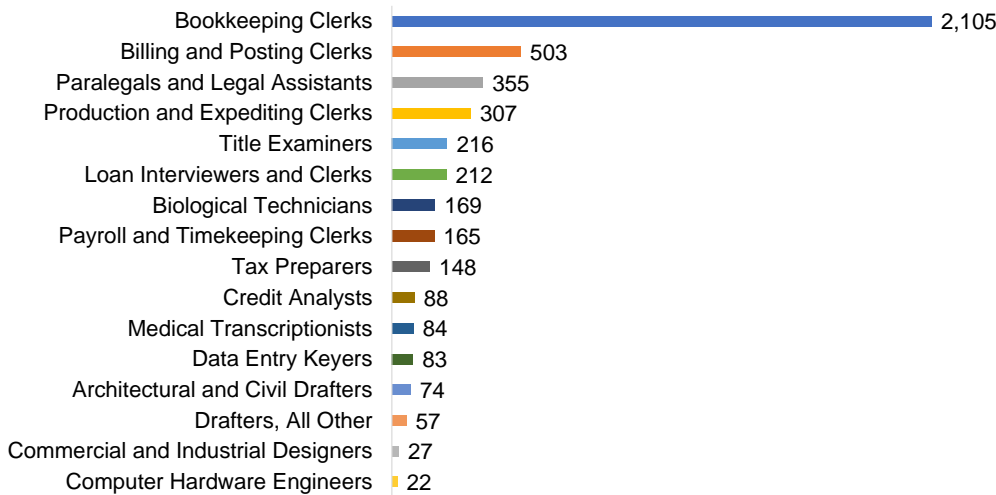


# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

April 2024

**Graph of the Month:** Artificial intelligence’s impact on the labor market is uncertain, but it’s likely to have upsides and downsides, even within the same occupation. The special graph this month looks at 20 roles with the most “exposure” to A.I. by duties, which may increase or decrease jobs.

**Lane County Employment in Occupations with High Exposure to A.I.**



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Pew Research

## Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

March 2023 to March 2024

**Private Education and Health Services:** 1,600 (+6%)

**Leisure and Hospitality:** -900 (-5%)

**Professional and Business Services:** -700 (-4%)

**Retail Trade:** -1,300 (-7%)

**All Industries:** 0 (0%)

**Employment change from February 2020 (seasonally adjusted):**  
 -3,300 (-2%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

## News and Articles

QualityInfo: [New and Emerging Jobs in Oregon: The Latest Trends](#) by Sarah Cunningham

QualityInfo: [Oregon’s Job Growth Fastest in Private Education and Health Services and Government](#) by Molly Hendrickson

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis Blog: [Oregon’s Strong Labor Market, March 2024](#)

## Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [4.4%](#)  
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [-0.4 pct. points](#)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Closure:** Vino & Vango, a paint and sip studio in Springfield, will close.
- **New Firm:** Market of Choice Field, a sports stadium, will open in Eugene.
- **New Firm:** Star Frog, a metaphysical store, opened in Cottage Grove.
- **Expansion:** Cottage Grove Police Department added an officer and dispatcher.

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