Mid-Valley Economic Indicators—Linn County

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Linn County in May was 13.5 percent. Oregon’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.2 percent. Total nonfarm employment in Linn County for May 2020 fell 9.0 percent from May 2019. Continued unemployment claims (which count individuals who were eligible and received benefits) is down from 5,701 in April to 4,662 in May, but is still far higher than the level seen in the first quarter of 2020.

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Mid-Valley Economic Indicators—The Salem MSA

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Salem MSA in May was 12.7 percent. Oregon’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.2 percent. Total nonfarm employment in the Salem MSA for May 2020 fell 11.9 percent from May 2019. Continued unemployment claims (which count individuals who were eligible and received benefits) is down from 15,873 in April to 14,443 in May, but is still far higher than the level seen in the first quarter of 2020.

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Mid-Valley Economic Indicators—Yamhill County

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Yamhill County in May was 13.2 percent. Oregon’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.2 percent. Total nonfarm employment in Yamhill County for May 2020 fell 8.9 percent from May 2019. Continued unemployment claims (which count individuals who were eligible and received benefits) is down from 4,445 in April to 4,319 in May, but is still far higher than the level seen in the first quarter of 2020.

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