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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

The Unemployment Rate Edges Down While High Unemployment Continues

May seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Lane County due to processing delays caused by large changes in unemployment in recent months. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect May's increase in employment related to Phase 1 reopening and a small decrease from the record unemployment rate reported in April. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for May 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 decreased from a record high April rate of 16.0 percent to 14.4 percent, a record high for May. The previous record May rate was 12.7 percent in 2009. The Oregon not seasonally adjusted May rate was 13.8 percent and the U.S. rate was 13.0 percent.

Lane County's payroll employers added 4,500 jobs in May, following a loss of 24,700 jobs in April. The largest private-sector gains in Lane County were in leisure and hospitality (2,200), education and health services (1,800), and manufacturing (500).

Government lost 1,500 in May due to losses in local education (-1,800) and state government (-100) that were countered by a gain in noneducation local government (+400).

Next Press Releases

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



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

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	182,536	180,016	180,388	2,520	2,148
Unemployed	26,266	28,781	6,720	-2,515	19,546
Unemployment rate	14.4%	16.0%	3.7%	-1.6	10.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	156,270	151,235	173,668	5,035	-17,398
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	144,300	139,800	164,600	4,500	-20,300
Total private	117,500	111,500	133,800	6,000	-16,300
Mining, logging, and construction	8,100	7,700	8,400	400	-300
Mining and logging	800	800	900	0	-100
Construction	7,300	6,900	7,500	400	-200
Manufacturing	13,600	13,100	14,300	500	-700
Durable goods	9,000	8,800	9,400	200	-400
Wood product manufacturing	3,400	3,400	3,500	0	-100
Nondurable goods	4,600	4,300	4,900	300	-300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	27,800	27,300	30,300	500	-2,500
Wholesale trade	6,200	6,000	6,400	200	-200
Retail trade	18,100	17,800	20,400	300	-2,300
Food and beverage stores	4,700	4,600	4,500	100	200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0
Information	2,000	2,000	2,300	0	-300
Financial activities	7,600	7,600	8,200	0	-600
Professional and business services	16,700	16,300	18,000	400	-1,300
Administrative and support services	7,300	7,000	8,400	300	-1,100
Education and health services	26,900	25,100	28,900	1,800	-2,000
Health care and social assistance	24,900	23,200	26,800	1,700	-1,900
Leisure and hospitality	10,300	8,100	18,000	2,200	-7,700
Accommodation and food services	9,000	7,200	15,900	1,800	-6,900
Food services and drinking places	8,500	6,500	14,000	2,000	-5,500
Other services	4,500	4,300	5,400	200	-900
Government	26,800	28,300	30,800	-1,500	-4,000
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	-100
State government	1,600	1,700	1,700	-100	-100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	23,400	24,800	27,200	-1,400	-3,800
Local education	16,500	18,300	19,800	-1,800	-3,300

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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