

# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## January 2019

**Graph of the Month:** Last month, I looked at jobs where Lane County pays the most in Oregon. This month, it's the other side of the coin: jobs where Lane is the lowest-paid region. Several roles make the list in human resources, IT, and finance, as well as plumbers, hairdressers, janitors, and bakers.

### The Grass Might Be Greener

Occupation	Lane Median Wage	Next Lowest Region			State	
		Region	Median Wage	Gap	Median Wage	Gap
Human Resources Managers	\$37.16	East Cascades	\$41.33	-\$4.17	\$47.34	-\$10.18
Computer Systems Analysts	\$27.06	Eastern Oregon	\$29.81	-\$2.75	\$43.61	-\$16.55
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$24.43	Southwestern	\$26.82	-\$2.39	\$36.19	-\$11.76
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	\$12.98	Eastern Oregon	\$14.50	-\$1.52	\$17.52	-\$4.54
Procurement Clerks	\$15.73	Clackamas	\$17.06	-\$1.33	\$19.29	-\$3.56
Loan Officers	\$25.41	Rogue Valley	\$26.47	-\$1.06	\$33.89	-\$8.48
Compliance Officers	\$29.65	Southwestern	\$30.42	-\$0.77	\$33.11	-\$3.46
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	\$23.36	Rogue Valley	\$23.96	-\$0.60	\$28.14	-\$4.78
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$11.66	East Cascades	\$12.09	-\$0.43	\$12.20	-\$0.54
Bakers	\$12.26	Southwestern	\$12.64	-\$0.38	\$13.70	-\$1.44
Construction Laborers	\$15.59	Rogue Valley	\$15.93	-\$0.34	\$17.60	-\$2.01
Human Resources Specialists	\$23.43	Eastern Oregon	\$23.70	-\$0.27	\$28.36	-\$4.93
Social and Human Service Assistants	\$15.38	Eastern Oregon	\$15.65	-\$0.27	\$17.78	-\$2.40
Janitors and Cleaners	\$12.38	Southwestern	\$12.50	-\$0.12	\$13.53	-\$1.15
Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$42.01	Eastern Oregon	\$42.12	-\$0.11	\$61.21	-\$19.20

Source: Oregon Employment Department 2018 Wage Data

### Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

December 2017 to December 2018

**Manufacturing:** +500 (+3.5%)

**Construction:** +100 (+1.4%)

**Leisure and Hospitality:** +200 (+1.2%)

**Retail Trade:** -600 (-2.8%)

**All Industries:** -900 (-0.6%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

### News and Articles

Quality Info: New Special Report [Employer-Provided Benefits in Oregon: Offerings, Enrollment, and Rising Cost](#)

Quality Info: [Careers in Solar Power Manufacturing and Installation](#)

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: [Working from Home](#)

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: [Manufacturing's Evolution \(Timber- and Tech-Related\)](#)

### Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [4.6%](#)  
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+0.1 %pts](#)

Number of job listings in the last 30 days: [4,374](#)

Share of employers offering any benefits in the Willamette Valley: [77%](#)

Real per capita personal income growth, 2016-2017: [\\$300 \(0.7%\)](#)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **New Firm:** Old Hazeldell Quarry, a gravel mine, will open in Oakridge.
- **Closure:** Pier Sushi in Springfield closed.
- **New Firm:** e-commerce company Wayfair plans to open a call center in Springfield that will employ more than 600 people.

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