

# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

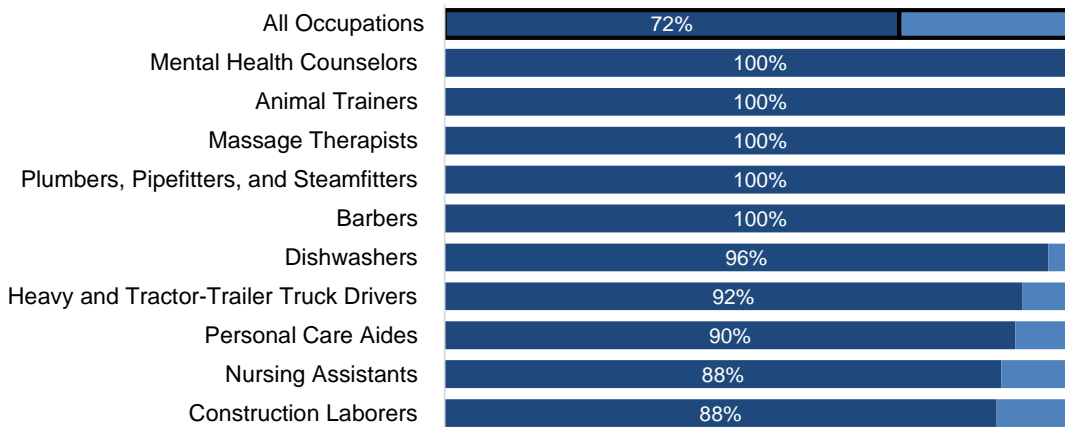
March 2023

**Graph of the Month:** 72% of job vacancies were difficult for employers to fill across Lane County in 2022, but certain occupations presented even more difficulty in hiring. These jobs spanned a wide range of industries and pay levels, from dishwashers and barbers to plumbers and mental health counselors.

## Lane County Job Vacancies, 2022

Highest percentage considered difficult to fill (at least 100 vacancies)

■ Difficult to Fill ■ Not Difficult to Fill



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Job Vacancy Survey

## Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

February 2022 to February 2023

**Leisure & Hospitality:** 300  
(+4%)

**Private Education and Health Services:**  
-400 (-1%)

**Manufacturing:** 300 (+2%)

**Professional and Business Services:** -800 (-10%)

**All Industries:** 900 (+1%)

**Employment change from February 2020 ([seasonally adjusted](#)):**  
-5,300 (-3%)

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

## News and Articles

[Quality Info: Lane County Jobs Projected to Increase 12% by 2031](#) by Brian Rooney

[QualityInfo: Oregon Hourly Earnings Zoom Higher](#) by David Cooke

[Oregon Office of Economic Analysis Blog: Oregon's Regional Income Distributions](#)

## Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [5.0%](#)  
(seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous  
year: [+0.7 pct. points](#)

Oregon private average  
hourly earnings increase  
between February 2022  
and 2023: [9.1%](#)

Projected Lane  
employment growth 2021-  
2031: [12%](#)

Industry projected to grow  
the fastest: [Leisure and  
hospitality \(4,800 jobs, 32%  
growth\)](#)

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

- **Closure:** PeaceHealth Urgent Care at Gateway in west Eugene closed.
- **New Firm:** TownePlace Suites by Marriott – a four-story, 101-room hotel – will open in Eugene.

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