

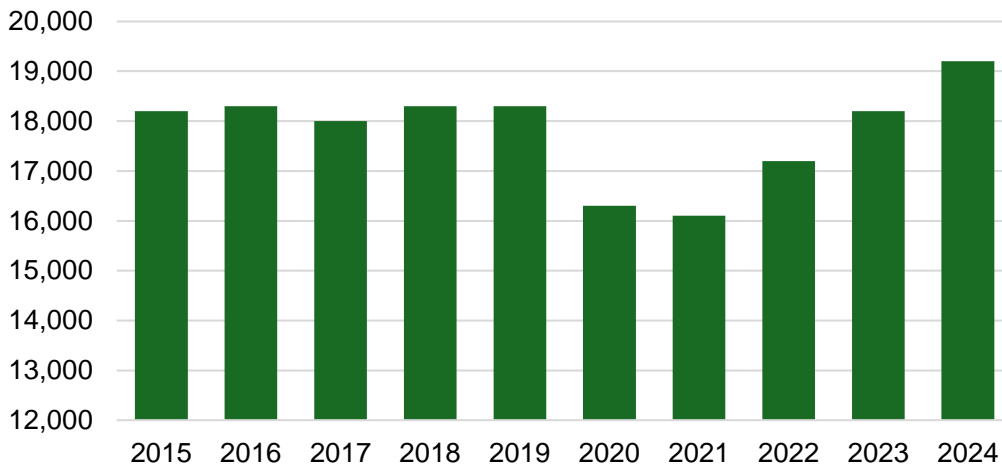
# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

February 2025

**Graph of the Month:** Public education employment has rebounded strongly since 2021. Education suffered deep losses in 2020, as one of the first industries to close and last to reopen in response to COVID-19. Encouragingly, education employment reached new a new peak in 2024.

## Employment in Local Education

Lane County, Annual Average



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Current Employment Statistics

## Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

January 2024 to January 2025

**Government:** 1,600 (+5%)

**Manufacturing:** -500 (-3%)

**Private Education and Health Services:**

**Construction:** -400 (-5%)

1,000 (+3%)

**All Industries:** 2,100 (+1%)

**Employment change from February 2020 (seasonally adjusted):**

-800 (+0%)

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

## News and Articles

QualityInfo: [African Americans in Oregon: A Labor Market Perspective](#) by Sarah Cunningham

QualityInfo: [Top Occupations Oregon Employers Were Hiring in 2024 Job Vacancies](#) by Anna Johnson

QualityInfo: [Federal Government Jobs in Oregon](#) by Anna Johnson and Gail Krumenauer

## Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: [5.2%](#)  
 (not seasonally adjusted)

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

Note that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate will be unavailable for the metro areas of Oregon such as Lane County through June 2025. More information at [this Quality Info link](#).

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

- **Closure:** Forever 21 – a clothing store – will close locations in Portland, Happy Valley, and Eugene.
- **New Firm:** Project Sparrow, a low-income and affordable housing development, will open in Cottage Grove.

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