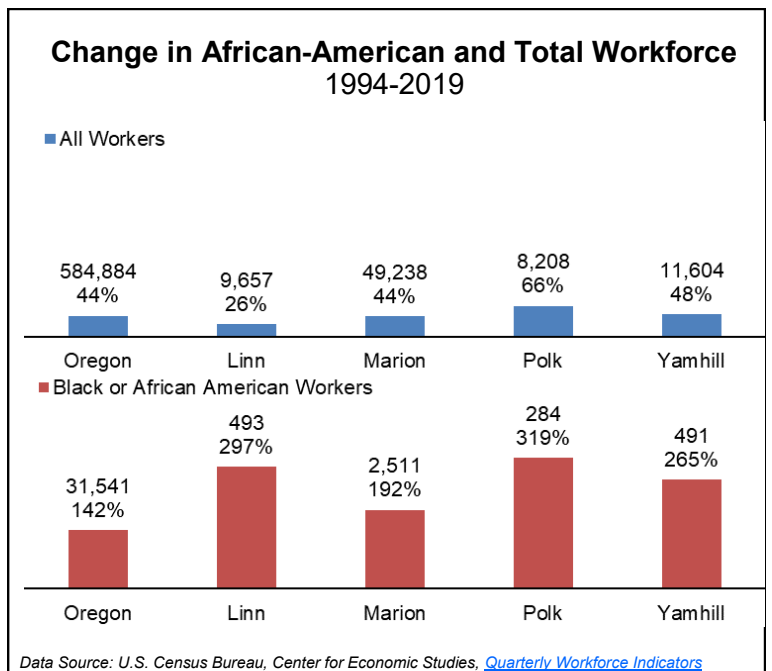
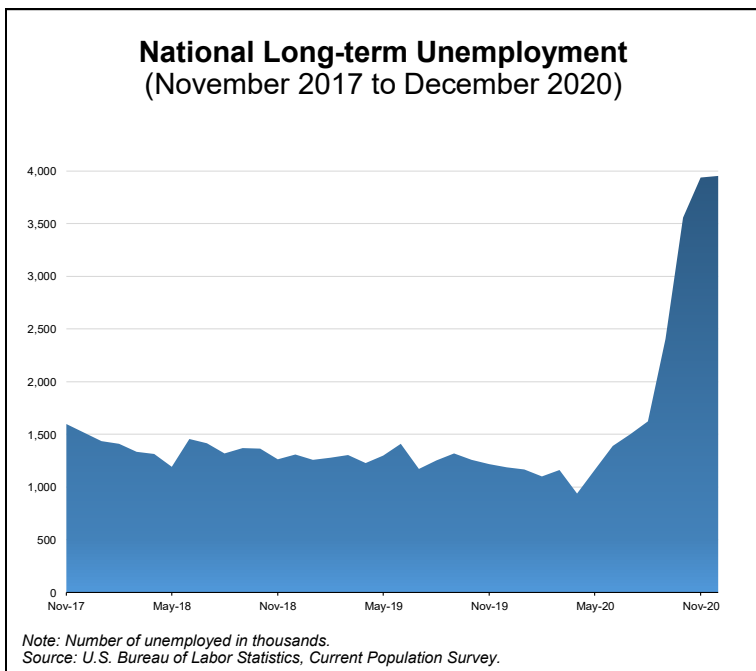
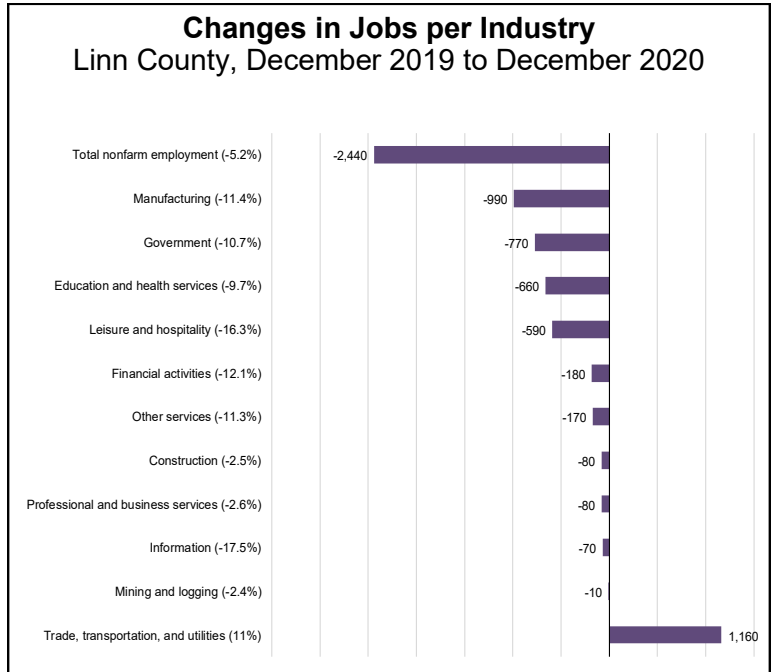
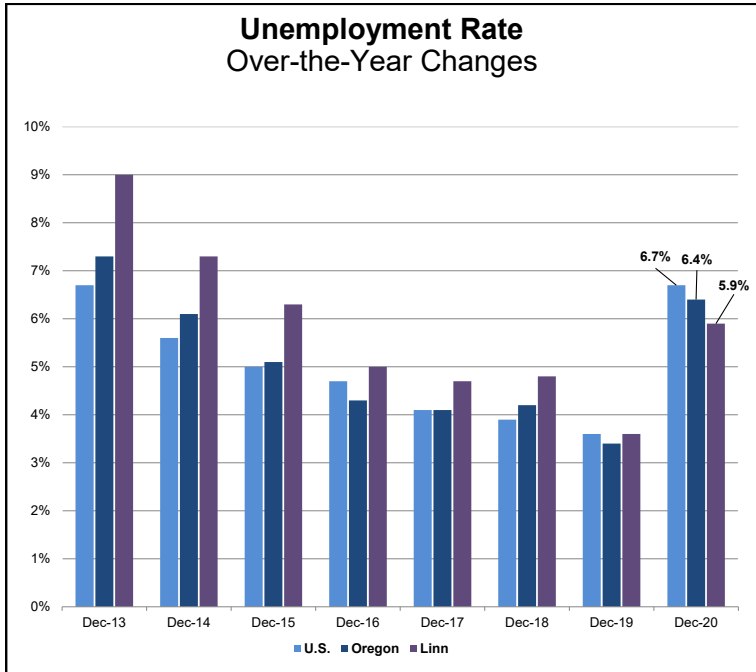


# Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Linn County, December Data

Linn County's economy lost jobs in December. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the county was 5.9%, essentially unchanged from the November revised unemployment rate of 5.8%. Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) declined 0.3% since November, and is down 5.2% over the past year, less than the statewide decline of 9.1%.

National Long-term Unemployment in December remained at four times the level of early 2020, which continues to be an economic concern. Nearly four million workers have been unemployed for 27 weeks or more, which is considered long-term.

In honor of Black History month, the graph of the month looks at Black or African American workers in Oregon and the Mid-Valley region. The total Oregon workforce grew 44% from 1994 to 2019, while Black workers increased their representation in the workforce by more than doubling over that time period. Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties all saw their African-American workforce grow even faster, although Black workers still make up less of the workforce than in the state or nation.



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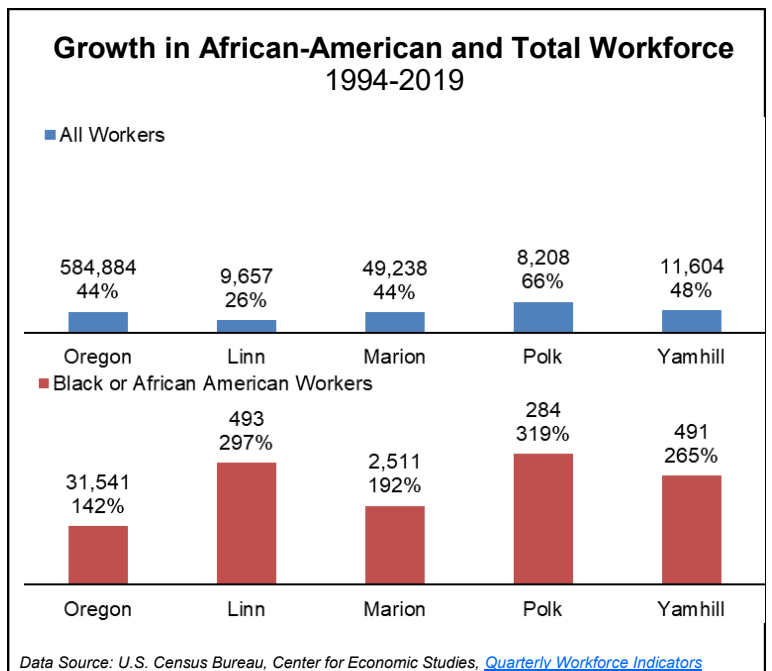
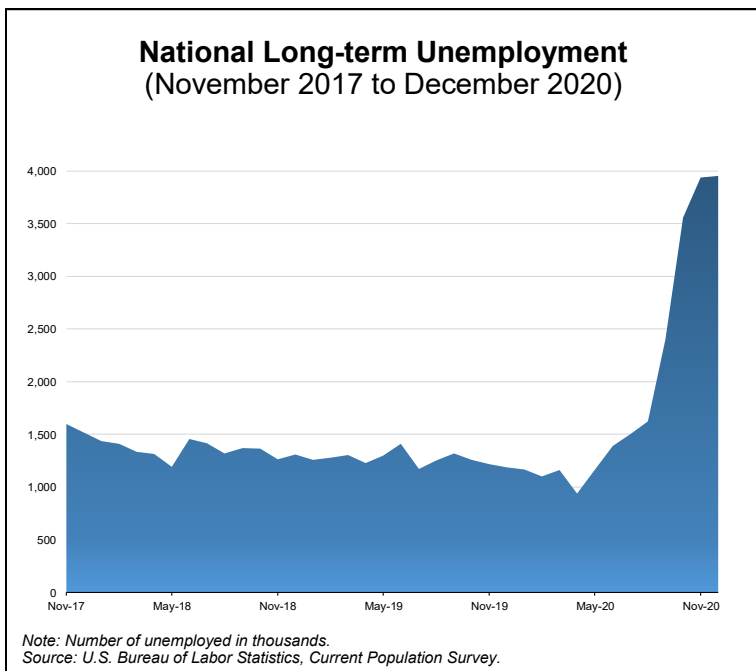
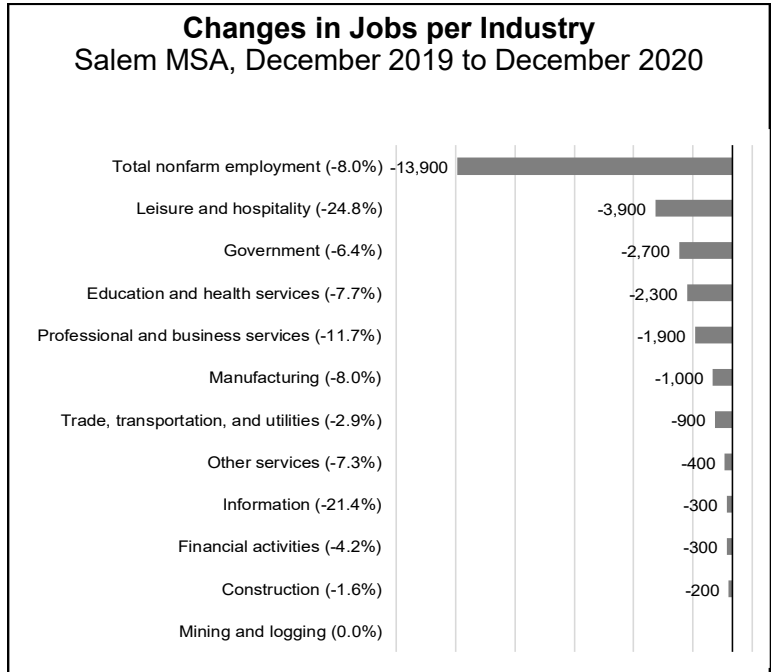
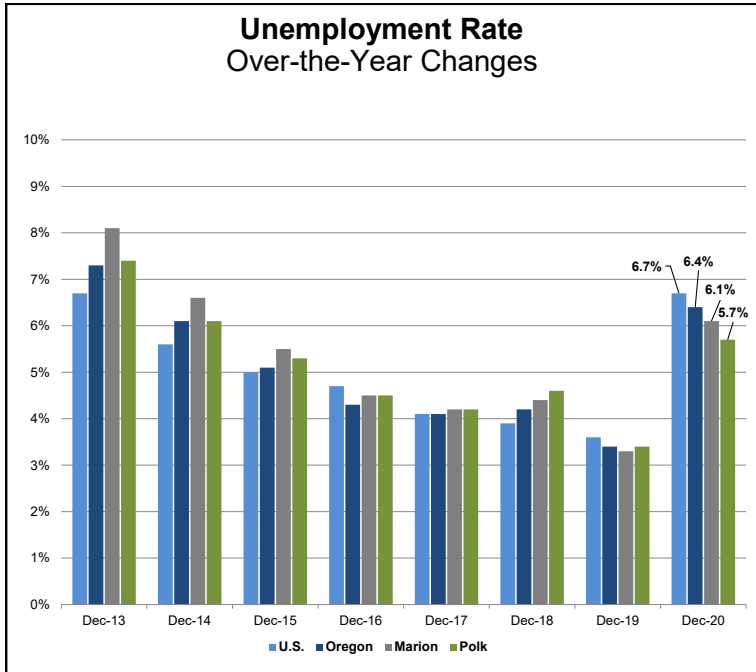
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# Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Salem MSA, December Data

