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## **Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA): March 2019**

### **Lane County's Unemployment Rate Edges Down to 4.6 Percent in March**

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged down to 4.6 percent in March compared with a revised 4.7 percent in February. It is significantly higher than the March 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 March.

Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased by 1,100 jobs in March due largely to an increase in local education. Lane County's total nonfarm employment rose 600 or 0.4 percent since March 2018. Statewide, the over-the-year growth rate was 1.7 percent.

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

Government employment increased by 1,000 in March from a gain of 1,000 in local education.

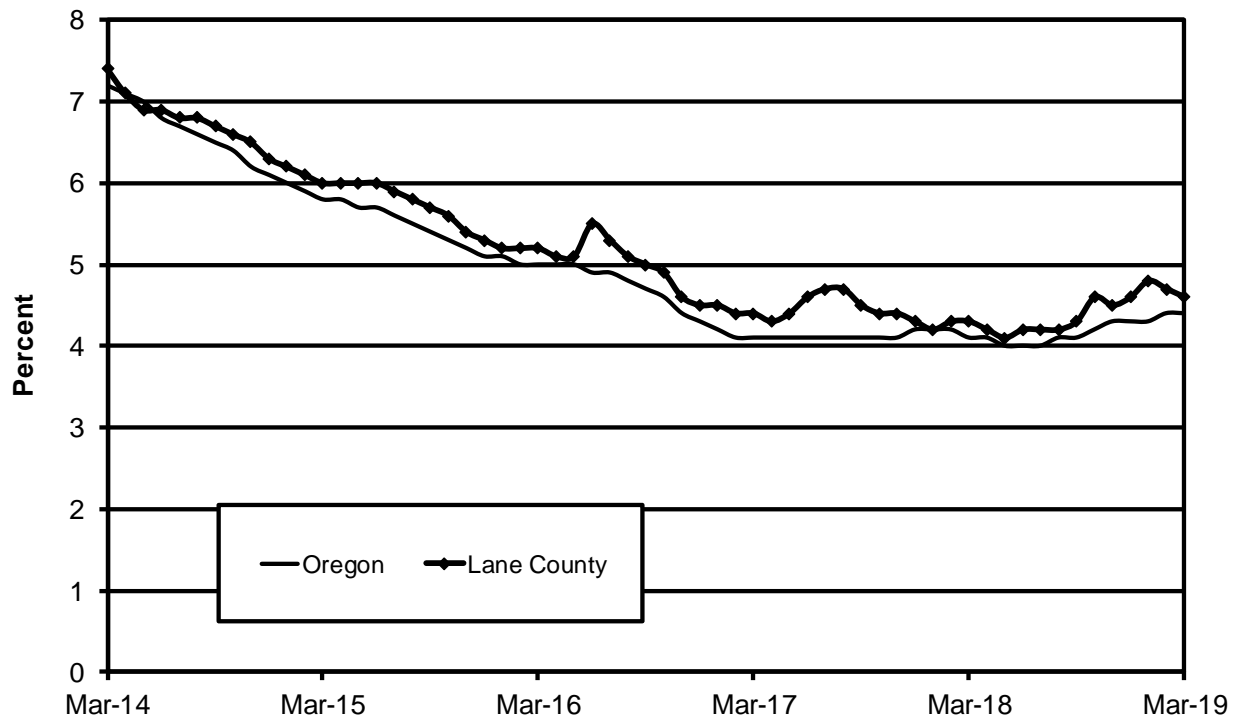
Over the year, the largest gains in the private sector came from private education and health services (+800) and manufacturing (+400). There were relatively large private-sector over-the-year losses in information (-300) and professional and business services (-400).

Government dropped 100 jobs over the year due to a gain in state government (+100) that was countered by a loss in local government (-200).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 14th.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	182,377	182,357	182,545	20	-168
Unemployed	8,940	8,921	8,754	19	186
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	4.3%	-0.1	0.3
Employed	173,437	173,436	173,791	1	-354
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	162,000	160,900	161,400	1,100	600
Total private	131,900	131,800	131,200	100	700
Mining, logging, and construction	8,000	7,900	7,900	100	100
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,100	7,000	7,000	100	100
Manufacturing	14,500	14,500	14,100	0	400
Durable goods	9,500	9,500	9,200	0	300
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	29,800	29,800	-100	-100
Wholesale trade	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Retail trade	20,000	20,100	20,100	-100	-100
Food and beverage stores	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Information	2,300	2,300	2,600	0	-300
Financial activities	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	-100
Professional and business services	18,000	18,200	18,400	-200	-400
Administrative and support services	8,800	8,700	8,800	100	0
Education and health services	28,800	28,700	28,000	100	800
Health care and social assistance	26,700	26,600	25,900	100	800
Leisure and hospitality	17,300	17,100	17,000	200	300
Accommodation and food services	15,300	15,100	15,000	200	300
Food services and drinking places	13,500	13,400	13,100	100	400
Other services	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Government	30,100	29,100	30,200	1,000	-100
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	26,700	25,700	26,900	1,000	-200
Local education	19,500	18,500	19,800	1,000	-300

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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