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Employment in Lane County (Eugene MSA)

Lane County Job Growth Takes a Step Back in October

Lane County's payroll employment decreased a seasonally adjusted 600 jobs in October after increases of 700 in September and 1,200 in August. The county has regained 68% 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 October, there were gains in retail trade (500) and leisure and hospitality (200). There were losses in private education and health services (-400) and financial activities (-200).

Government gained 1,000 jobs in October due to a seasonal gain of 1,100 in local education, which includes the University of Oregon, that was countered by a loss of 100 in federal government.

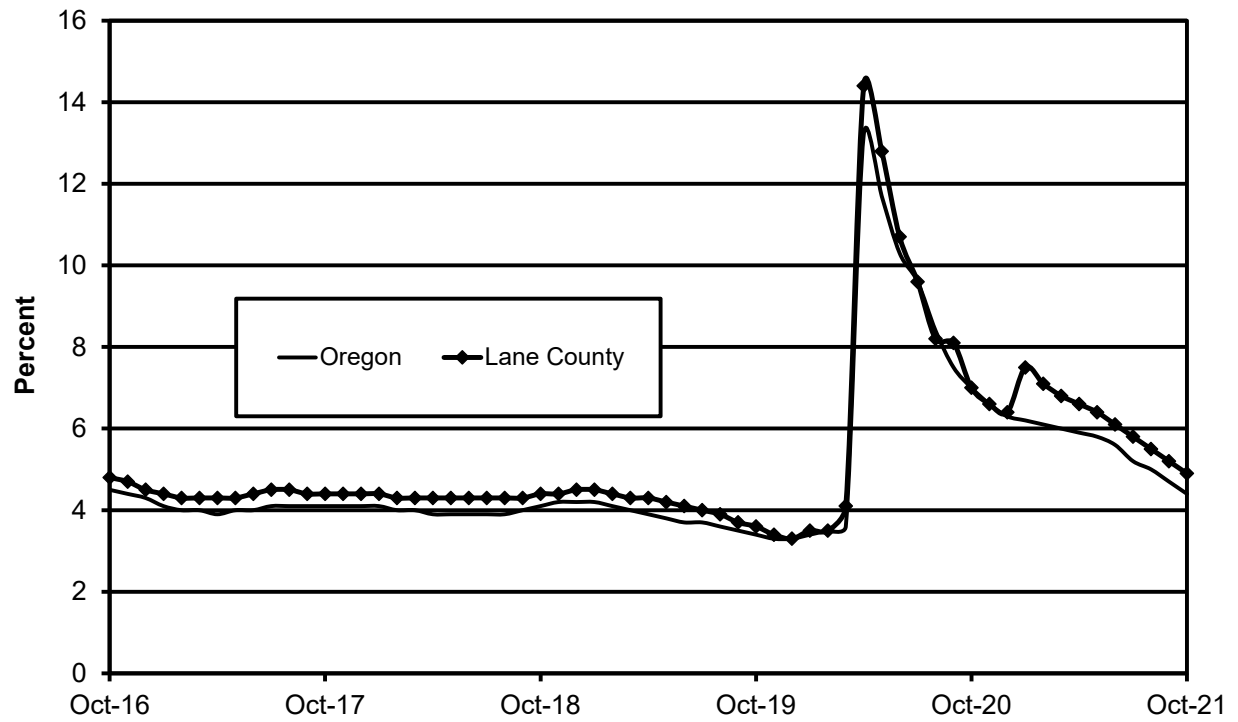
When comparing October 2021 with October 2020, total nonfarm employment is up 6,700 jobs, or 4.4%. Most major industry sectors are up over the year, with leisure and hospitality (2,600), retail trade (1,100), manufacturing (700), and professional and business services (700) adding the most. There was a loss of 700 in private education and health services over the year.

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.9% in October compared with a revised 5.2% in September. The rate is down from 7.0% in October 2020. The Oregon seasonally adjusted October rate was 4.4% and the U.S. rate was 4.6% in October.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 21st and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Tuesday, Dec. 14th.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates





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

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	181,716	182,004	177,930	-288	3,786
Unemployed	6,795	8,292	11,946	-1,497	-5,151
Unemployment rate	3.7%	4.6%	6.7%	-0.9	-3.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.2%	7.0%	-0.3	-2.1
Employed	174,921	173,712	165,984	1,209	8,937
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	158,000	156,900	152,700	1,100	5,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	157,600	158,200	150,900	-600	6,700
Total private	131,100	131,000	126,000	100	5,100
Mining, logging, and construction	8,500	8,600	8,500	-100	0
Mining and logging	800	900	900	-100	-100
Construction	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Manufacturing	14,600	14,500	13,900	100	700
Durable goods	9,300	9,200	8,900	100	400
Wood product manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	100
Nondurable goods	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	300
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,600	29,900	29,100	700	1,500
Wholesale trade	6,400	6,300	6,100	100	300
Retail trade	20,800	20,300	19,700	500	1,100
Food and beverage stores	4,700	4,600	4,700	100	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,400	3,300	3,300	100	100
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Financial activities	7,900	8,100	7,800	-200	100
Professional and business services	18,300	18,400	17,600	-100	700
Administrative and support services	7,700	7,500	7,600	200	100
Education and health services	27,700	28,100	28,400	-400	-700
Health care and social assistance	26,700	26,700	26,800	0	-100
Leisure and hospitality	16,600	16,400	14,000	200	2,600
Accommodation and food services	14,500	14,300	12,600	200	1,900
Food services and drinking places	12,700	12,500	11,300	200	1,400
Other services	4,900	5,000	4,700	-100	200
Government	26,900	25,900	26,700	1,000	200
Federal government	1,900	2,000	2,000	-100	-100
State government	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	23,200	22,100	22,900	1,100	300
Local education	16,100	15,000	15,800	1,100	300

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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