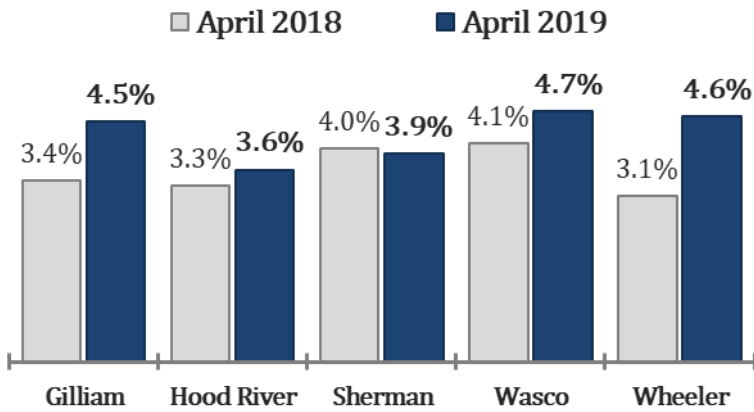




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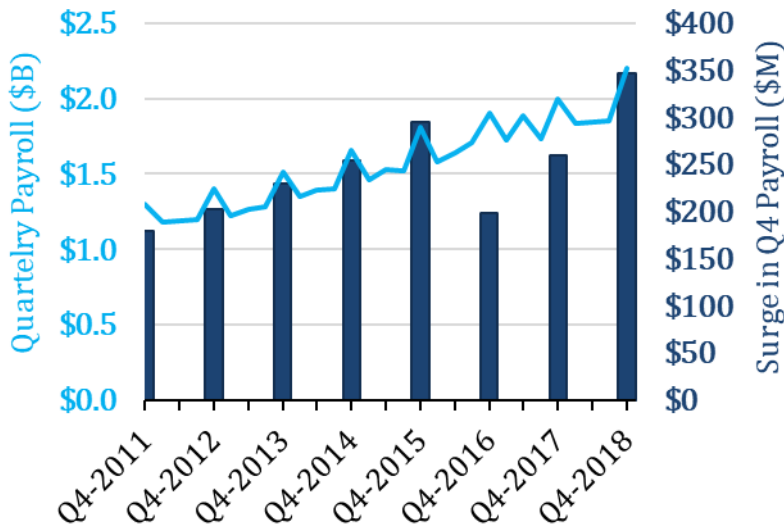
Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



Graph of the Month

Payroll in Oregon's Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Industry Surges in Q4

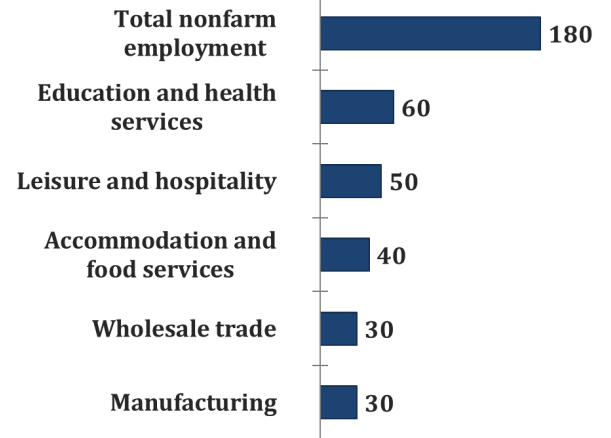
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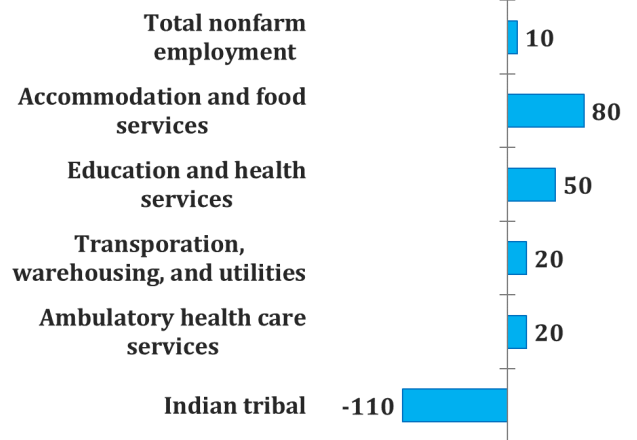
The professional, scientific, and technical industry encompasses an eclectic set of firms where human capital is a major input. This includes firms in law, accounting, engineering, computer systems design, graphic design, research and development, and much more. Compared to all of Oregon's industries, this industry saw less relative job losses during the last recession and recovered those lost jobs in half the amount of time. But, another highlight of the industry stands out—annual bonuses and dividends being returned to its employees. During a profitable year we can see these bonuses being paid out in the 4th quarter, and 2018 proved to be a particularly strong year as there was a surge in Q4 payroll of \$347 million—a new record for surges in industry payroll.

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

Hood River County



Wasco County



Largest Over-the-Year Changes

Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+25)
Leisure and hospitality (+15)

Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (+30)
Local government (+20)

Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (-35)