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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA): December 2019

Lane County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.0 Percent in December

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in December, the lowest rate going back to 1990 when comparable statistics began. It compares with a revised 4.2 percent in November. It is significantly lower than the December 2018 rate of 4.6 percent. Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent and the national rate was 3.5 percent in December.

Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment decreased by 100 jobs in December. Total nonfarm employment rose 1,300 or 0.8 percent since December 2018. Statewide, the over-the-year growth rate was 1.4 percent.

At the private-sector industry level, there were seasonal gains in retail trade (+100) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+100). There was a seasonal loss in construction (-200). There was an additional relatively large loss in private education and health services (-300).

Government employment gained 200 as a gain of 400 in local education was countered by losses in Federal government (-100) and noneducation local government (-100).

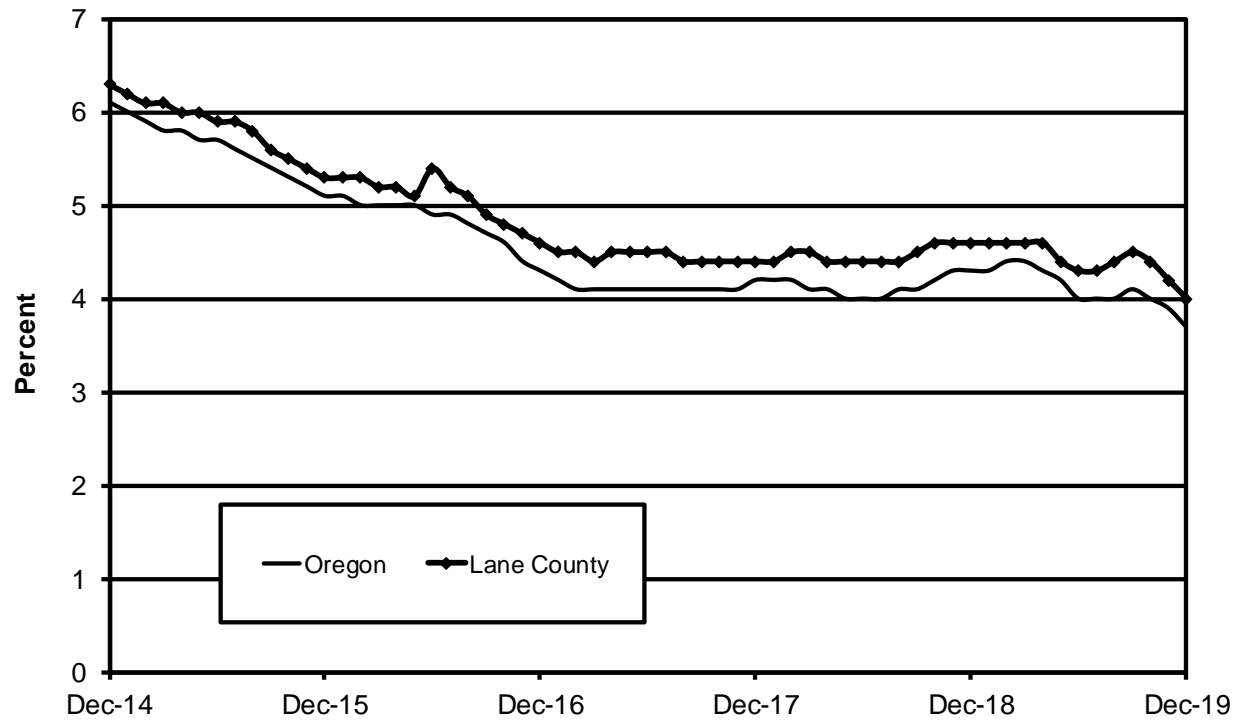
Over the year, the largest gains in the private sector came from education and health services (+1,100), retail trade (+300), financial activities (+300), and other services (+300). There was a relatively large loss in professional and business services (-600).

Government dropped 100 over the year as a gain in state government (+100) was countered by a loss of 200 in local education.

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 10th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	180,152	181,015	180,879	-863	-727
Unemployed	5,518	6,085	8,208	-567	-2,690
Unemployment rate	3.1%	3.4%	4.5%	-0.3	-1.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.2%	4.6%	-0.2	-0.6
Employed	174,634	174,930	172,671	-296	1,963
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	164,900	165,000	163,600	-100	1,300
Total private	135,000	135,300	133,600	-300	1,400
Mining, logging, and construction	8,300	8,500	8,300	-200	0
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,400	7,600	7,400	-200	0
Manufacturing	14,400	14,300	14,400	100	0
Durable goods	9,400	9,300	9,500	100	-100
Wood product manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100
Nondurable goods	5,000	5,000	4,900	0	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	31,400	31,200	31,000	200	400
Wholesale trade	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Retail trade	21,100	21,000	20,800	100	300
Food and beverage stores	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	200
Information	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Financial activities	8,400	8,300	8,100	100	300
Professional and business services	17,700	17,800	18,300	-100	-600
Administrative and support services	7,800	8,100	8,600	-300	-800
Education and health services	29,500	29,800	28,400	-300	1,100
Health care and social assistance	27,500	27,600	26,400	-100	1,100
Leisure and hospitality	17,400	17,400	17,500	0	-100
Accommodation and food services	15,500	15,500	15,400	0	100
Food services and drinking places	13,800	13,800	13,600	0	200
Other services	5,600	5,700	5,300	-100	300
Government	29,900	29,700	30,000	200	-100
Federal government	1,800	1,900	1,800	-100	0
State government	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	26,300	26,000	26,500	300	-200
Local education	19,000	18,600	19,200	400	-200

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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