

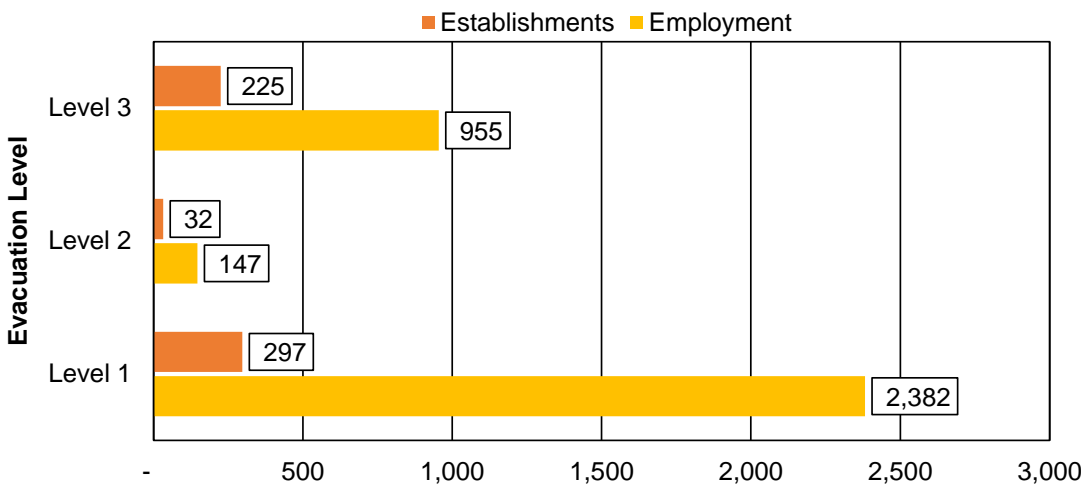
LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

September 2020

Graph of the Month: There were nearly 3,500 employees at 550 businesses in zones affected by this month's wildfires, according to the most recent data available. This tally of the impact to Lane County does not count self-employed people or disruptions to businesses outside of evacuation zones, such as poor air quality.

Business and Workers in Wildfire Evacuation Zones

Lane County evacuation zones as of 9/11/2020



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Geocoded QCEW data ([link to article](#))

Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

August 2019 to August 2020

Manufacturing: -400 (-2.8%)	Professional and Business Services: -800 (-4.3%)
Information: -400 (-17.4%)	Leisure and Hospitality: -2,700 (-14.6%)
All Industries: -5,000 (-3.1%)	

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

News and Articles

Quality Info: [Fast-Growing Jobs in Lane County](#) by Henry Fields

Quality Info: [Measuring Local Industry Employment Diversity with the Hachman Index](#) by Guy Tauer

OED Blog: [Women in Oregon Experiencing Higher Unemployment Rates than Men During COVID-19 Pandemic](#) by Sarah Cunningham

Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [7.5%](#)
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+3.4 pct. pts](#)

Rank of Lane among Oregon counties in employment diversity according to the Hachman Index: [1st](#)

Average Job Vacancies in Lane County, Spring 2020: [4,008](#)

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

- **New Firm:** Electric Avenue, a store offering electric bicycles and scooters, opened in Eugene.
- **Expansion:** Springfield-based DevNW built six affordable homes in Cottage Grove for families with income below the median.

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