

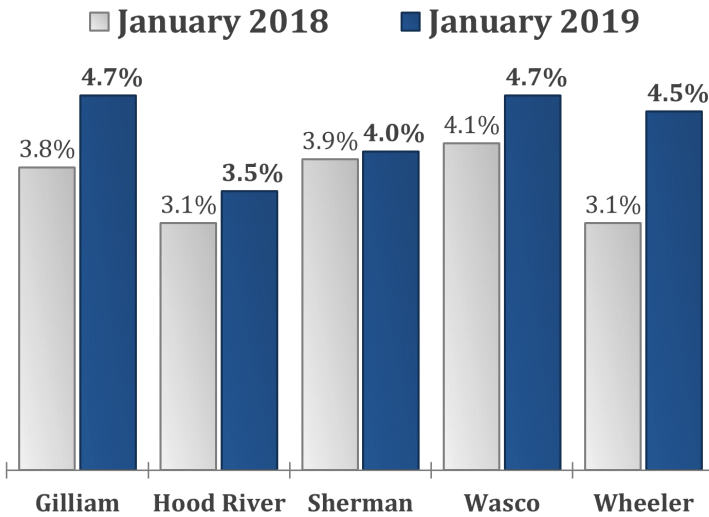


# Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

(January 2019 data)

## February 2019 Edition

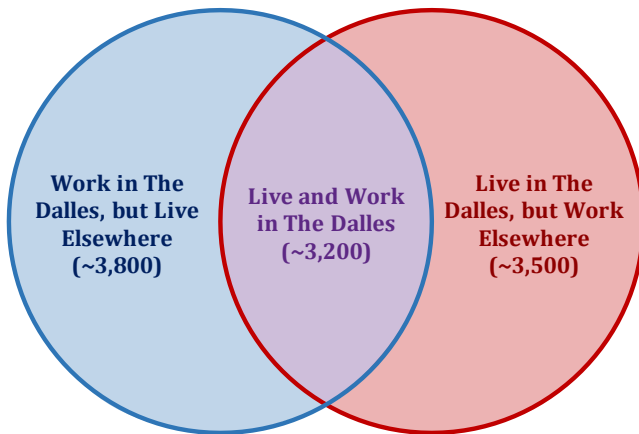
### Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally-adjusted)



### Graph of the Month

#### The Dalles, Oregon: A Bedroom Community?

Source: OED and U.S. Census, OnTheMap and ACS 2017  
5-Year Estimates

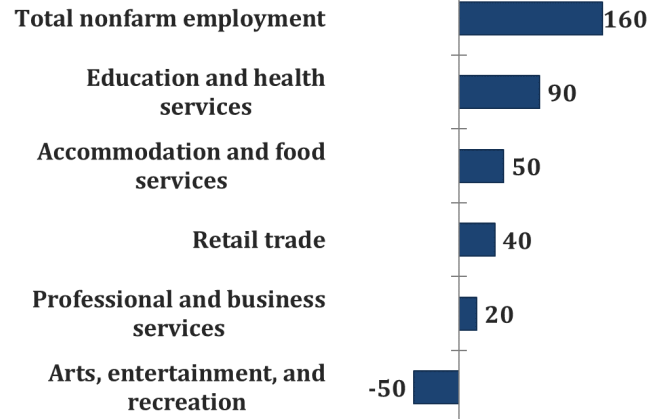


**Net gain of about 300 workers**

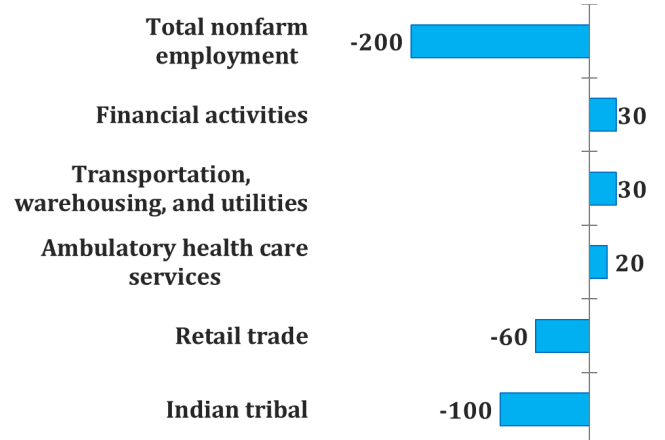
The most common reason for workers not living where they work, especially in city centers and large metro areas, is housing affordability. Living in the city center is typically more expensive, so it's common for workers to live in neighboring communities to escape higher housing costs. These outer communities are often referred to as "bedroom communities." Is The Dalles considered a bedroom community for Hood River? Not really... While about 225 residents of The Dalles commute to Hood River for work (roughly 3.5 percent of workers who reside in The Dalles), about 300 Hood River residents are commuting the opposite direction to The Dalles. When considering the commuting patterns from other towns near The Dalles we see that the city is actually a net importer of labor.

### Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

#### Hood River County



#### Wasco County



### Largest Over-the-Year Changes

#### Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+15)  
Professional and business services (+40)

#### Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (-5)

#### Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (-15)  
Leisure and hospitality (-10)