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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County's Unemployment Rate Edges up to 4.9% in January

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up to 4.9% in January compared with a revised 4.8% in December. The rate is higher than the 4.5% recorded in January 2022. Lane County's record low rate was 3.6% in February 2019. The Oregon seasonally adjusted January rate was 4.8% and the U.S. rate was 3.4%.

Lane County's payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 600 jobs in January after increases of 1,000 in December and 400 in November. Benchmark adjustments for 2022 show that annual average total payroll employment was 2,400 (-1.5%) jobs lower than originally estimated. With the adjustment, the county has regained 80% of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in January, there were seasonal losses in retail trade (-800); construction (-200); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-200). There was an additional loss of 500 in professional and business services. There was a gain in leisure and hospitality of 400.

Government lost 400 jobs in January due to a loss of 400 in local education.

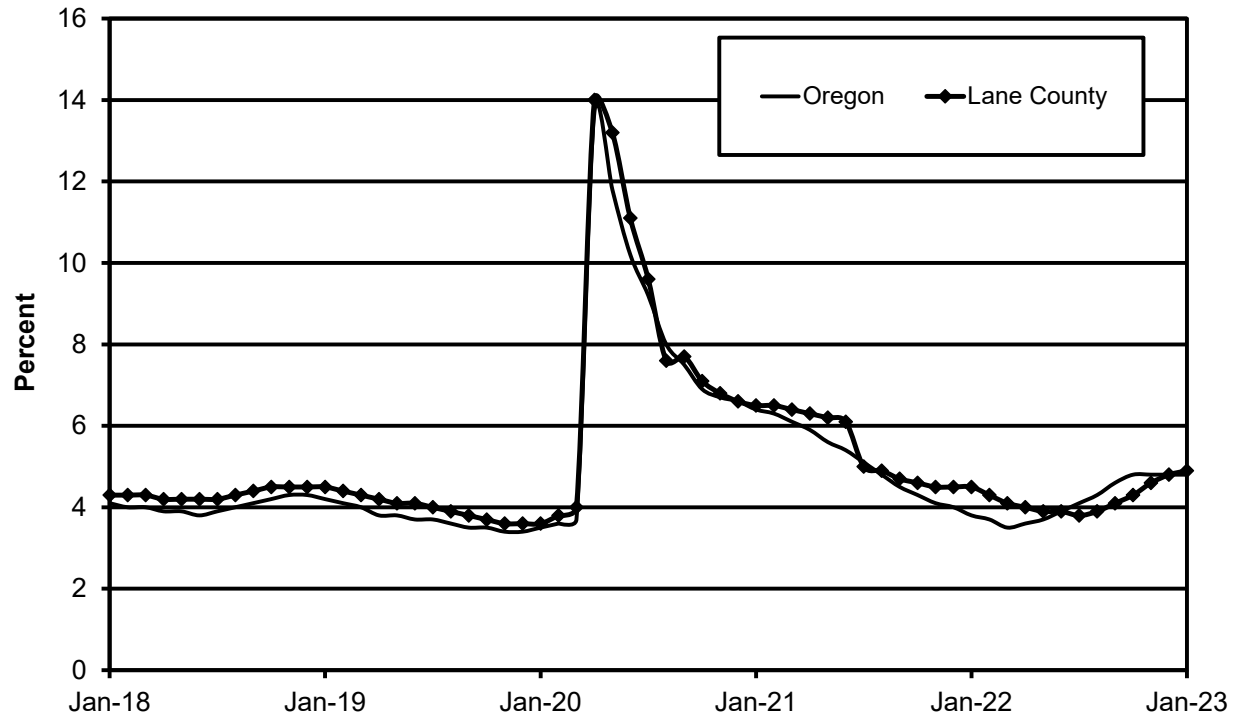
When comparing January 2023 with January 2022, total nonfarm employment is up a seasonally adjusted 2,000 jobs, or 1.3%. Most major not seasonally adjusted industry sectors are up over the year, with leisure and hospitality (1,500), manufacturing (500), and financial activities (500) adding the most.

There was a loss of 400 in government attributed to a loss of 400 in local government education.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 28th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for February on Tuesday, March 21st.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Eugene MSA (Lane County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2023	December 2022	January 2022	December 2022	January 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	181,665	182,218	183,490	-553	-1,825
Unemployed	9,681	9,062	8,311	619	1,370
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.0%	4.5%	0.3	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%	0.1	0.4
Employed	171,984	173,156	175,179	-1,172	-3,195
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	159,500	161,400	157,400	-1,900	2,100
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>161,400</i>	<i>160,800</i>	<i>159,400</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>2,000</i>
Total private	131,100	132,600	129,200	-1,500	1,900
Mining, logging, and construction	8,300	8,500	8,200	-200	100
Mining and logging	800	800	800	0	0
Construction	7,500	7,700	7,400	-200	100
Manufacturing	15,200	15,200	14,700	0	500
Durable goods	9,900	9,800	9,400	100	500
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Nondurable goods	5,300	5,400	5,300	-100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,800	30,900	29,600	-1,100	200
Wholesale trade	6,200	6,300	6,000	-100	200
Retail trade	20,000	20,800	20,000	-800	0
Food and beverage retailers	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,600	3,800	3,600	-200	0
Information	1,900	1,900	2,100	0	-200
Financial activities	9,000	9,000	8,500	0	500
Professional and business services	17,400	17,900	17,900	-500	-500
Administrative and support services	6,900	7,200	7,100	-300	-200
Private education and health services	27,300	27,400	27,700	-100	-400
Health care and social assistance	25,300	25,500	25,800	-200	-500
Leisure and hospitality	17,400	17,000	15,900	400	1,500
Accommodation and food services	14,900	14,600	14,200	300	700
Food services and drinking places	13,100	13,000	12,700	100	400
Other services	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Government	28,400	28,800	28,200	-400	200
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State government	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	24,900	25,300	24,600	-400	300
Local education	17,200	17,600	17,400	-400	-200

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence.

Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants.

Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

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