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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Seasonally Adjusted Employment Declines for the First Time Since April

Lane County's payroll employment dropped a seasonally adjusted 400 jobs in September after adding 4,100 in July and 2,800 in August. The decline is largely from a slower than usual seasonal increase in local education. As of September, the county has regained 72 percent of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

The largest not seasonally adjusted private-sector gain in September was in leisure and hospitality (200). There were relatively large losses in professional and business services (-300) and construction (-200).

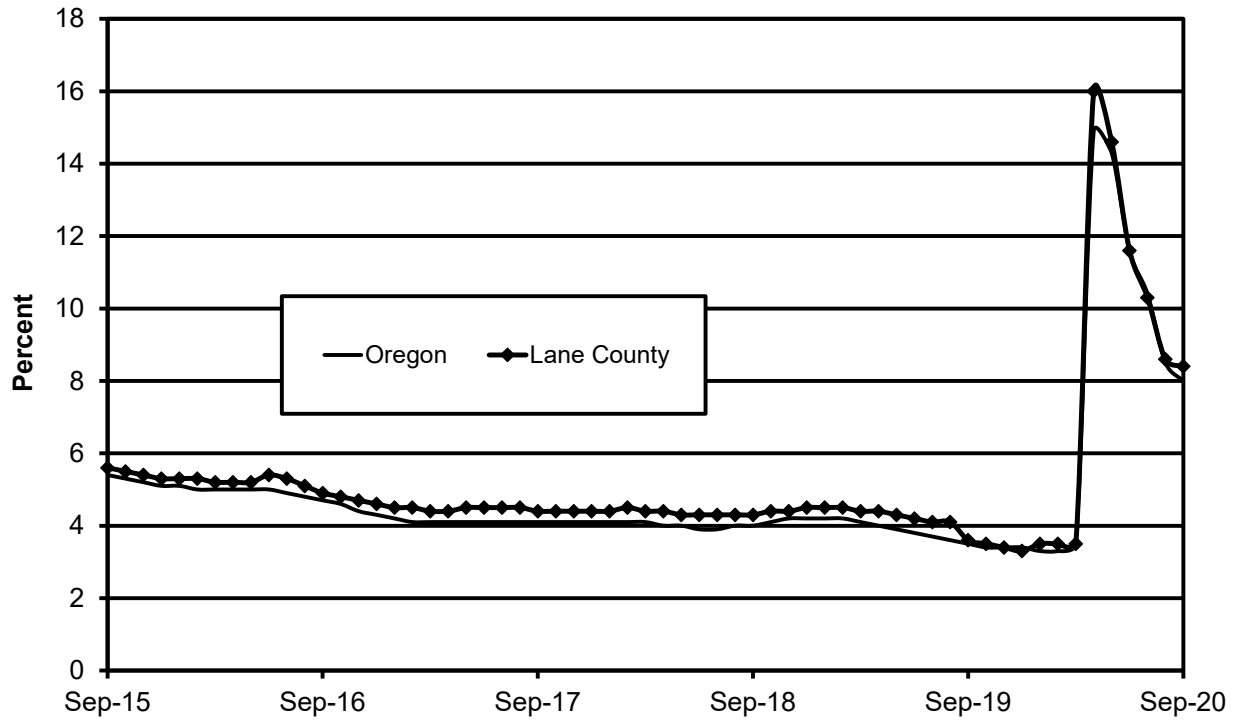
Government gained 1,100 in September due to seasonal gains in local government education of 1,400 and an additional gain in state government of 100. These gains were countered by losses of 200 each in federal government and noneducation local government.

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased slightly from a revised 8.6 percent in August to 8.4 percent in September. The Oregon seasonally adjusted September rate was 8.0 percent and the U.S. rate was 7.9 percent in September.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 24th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Tuesday, November 17th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	181,746	183,346	179,020	-1,600	2,726
Unemployed	13,431	15,521	6,138	-2,090	7,293
Unemployment rate	7.4%	8.5%	3.4%	-1.1	4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.4%	8.6%	3.6%	-0.2	4.8
Employed	168,315	167,825	172,882	490	-4,567
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	156,800	155,900	161,600	900	-4,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>157,600</i>	<i>158,000</i>	<i>163,000</i>	<i>-400</i>	<i>-5,400</i>
Total private	131,900	132,100	134,200	-200	-2,300
Mining, logging, and construction	8,700	8,900	8,800	-200	-100
Mining and logging	900	900	900	0	0
Construction	7,800	8,000	7,900	-200	-100
Manufacturing	14,000	14,000	14,200	0	-200
Durable goods	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	-100
Wood product manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
Nondurable goods	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,500	29,600	30,100	-100	-600
Wholesale trade	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	-100
Retail trade	20,000	20,100	20,300	-100	-300
Food and beverage stores	4,700	4,800	4,500	-100	200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,400	3,400	3,600	0	-200
Information	2,000	1,900	2,300	100	-300
Financial activities	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Professional and business services	17,500	17,800	18,500	-300	-1,000
Administrative and support services	7,900	8,100	8,600	-200	-700
Education and health services	31,600	31,500	28,800	100	2,800
Health care and social assistance	28,400	28,300	26,900	100	1,500
Leisure and hospitality	15,900	15,700	18,000	200	-2,100
Accommodation and food services	14,400	14,100	15,900	300	-1,500
Food services and drinking places	12,700	12,400	13,900	300	-1,200
Other services	4,600	4,700	5,300	-100	-700
Government	24,900	23,800	27,400	1,100	-2,500
Federal government	2,200	2,400	2,000	-200	200
State government	2,000	1,900	1,800	100	200
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	20,700	19,500	23,600	1,200	-2,900
Local education	13,500	12,100	16,200	1,400	-2,700

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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