LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS  
May 2020

Graph of the Month: On the Employment Department’s COVID-19 page you’ll find the most recent economic data, including newly released data on demographics of workers claiming unemployment insurance. In Lane County, young workers are slightly overrepresented among claims, likely due to the industries impacted.

Workers Claiming Unemployment Benefits by Age  
Lane County, April 2020

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>2020 Continued Claims</th>
<th>2019 Workforce</th>
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<td>16 to 24 years</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>25 to 34 years</td>
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<td>35 to 44 years</td>
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<td>45 to 54 years</td>
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<td>55 to 64 years</td>
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<td>65 and over</td>
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Source: Oregon Employment Department, Census Bureau Quarterly Workforce Indicators

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes  
April 2019 to April 2020

Construction: -400 (-5.5%)  
Retail Trade: -2,200 (-10.9%)  
Health Care and Social Assistance: -3,900 (-14.7%)  
Leisure and Hospitality: -9,700 (-54.8%)  
All Industries: -23,800 (-14.6%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates

News and Articles

Quality Info: Recent Trends in Lane County Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry by Henry Fields

Quality Info: Lane County Unemployment Insurance Claims Climb Sharply by Brian Rooney

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast, June 2020

Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: 16.1% (not seasonally adjusted)
Change from previous year: +11.9 pct. pts
Unemployment Insurance claims processed in the eight weeks ending May 9: 26,226
Business highlights: new openings, closings & hiring events

- Reduction: Lane Transit District will reduce its staff by 38, adding to layoffs of 14 previously announced.
- Rehire: Several restaurants, including Brail’s, Plank Town Brewing, and Sweet Life reopened after closing due to COVID-19.
- Expansion: Lane County plans to hire 42 for road and bridge maintenance work.

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