Washington County Economic Indicators April 2020 (March Data)

NOTE: Our March data was collected prior to major economic changes related to COVID-19. This information will offer a valuable baseline for comparison and the April release on May 27th will more accurately capture the short-term effects of COVID-19.

In the last month, the total number of processed Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims for Washington County spiked rapidly. From March 22nd to April 18th, 21,825 UI Claims were processed, whereas the comparable four-week period in 2019 saw 1,515 UI Claims reviewed.

Washington County’s unemployment rate remained essentially unchanged at 2.8 percent from February 2020 to March 2020. We were tied with Hood River County for the second lowest unemployment rate in Oregon, behind Benton County.

Employment levels for Washington County expanded by 1.2 percent compared with March 2019 which equates to 3,500 jobs created. This is faster than employment growth experienced in both Oregon and the Portland MSA at 0.8 percent.

Unemployment Rate
March 2010 to March 2020, seasonally adjusted
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Wholesale Trade and Professional and Business Services Led Employment Growth in Washington County
March 2019 to March 2020, percentage change
Current Employment Estimates

Unemployment Rates in Washington County Cities
March 2020, not seasonally adjusted
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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