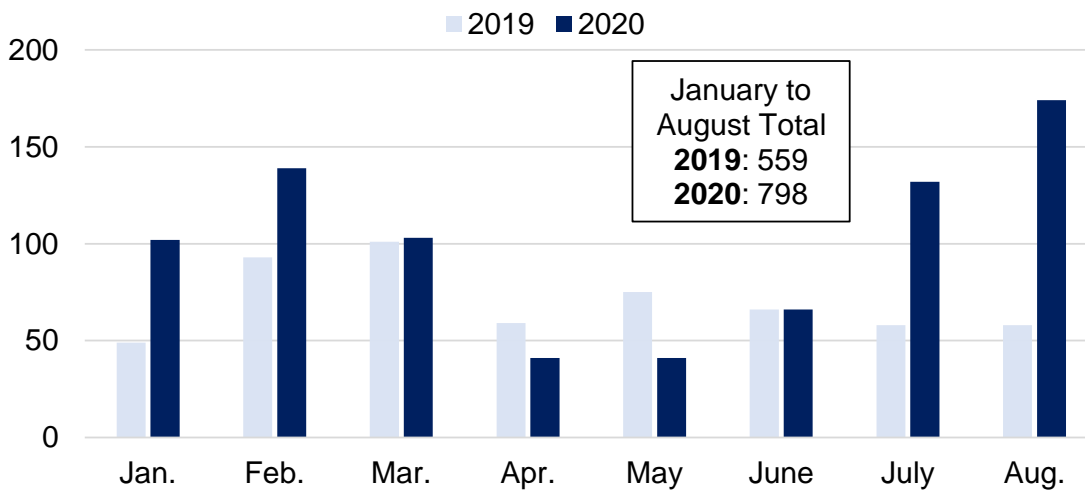


LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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%)	Professional and Business Services: -1,000 (-5%)
Information: -300 (-13%)	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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