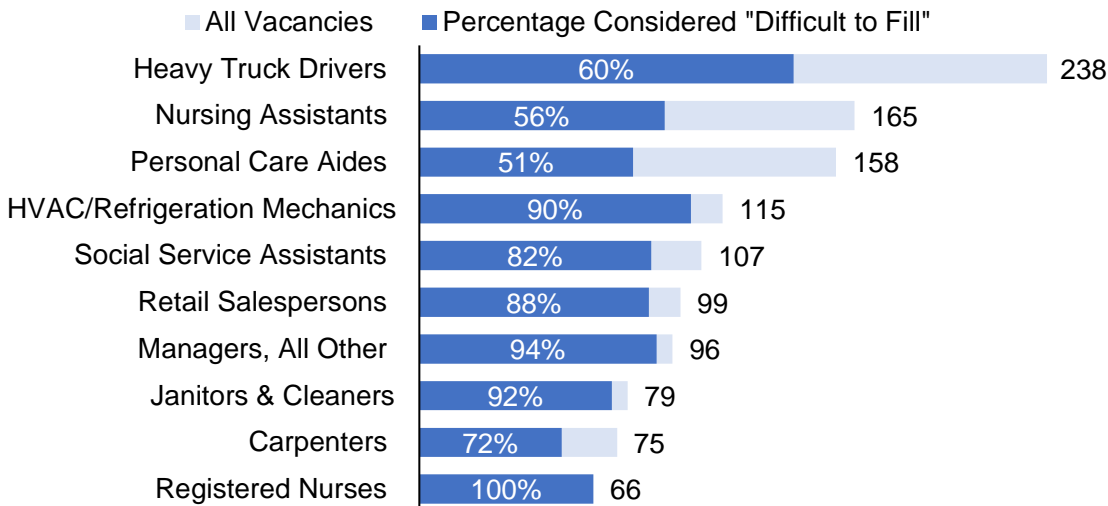


# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## April 2021

**Graph of the Month:** Each year we survey businesses on their job vacancies and the difficulty of filling them. While 2020 was a tough year for jobseekers, the data show several careers that still had lots of hard-to-fill openings. In Lane, examples included skilled trades, nurses and nursing assistants, and customer service roles.

### Occupations with the Most Difficult-to-Fill Vacancies Lane County, 2020



Source: Oregon Employment Department, 2020 Job Vacancy Survey

### Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

March 2020 to March 2021

**Construction:** -300 (-4%)      **Professional and Business Services:** -1,500 (-8%)  
**Manufacturing:** -300 (-2%)      **Leisure and Hospitality:** -3,700 (-22%)  
**All Industries:** -13,700 (-8%)

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

### News and Articles

Quality Info: [COVID-19 Impacts on Oregon's Breweries and Pubs](#) by Damon Runberg

Quality Info: [Where Women Work and How Much They Earn](#) by Kale Donnelly

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis: [COVID-19 and Job Polarization](#)

### Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [6.3%](#)  
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: [+2.8 pct. pts](#)

Percentage of Oregon child care businesses with 1 to 4 workers: [50%](#)

Number of continued Unemployment Insurance claims paid out in February: [4,309](#)

Decline in continued claims from January: [-893 \(-17%\)](#)

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

- **New Firm:** Humming Bee Nursery, a certified organic wholesale nursery, opened in Marcola.
- **New Firm:** Our Community Birth Center, a nonprofit community-based midwifery birth center, will open in Springfield.

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