LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS
October 2020

Graph of the Month: Construction remains a bright spot in local and state employment. Although some feared that the 2020 recession would stall local housing production, this month’s graph shows one aspect of the smaller impact: housing permits issued through August are higher than they were at this point in 2019.

Housing Unit Building Permits, Lane County
January to August

Source: US Dept of Housing and Urban Development Building Permits Database

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

Retail trade: -300 (-2%)
Information: -300 (-13%)
Professional and Business Services: -1,000 (-5%)
Leisure and Hospitality: -2,100 (-12%)
All Industries: -4,800 (-3%)

Source: Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates

News and Articles

Quality Info: New and Emerging Jobs in Oregon: The Latest Trends by Felicia Bechtoldt
Quality Info: Oregon’s Forestry and Logging Industry: From Planting to Harvest by Brian Rooney
Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: Economic Dynamism in Oregon

Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: 8.4% (seasonally adjusted)
Change from previous year: +3.9 pct. pts
Projected job growth, 2019-2029: 8%
Business highlights: new openings, closings & hiring events

• Closure: Brew Dr. will permanently close its five teahouse locations in Portland, Eugene, and Bend due to COVID-19.
• New Firm: MBOSQ – a food cart offering quesabirria, chimichingas, tortas, burritos, and street tacos – opened in Eugene.
• New Firm: Las Comadres – a food truck offering pupusas, tacos, and burritos – opened in Eugene.

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