

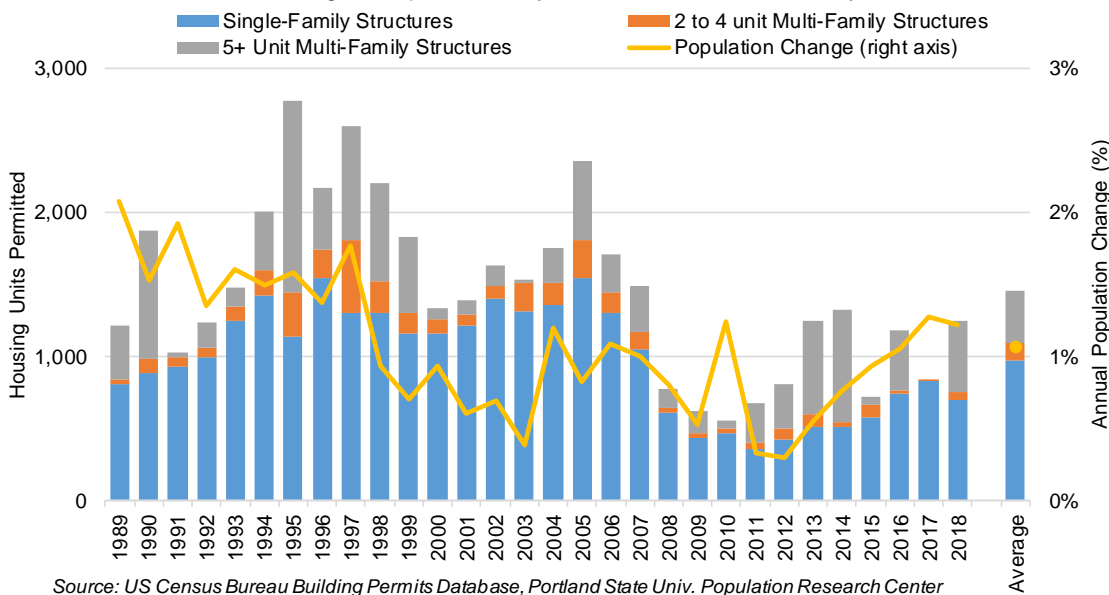
LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

February 2019

Graph of the Month: [Housing permits were up slightly in 2018](#), though still below the average levels of past decades. Building is likely still catching up with population growth and the effects of the Great Recession. Fewer than 1,000 units were permitted in only seven of the last 30 years, all of which have been since 2008.

They Don't Build Them Like They Used To

Housing units permitted by structure size, Lane County



Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

January 2018 to January 2019

Manufacturing: +500 (+3.6%)

Retail Trade: -300 (-1.5%)

Construction: +300 (+4.4%)

Information: -400 (-14.8%)

All Industries: +600 (+0.4%)

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

News and Articles

Quality Info: [Primary Employers Reflect the Economic Role of Place](#) by Henry Fields

Quality Info: [Certified Lane County 2018 Population Estimates](#) by Brian Rooney

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: [Regional Business Cycle Exposure, Pt 1](#)

Brookings Institution: Report - [Automation and Artificial Intelligence: How machines are affecting people and places](#)

Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [4.8%](#)
 (Seasonally Adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+0.2 %pts](#)

Number of job listings in the last 30 days: [3,429](#)

New building permits for housing units, 2018: [1,243](#)
 (preliminary)

2018 median wage for Lane County welders: [\\$20.84](#)

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

- **Reduction:** Winnebago will lay off about 220 workers at its Junction City facility.
- **New construction:** Construction began on Obie Companies' expansion of 5th Street Public Market.
- **New firm:** Uki Uki Bar and Lounge opened in downtown Eugene.

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