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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

COVID-19 Leads to a Record High April Unemployment Rate

Public health measures implemented in March to combat the spread of COVID-19 are having an unprecedented economic impact on Lane County. April provides the first full month of data measuring that impact on workers and businesses.

April seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Lane County due to processing delays caused by large increases in unemployment. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect April's increase in unemployment related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for April will be available on Qualityinfo.org or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Lane County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from a record low March rate of 4.1 percent to a record high April rate of 16.1 percent. The previous record April rate was 13.2 percent in 2009. The Oregon not seasonally adjusted April rate was 14.8 percent and the U.S. rate was 14.4 percent.

Lane County's payroll employers shed 25,700 jobs in April for a 15.6 percent decline. This compares with a loss of 13.0 percent statewide. The largest private-sector losses in Lane County were in leisure and hospitality (-9,000), education and health services (-5,000), and government (-3,400). No sector gained jobs. Other sectors with large losses included professional and business services (-2,200), retail trade (-1,800), and manufacturing (-1,100).

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



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	March 2020	April 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	179,746	182,681	180,683	-2,935	-937
Unemployed	28,901	7,413	7,576	21,488	21,325
Unemployment rate	16.1%	4.1%	4.2%	12.0	11.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	150,845	175,268	173,107	-24,423	-22,262
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	139,400	164,500	163,200	-25,100	-23,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>139,000</i>	<i>164,700</i>	<i>162,500</i>	<i>-25,700</i>	<i>-23,500</i>
Total private	111,100	132,800	132,800	-21,700	-21,700
Mining, logging, and construction	7,700	8,100	8,200	-400	-500
Mining and logging	800	800	900	0	-100
Construction	6,900	7,300	7,300	-400	-400
Manufacturing	13,000	14,100	14,300	-1,100	-1,300
Durable goods	8,800	9,200	9,400	-400	-600
Wood product manufacturing	3,400	3,500	3,500	-100	-100
Nondurable goods	4,200	4,900	4,900	-700	-700
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,500	29,900	30,100	-2,400	-2,600
Wholesale trade	6,000	6,300	6,400	-300	-400
Retail trade	18,000	19,800	20,200	-1,800	-2,200
Food and beverage stores	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,500	3,800	3,500	-300	0
Information	2,000	2,200	2,300	-200	-300
Financial activities	7,600	8,000	8,100	-400	-500
Professional and business services	16,300	18,500	18,000	-2,200	-1,700
Administrative and support services	7,000	8,000	8,300	-1,000	-1,300
Education and health services	24,600	29,600	28,700	-5,000	-4,100
Health care and social assistance	22,700	27,400	26,600	-4,700	-3,900
Leisure and hospitality	8,000	17,000	17,700	-9,000	-9,700
Accommodation and food services	7,000	15,100	15,600	-8,100	-8,600
Food services and drinking places	6,400	13,500	13,800	-7,100	-7,400
Other services	4,400	5,400	5,400	-1,000	-1,000
Government	28,300	31,700	30,400	-3,400	-2,100
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State government	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	24,800	28,200	26,900	-3,400	-2,100
Local education	18,300	20,800	19,600	-2,500	-1,300

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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