LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS
February 2020

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Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: 3.8% (seasonally adjusted)
Change from previous year: -0.8 pct. pts
Average number of job vacancies in Lane County at any given time in 2019: 5,400

Business highlights: new openings, closings & hiring events

• New Firm: Sheppard Motors plans to open Audi Eugene, a car dealership. It will employ 30 to 60.

• Reduction: PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend laid off around 40, primarily in obstetrics.

• Closure: Arauco North America will close its fiberboard mill in Eugene in May, laying off 84.

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