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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County Employers Add 500 Jobs in December

Lane County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 500 jobs in December after no change in November and a loss of 100 in October. The county has regained 83% 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 December, there were gains in retail trade (300) and leisure and hospitality (300). There was a loss in professional and business services of 100.

Government dropped 100 jobs in December due to a loss of 100 in local government education.

When comparing December 2023 with December 2022, total nonfarm employment is up a seasonally adjusted 100 jobs, or 0.1%. There were over-the-year gains in private education and health services (1,000), professional and business services (400), leisure and hospitality (400), and construction (300). There were losses in manufacturing (-200) and financial activities (-200).

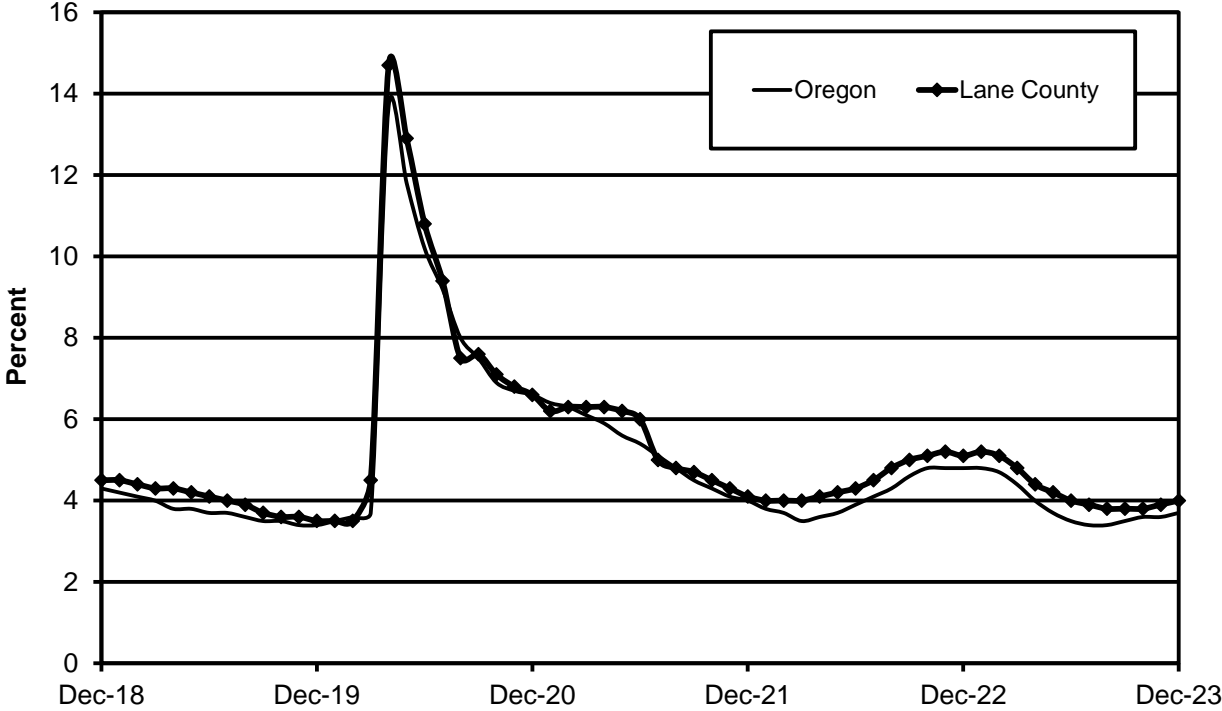
There was an over-the-year decrease of 2,000 in government due to a loss of 2,200 in local government that was countered by increases of 100 each in federal government and state government.

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 4.0% in December compared with a revised 3.9% in November. The rate is lower than the 5.1% recorded in December 2022. Lane County's record low rate was 3.5% in December 2019. The Oregon seasonally adjusted December rate was 3.7% and the U.S. rate was 3.7%.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5th and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for January on Tuesday, March 5th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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Eugene MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	177,861	177,081	182,218	780	-4,357
Unemployed	7,436	6,637	9,062	799	-1,626
Unemployment rate	4.2%	3.7%	5.0%	0.5	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	3.9%	5.1%	0.1	-1.1
Employed	170,425	170,444	173,156	-19	-2,731
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	163,200	162,500	163,000	700	200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	162,100	161,600	162,000	500	100
Total private	135,300	134,500	133,100	800	2,200
Mining, logging, and construction	9,100	9,000	8,700	100	400
Mining and logging	900	800	800	100	100
Construction	8,200	8,200	7,900	0	300
Manufacturing	14,500	14,500	14,700	0	-200
Durable goods	9,200	9,200	9,300	0	-100
Wood product manufacturing	3,800	3,700	3,700	100	100
Nondurable goods	5,300	5,300	5,400	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,800	30,400	30,600	400	200
Wholesale trade	6,300	6,300	6,200	0	100
Retail trade	20,700	20,400	20,600	300	100
Food and beverage retailers	5,000	5,000	5,200	0	-200
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,800	3,700	3,800	100	0
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Financial activities	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	-200
Professional and business services	18,500	18,600	18,100	-100	400
Administrative and support services	6,300	6,300	7,000	0	-700
Private education and health services	29,300	29,200	28,300	100	1,000
Health care and social assistance	27,200	27,100	26,200	100	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	17,100	16,800	16,700	300	400
Accommodation and food services	14,800	14,800	14,800	0	0
Food services and drinking places	13,100	13,100	13,300	0	-200
Other services	5,200	5,200	5,000	0	200
Government	27,900	28,000	29,900	-100	-2,000
Federal government	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
State government	1,900	1,900	1,800	0	100
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	24,100	24,200	26,300	-100	-2,200
Local education	16,200	16,300	18,700	-100	-2,500

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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