Salem MSA's economy lost jobs in December. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the area was 6.3%, up slightly from the November unemployment rate of 5.9%. Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) declined 1.6% since November, and is down 8.0% over the past year, less than the statewide decline of 9.1%.

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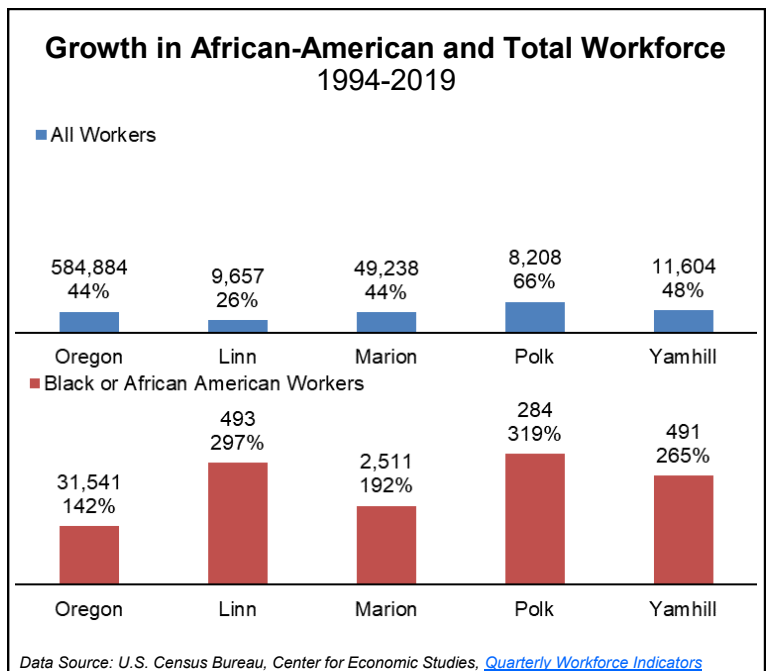
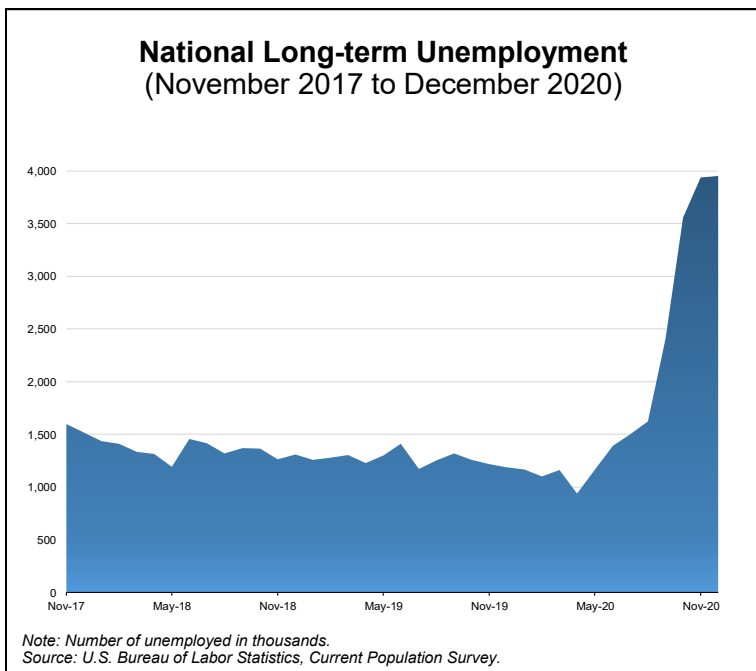
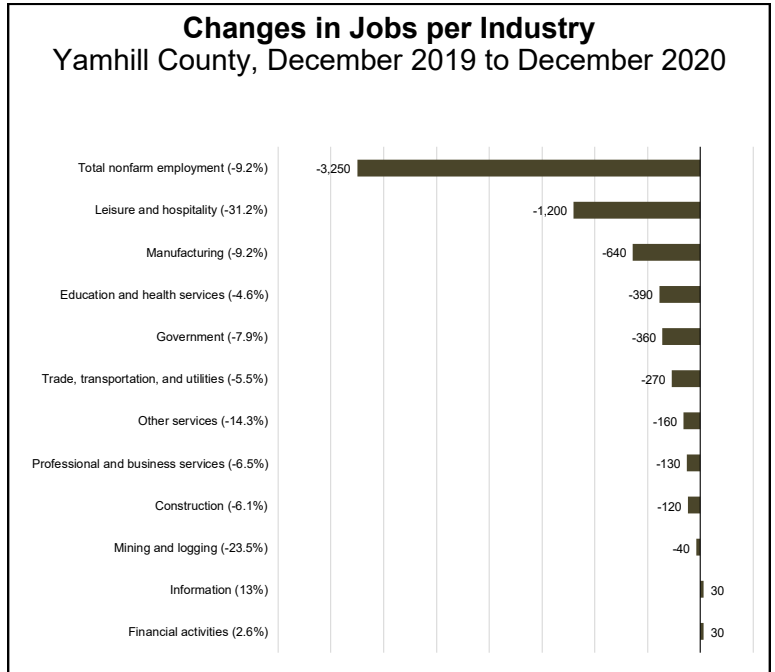
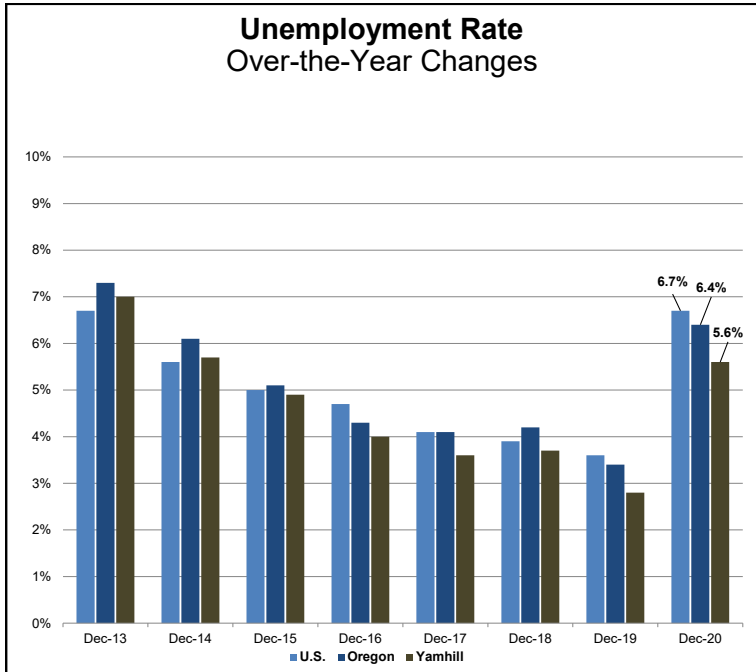
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# Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Yamhill County, December Data

Yamhill County lost jobs in December. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the county was 5.6%, up slightly from the revised November unemployment rate of 5.2%. Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) declined 1.2% since November, and is down 9.2% over the past year, about equal to the statewide decline of 9.1%.

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