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## **Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)**

### **Lane County Job Growth Slows in April**

Lane County's payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 600 jobs in April after an increase of 900 in March and 1,100 in February. The county has regained 48% 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 April, there were significant gains in retail trade (400), leisure and hospitality (400), and manufacturing (200). There was a loss in private education and health services (-200).

Government gained 300 jobs in April due to gains of 200 in local education and 100 in noneducation local government.

When comparing April 2021 with April 2020, which was the depth of the job losses caused by COVID, total nonfarm employment is up 13,000 jobs, or 8.4%. All major industry sectors are up over the year except local education (-1,200), which includes K-12 and higher education.

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 6.7% in April compared with a revised 6.8% in March. The rate is down from 14.4% in April 2020. Lane County's rate had generally tracked close to the statewide and national rates before January. The Oregon seasonally adjusted April rate was 6.0% and the U.S. rate was 6.1% in April.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.





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

	--Change From--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	182,533	181,706	175,135	827	7,398
Unemployed	11,959	12,620	24,681	-661	-12,722
Unemployment rate	6.6%	6.9%	14.1%	-0.3	-7.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.8%	14.4%	-0.1	-7.7
Employed	170,574	169,086	150,454	1,488	20,120
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	154,300	153,000	141,300	1,300	13,000
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	152,600	152,000	140,800	600	11,800
Total private	126,800	125,800	112,600	1,000	14,200
Mining, logging, and construction	8,400	8,300	7,700	100	700
Mining and logging	900	900	800	0	100
Construction	7,500	7,400	6,900	100	600
Manufacturing	14,300	14,100	13,200	200	1,100
Durable goods	9,100	9,000	8,700	100	400
Wood product manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,500	-100	0
Nondurable goods	5,200	5,100	4,500	100	700
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,600	29,200	25,900	400	3,700
Wholesale trade	6,200	6,200	5,900	0	300
Retail trade	19,900	19,500	16,900	400	3,000
Food and beverage stores	4,600	4,500	4,600	100	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,500	3,500	3,100	0	400
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Financial activities	8,000	7,900	7,800	100	200
Professional and business services	17,200	17,300	16,700	-100	500
Administrative and support services	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Education and health services	28,600	28,800	26,600	-200	2,000
Health care and social assistance	27,000	27,100	25,000	-100	2,000
Leisure and hospitality	13,700	13,300	8,600	400	5,100
Accommodation and food services	12,400	12,100	7,700	300	4,700
Food services and drinking places	11,000	10,700	7,000	300	4,000
Other services	5,000	4,900	4,100	100	900
Government	27,500	27,200	28,700	300	-1,200
Federal government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	23,900	23,600	25,100	300	-1,200
Local education	16,900	16,700	18,100	200	-1,200

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.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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