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Northwest Oregon Economic Indicators COVID-19 Edition  
For Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln & Tillamook Counties April 2020

- Northwest Oregon had nearly 13,000 processed unemployment insurance initial claims from March 15 to April 18, greater than the total claims for all of 2019 (10,204).

- There were 103,020 nonfarm payroll jobs in Northwest Oregon in March. Average employment was 119,669 for Northwest Oregon residents in the first quarter of 2020.

- The peak number of unemployed in Northwest Oregon during the Great Recession was 13,135 (11.7% unemployment rate in May 2009).

COVID-19 Business News from Northwest Oregon

- Burgerville will furlough 1,020 of its 1,482 employees due to COVID-19. The move affects all of its store locations in Oregon and southwest Washington.

- Next Adventure, an outdoors company, closed its distribution center and stores in Portland, Sandy, and Warren due to COVID-19.

- Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City closed due to COVID-19.

- Walmart plans to hire more than 1,200 associates in Oregon to work in stores, clubs, distribution centers, and fulfillment centers due to COVID-19. The hiring will take place through the end of May.

- Tillamook Country Smoker, a maker of beef jerky, meat sticks, and smoked sausage, is hiring at its facilities in Bay City and Beaverton due to COVID-19.

- McMenamins hotel and brewpub chain will temporarily lay off 3,000 workers and close most locations around the region due to COVID-19.

- Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria will layoff about 90 staff who are not involved in direct patient care due to COVID-19.

- Hampton Lumber closed two of its nine mills due to COVID-19 and will continue to evaluate the others on a week-to-week basis. It has facilities in Warrenton, Tillamook, Banks, and Willamina.

- EO Media Group, the parent company of the East Oregonian and 12 other newspapers across Oregon, laid off 47 employees due to COVID-19.

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