

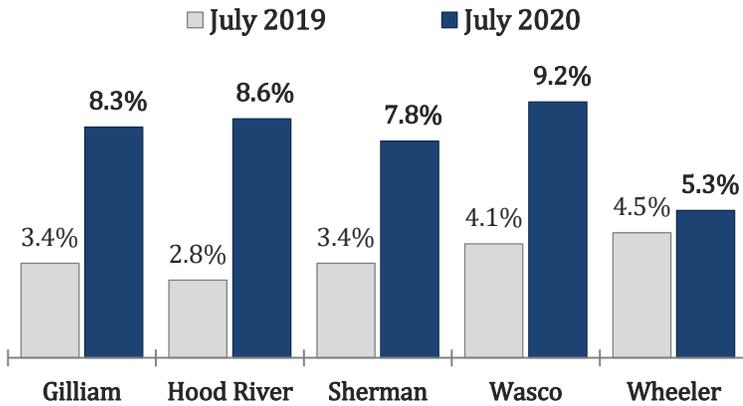


# Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

August 2020 Edition

(July 2020 data)

## Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally adjusted)



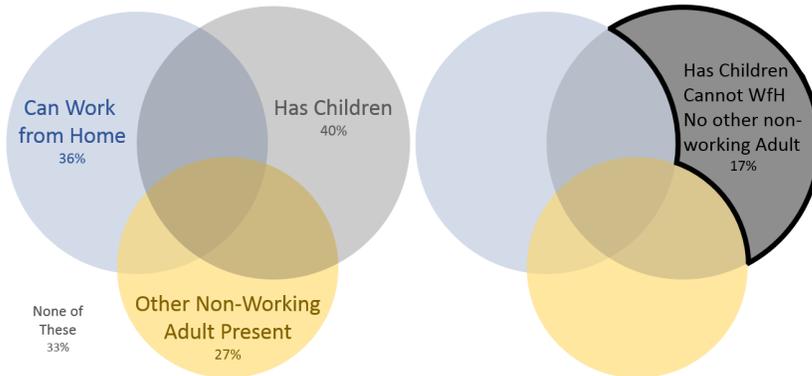
## Graph of the Month

### COVID Challenges Oregon's Working Parents

Source: Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

Oregon's Workforce: 2.1 million

Working Parents in a Bind: 350,000



As classes start for the Fall 2020 semester, I can imagine that working parents aren't feeling the same level of relief they were this time last year when they sent their kids back to school. With online learning being the main delivery for schools across the state, many working parents are having to juggle the task of working *and* helping with their kids' virtual schoolwork. This is a predicament many households in Oregon are currently grappling with as they begin a full semester of this precarious juggle.

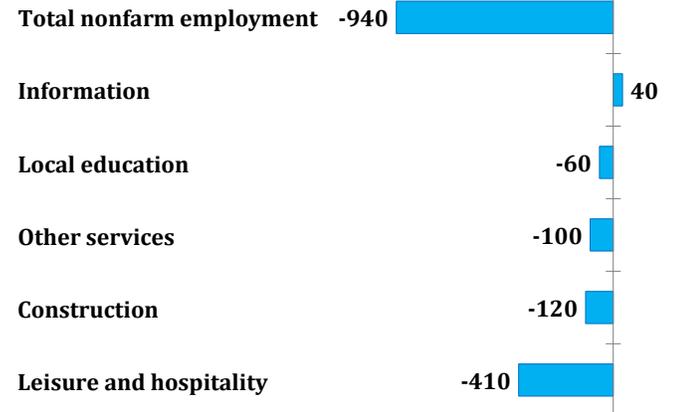
As the OEA points out, 1 out of 6 (~17%) Oregonians in the labor force have kids, work in a job that can't be done remotely, and don't have another non-working adult present in the house. This puts roughly 350,000 Oregonians in a tough position. One surprising find is that upper middle-income households (\$65k to \$110k in annual income) are the most impacted with this predicament. For more info, read the [OEA's original post here](#).

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

### Hood River County



### Wasco County



## Largest Over-the-Year Changes

### Gilliam

#### Total nonfarm employment (No OTY Change)

Local government (-15)

Trade, transportation, and utilities (-20)

### Sherman

#### Total nonfarm employment (-85)

Local government (-20)

Leisure and hospitality (-40)

### Wheeler

#### Total nonfarm employment (-35)

Leisure and hospitality (-25)

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