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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County's Unemployment Claims Continue at Record High Levels in April After Hitting a Record Low Unemployment Rate in March

The Oregon Employment Department is releasing employment and labor force data for the month of March today. These numbers will not capture any of the economic impacts of COVID-19. This is because the data used for today's report was collected prior to public health measures related to social distancing began on March 17th. Our employment and labor force data will capture current COVID-19 events in the April data to be released in May. The most current labor force data we are able to publish are initial claims for unemployment data.

Record Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Oregon

For the week ending April 11, 2020, the Oregon Employment Department received 53,800 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits, down from the previous week's 78,100 claims and down from the all-time high weekly initial claim count of 88,600 the week ending March 28. There were 4,900 claims for the week ending March 15 before businesses began curtailing operations in response to COVID-19.

Since March 15, there have been about 52,900 initial claims filed in the leisure and hospitality sector statewide. Health care and social assistance (25,800) and retail trade (19,700) are other sectors with large totals of initial weekly claims in the past four weeks, but every sector has seen additional claims activity.

For the week ending April 11, Lane County had the third highest level of processed claims after Multnomah and Washington counties with 4,600 processed claims. Since March 15, accommodation and food services (4,131), health care and social assistance (2,930), and retail trade (2,105) have had the most processed claims in Lane County

More information on Unemployment Insurance benefits can be found here:

https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

March Employment and Unemployment Rate

Lane County’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 3.6 percent in March, the lowest rate going back to 1990 when comparable statistics began.

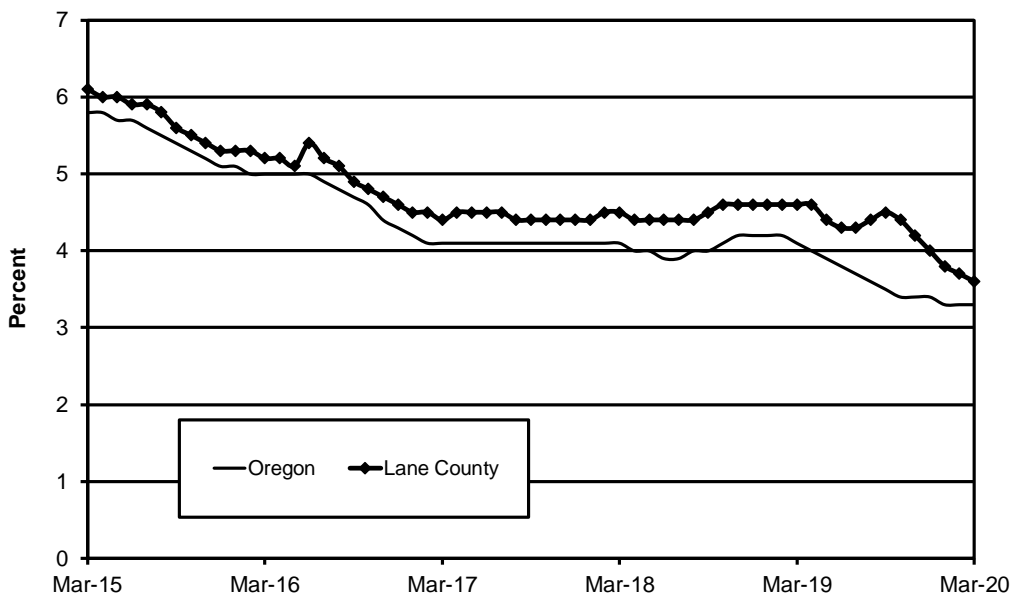
Not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment grew by 1,000 between February and March. There were gains in professional and business services (+400), manufacturing (+200), and leisure and hospitality (+200) in the private sector. In the public sector, local education had a gain of 200.

Total nonfarm employment rose 3,400 or 2.1 percent since March 2019 with large gains in local education (+1,400), private education and health services (+1,000) and professional and business services (+900). Statewide, the over-the-year growth rate was 0.8 percent in March.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 27th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for April on Tuesday, May 19th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	183,121	182,398	181,248	723	1,873
Unemployed	7,331	7,060	8,734	271	-1,403
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.9%	4.8%	0.1	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.6%	3.7%	4.6%	-0.1	-1.0
Employed	175,790	175,338	172,514	452	3,276
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	165,700	164,700	162,300	1,000	3,400
Total private	133,800	133,100	132,100	700	1,700
Mining, logging, and construction	8,100	8,200	8,100	-100	0
Mining and logging	800	800	900	0	-100
Construction	7,300	7,400	7,200	-100	100
Manufacturing	14,300	14,100	14,400	200	-100
Durable goods	9,300	9,200	9,500	100	-200
Wood product manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
Nondurable goods	5,000	4,900	4,900	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,900	29,900	30,100	0	-200
Wholesale trade	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
Retail trade	19,800	19,900	20,100	-100	-300
Food and beverage stores	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,800	3,700	3,600	100	200
Information	2,200	2,200	2,300	0	-100
Financial activities	8,100	8,100	8,100	0	0
Professional and business services	18,600	18,200	17,700	400	900
Administrative and support services	8,000	7,900	8,100	100	-100
Education and health services	29,700	29,700	28,700	0	1,000
Health care and social assistance	27,500	27,500	26,600	0	900
Leisure and hospitality	17,500	17,300	17,400	200	100
Accommodation and food services	15,400	15,300	15,400	100	0
Food services and drinking places	13,600	13,500	13,500	100	100
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	100
Government	31,900	31,600	30,200	300	1,700
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State government	1,800	1,700	1,700	100	100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	28,300	28,100	26,700	200	1,600
Local education	20,900	20,700	19,500	200	1,400

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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