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Employment in Lincoln County: March 2020

Employment changes significantly in March

Although Lincoln County employment was little changed in mid-March on a seasonally adjusted basis, it appeared to fall dramatically in late March due to business closures and layoffs from the COVID-19 restrictions. Data that reflect the economic impact from COVID-19 restrictions will be released May 27th.

COVID-19 closures have caused a spike in unemployment insurance claims. During the four-week period ending April 15, 2020 the Oregon Employment Department processed about 2,800 new claims for unemployment insurance from Lincoln County residents. That was 18 times the average of the preceding four weeks. Additionally, not all claims filed by Lincoln County residents have been processed yet.

The Employment Department has rapidly redeployed its staff, opened additional phone lines, and hired new staff in an attempt to address this unprecedented surge in claims. The department is still offering job seeker and employer services with additional, socially distanced options. We are present to help Oregonians who have experienced tremendous disruptions, while also doing our part to follow health and safety guidelines for our communities.

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

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment increased by 10 in March to 18,480 jobs. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 90 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's total nonfarm employment increased by 100. These gains almost certainly happened before COVID-19 restrictions began. Private-sector employment rose by 80 jobs, and government employment climbed by 20. Leisure and hospitality added 170 jobs, and trade,

transportation, and utilities jobs chipped in 30 jobs. Education and health services cut 50 jobs, and food manufacturing trimmed 40. Other industries had smaller changes.

March's total nonfarm employment was 110 less than one year before, a decrease of 0.6 percent. The private sector was down 70 jobs over the year and government employment fell by 40. Food manufacturing was up 40 jobs over the year. Industries losing the most jobs over the year were leisure and hospitality (-60 jobs), and construction (-40 jobs). Local government education shed 70 jobs over the year.

Lincoln County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0 percent in March, unchanged from the previous month (4.0%) but lower than the year before (5.0%). The rate was higher than the statewide rate (3.3%) but about the same as the national rate (4.4%).

Next Press Releases

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

Lincoln 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	20,329	20,298	20,514	31	-185
Unemployed	946	939	1,077	7	-131
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.6%	5.3%	0.1	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%	0.0	-1.0
Employed	19,383	19,359	19,437	24	-54
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	17,930	17,830	18,040	100	-110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	18,480	18,470	18,590	10	-110
Total private	14,080	14,000	14,150	80	-70
Mining, logging, and construction	850	860	880	-10	-30
Mining and logging	140	140	130	0	10
Construction	710	720	750	-10	-40
Manufacturing	960	1,020	940	-60	20
Durable goods	160	160	180	0	-20
Nondurable goods	800	860	760	-60	40
Food manufacturing	330	370	290	-40	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,330	3,300	3,330	30	0
Retail trade	2,810	2,810	2,800	0	10
Food and beverage stores	750	750	720	0	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	310	300	340	10	-30
Information	140	140	130	0	10
Financial activities	790	790	780	0	10
Professional and business services	970	970	980	0	-10
Education and health services	2,090	2,140	2,110	-50	-20
Leisure and hospitality	4,450	4,280	4,510	170	-60
Accommodation and food services	4,180	4,090	4,280	90	-100
Accommodation	1,750	1,760	1,830	-10	-80
Food services and drinking places	2,430	2,330	2,450	100	-20
Other services	500	500	490	0	10
Government	3,850	3,830	3,890	20	-40
Federal government	330	320	310	10	20
State government	300	290	290	10	10
Local government	3,220	3,220	3,290	0	-70
Indian tribal	1,030	1,030	1,030	0	0
Local education	940	950	1,020	-10	-80
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,250	1,240	1,240	10	10

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: 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.

Oregon Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by Area (1)

	<u>March 2020</u>	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>March 2019</u>
United States	4.4	3.5	3.8
State of Oregon	3.3	3.3	4.1
<u>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</u>			
Albany (Linn County)	3.9	3.9	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	3.4	3.4	4.5
Corvallis (Benton County)	2.6	2.7	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	3.6	3.7	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	4.3	4.4	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	3.9	3.9	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	3.2	3.3	3.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	3.6	3.7	4.4
<u>Counties (1):</u>			
Baker	4.3	4.4	5.4
Benton	2.6	2.7	3.3
Clackamas	3.1	3.2	3.9
Clatsop	3.5	3.5	4.3
Columbia	4.3	4.4	5.1
Coos	4.3	4.4	5.7
Crook	4.9	5.0	6.1
Curry	4.7	4.8	6.4
Deschutes	3.4	3.4	4.5
Douglas	4.5	4.6	5.6
Gilliam	4.1	4.0	4.7
Grant	6.0	6.1	8.0
Harney	4.5	4.5	6.6
Hood River	2.8	2.9	3.7
Jackson	3.9	3.9	5.0
Jefferson	4.4	4.5	5.8
Josephine	4.3	4.4	5.7
Klamath	6.0	6.1	7.0
Lake	4.2	4.4	6.5
Lane	3.6	3.7	4.6
Lincoln	4.0	4.0	5.0
Linn	3.9	3.9	4.9
Malheur	3.6	3.7	4.8
Marion	3.6	3.7	4.5
Morrow	3.7	3.8	4.7
Multnomah	3.0	3.0	3.8
Polk	3.7	3.8	4.6
Sherman	4.1	4.0	3.9
Tillamook	3.6	3.6	4.6
Umatilla	4.1	4.2	5.3
Union	4.3	4.3	5.8
Wallowa	5.1	5.3	6.4
Wasco	3.8	3.9	4.7
Washington	2.8	2.9	3.6
Wheeler	3.7	4.0	4.6
Yamhill	3.1	3.1	3.8

(1) Seasonally adjusted rates for the United States and Oregon are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) series. Source of Metro data is BLS and LAUS. Source of county data is OED.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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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