

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 4.6 percent in December compared with a revised 4.5 percent in November. It is higher than the December 2017 rate of 4.3 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1 percent and the national rate was 3.9 percent in December.

Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment decreased by 600 jobs in December due largely to seasonal losses. Lane County's total nonfarm employment dropped 900 or -0.6 percent since December 2017. Statewide, the over-the-year growth rate was 1.5 percent.

At the private-sector industry level, there were seasonal losses in construction (-200) and leisure and hospitality (-100). Elsewhere there were gains in manufacturing (+100) and education and health services (+200). There were additional losses in retail trade (-200) and professional and business services (-300).

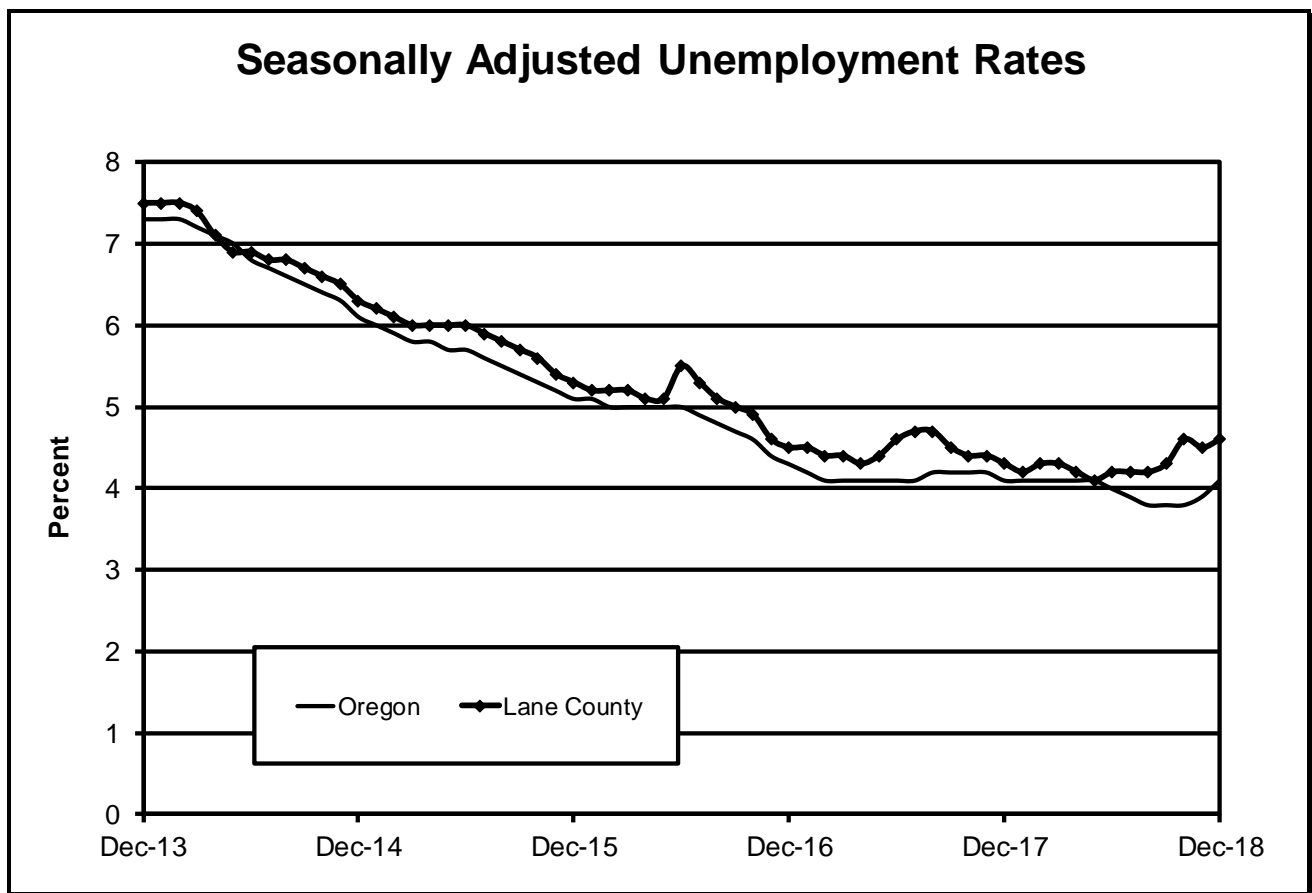
Government employment decreased by 200 in December from a loss of 300 in local government that was countered by a gain of 100 in federal government.

Over the year, the largest gain in the private sector came in private education and health services (+1,400), partly due to the reclassification of home health care workers from state government. Additional gains occurred in manufacturing (+500), leisure and hospitality (+200), and construction (+100). There were private-sector over-the-year losses in information (-200) and retail trade (-600).

Government lost 2,200 jobs over the year due to the reclassification of home health care workers from state government to private health care and an additional loss of 600 in local education that was countered by gains of 200 noneducation local government and 100 in federal government.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 12th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 5th.





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### Eugene MSA (Lane County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	182,636	184,134	184,824	-1,498	-2,188
Unemployed	7,930	7,864	7,516	66	414
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	0.1	0.3
Employed	174,706	176,270	177,308	-1,564	-2,602
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	161,600	162,200	162,500	-600	-900
Total private	132,000	132,400	130,700	-400	1,300
Mining, logging, and construction	8,100	8,300	8,000	-200	100
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,200	7,400	7,100	-200	100
Manufacturing	14,600	14,500	14,100	100	500
Durable goods	9,500	9,400	9,200	100	300
Wood product manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,400	0	100
Transportation equipment manufacturing	700	700	700	0	0
Nondurable goods	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,600	30,700	31,000	-100	-400
Wholesale trade	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Retail trade	20,500	20,700	21,100	-200	-600
Food and beverage stores	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,700	3,600	3,600	100	100
Information	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	-200
Financial activities	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0
Professional and business services	18,100	18,400	18,400	-300	-300
Administrative and support services	8,700	8,900	9,000	-200	-300
Education and health services	27,500	27,300	26,100	200	1,400
Health care and social assistance	25,500	25,300	24,000	200	1,500
Leisure and hospitality	17,200	17,300	17,000	-100	200
Accommodation and food services	15,300	15,400	15,000	-100	300
Food services and drinking places	13,600	13,600	13,200	0	400
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Government	29,600	29,800	31,800	-200	-2,200
Federal government	1,900	1,800	1,800	100	100
State government	1,600	1,600	3,500	0	-1,900
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	26,100	26,400	26,500	-300	-400
Local education	18,900	19,100	19,500	-200	-600

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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