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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA): February 2019

Lane County's Unemployment Rate Edges Down to 4.6 Percent in February

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged down to 4.6 percent in February compared with a revised 4.8 percent in January. It is significantly higher than the February 2018 rate of 4.3 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 percent and the national rate was 3.8 percent in February.

Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 1,300 jobs in February due largely to a seasonal increase in local education after winter break. Lane County's total nonfarm employment rose 1,000 or 0.6 percent since February 2018. Statewide, the over-the-year growth rate was 1.5 percent.

At the private-sector industry level, there were seasonal losses in construction (-100) and retail trade (-200). There was a relatively large additional loss in transportation, warehousing and utilities (-200). Elsewhere, there were gains in professional and business services (+200), private education and health services (+200) and leisure and hospitality (+100).

Government employment increased by 1,200 in February from a seasonal gain of 1,100 in local education due to the end of winter break.

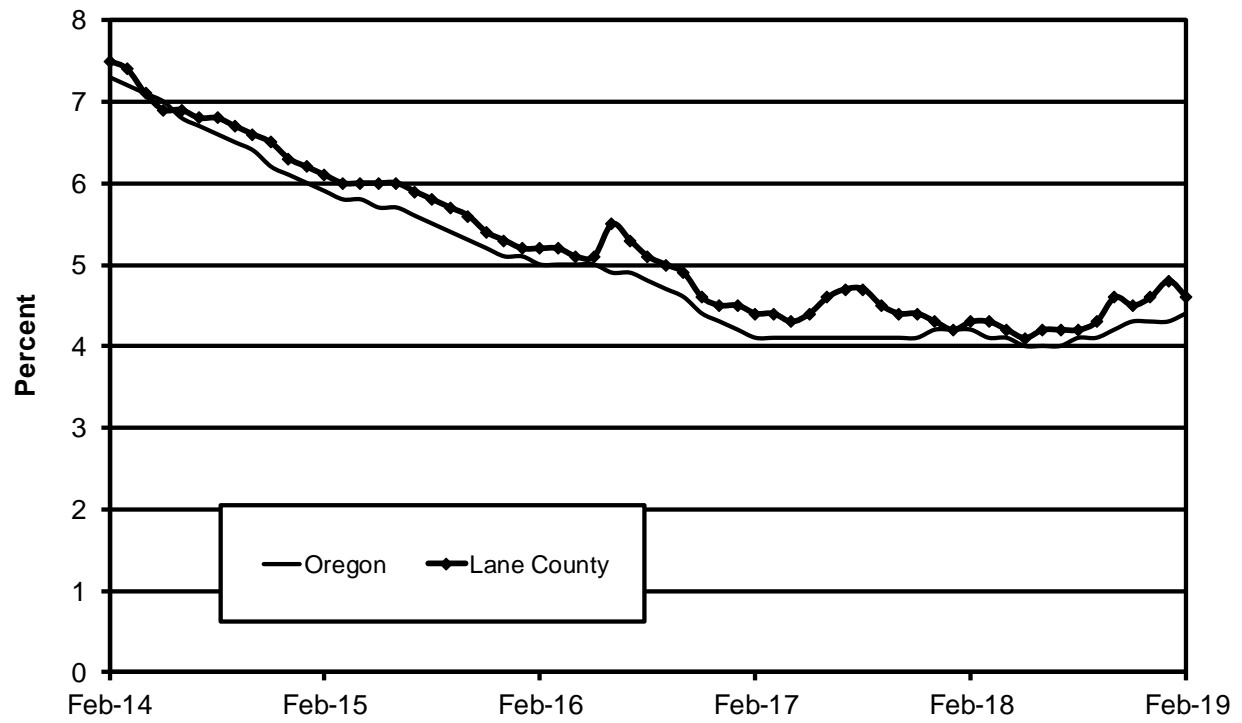
Over the year, the largest gains in the private sector came from manufacturing (+500) and private education and health services (+700). There were relatively large private-sector over-the-year losses in information (-300) and professional and business services (-300).

Government gained 300 jobs over the year due to gains in state government (+100) and noneducation local government (+200).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 23rd and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for March on Tuesday, April 16th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	183,430	181,792	183,175	1,638	255
Unemployed	8,902	9,359	8,941	-457	-39
Unemployment rate	4.9%	5.1%	4.9%	-0.2	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.8%	4.3%	-0.2	0.3
Employed	174,528	172,433	174,234	2,095	294
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	161,900	160,600	160,900	1,300	1,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	162,400	162,400	161,000	0	1,400
Total private	131,500	131,400	130,800	100	700
Mining, logging, and construction	7,900	8,000	7,800	-100	100
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,000	7,100	6,900	-100	100
Manufacturing	14,500	14,500	14,000	0	500
Durable goods	9,500	9,500	9,100	0	400
Wood product manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	100
Nondurable goods	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,700	30,100	29,800	-400	-100
Wholesale trade	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Retail trade	20,000	20,200	20,100	-200	-100
Food and beverage stores	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,300	3,500	3,400	-200	-100
Information	2,300	2,300	2,600	0	-300
Financial activities	8,000	7,900	8,000	100	0
Professional and business services	18,000	17,800	18,300	200	-300
Administrative and support services	8,700	8,500	8,800	200	-100
Education and health services	28,700	28,500	28,000	200	700
Health care and social assistance	26,600	26,400	25,900	200	700
Leisure and hospitality	17,100	17,000	16,900	100	200
Accommodation and food services	15,100	15,000	14,800	100	300
Food services and drinking places	13,400	13,300	13,000	100	400
Other services	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Government	30,400	29,200	30,100	1,200	300
Federal government	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State government	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	27,000	25,800	26,800	1,200	200
Local education	19,700	18,600	19,700	1,100	0

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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