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## **Employment in Lincoln County: April 2020**

### **Employment falls by 4,400 more than expected in April**

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 4,400 in April to 14,000 jobs. The monthly job loss was the largest ever recorded in the county, and losses were primarily due to COVID-19 restrictions. Seasonally adjusted figures compare expected changes with actual changes. A gain of 410 jobs was expected for the month, but the county's total nonfarm employment decreased by 3,990, resulting in the higher loss after seasonal adjustment. Private-sector employment fell by 3,880 jobs, and government employment slid by 110. Every major industry lost jobs in April. Leisure and hospitality shed 2,900 jobs due to a loss of 1,460 in the accommodations industry and a loss of 1,320 in food services and drinking places. Trade, transportation, and utilities cut 290 jobs of which 200 were from retail trade. The other services industry; which includes hair salons, repair shops, and churches; lost 180 jobs. Education and health services cut 170. Professional and business services, which includes temporary employment agencies, chopped 130 jobs. Local government cut 140 jobs. Other industries had smaller changes.

April's total nonfarm employment numbers show a loss of 4,520 jobs compared with one year before, a decrease of 24.6 percent. Almost every major industry lost jobs over the year, and annual job losses by industry were largely in line with the industries that lost the most jobs for the month.

Lincoln County's unemployment rate shot to a record 26.2 percent in April, up from 4.7 percent in March. It was 4.4 percent the year before. Lincoln County had the highest rate in the state. Clatsop County was second-ranked at 24.4 percent. The county's unemployment rate reached a peak of 12.6 percent during the Great Recession. The statewide unemployment rate was 14.8 percent in April, and the national rate was 14.4 percent. Lincoln and Clatsop counties have a larger share of their employment in the leisure and hospitality industry than other Oregon counties, and this industry was especially affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

April seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Lincoln County due to processing delays caused by large increases in unemployment. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect April's increase in unemployment related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for April will be available on [Qualityinfo.org](http://Qualityinfo.org) or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 23, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 16.

## Lincoln County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	March 2020	April 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	20,968	20,298	20,720	670	248
Unemployed	5,496	960	914	4,536	4,582
Unemployment rate	26.2%	4.7%	4.4%	21.5	21.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	15,472	19,338	19,806	-3,866	-4,334
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	13,860	17,850	18,500	-3,990	-4,640
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>18,400</i>	<i>18,690</i>	<i>-4,400</i>	<i>-4,690</i>
Total private	10,120	14,000	14,540	-3,880	-4,420
Mining, logging, and construction	730	850	920	-120	-190
Mining and logging	100	140	140	-40	-40
Construction	630	710	780	-80	-150
Manufacturing	890	960	980	-70	-90
Durable goods	160	160	170	0	-10
Nondurable goods	730	800	810	-70	-80
Food manufacturing	250	330	330	-80	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	3,040	3,330	3,400	-290	-360
Retail trade	2,630	2,830	2,850	-200	-220
Food and beverage stores	780	750	750	30	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	260	310	360	-50	-100
Information	120	140	130	-20	-10
Financial activities	790	790	770	0	20
Professional and business services	840	970	1,050	-130	-210
Education and health services	1,920	2,090	2,140	-170	-220
Leisure and hospitality	1,470	4,370	4,650	-2,900	-3,180
Accommodation and food services	1,350	4,130	4,410	-2,780	-3,060
Accommodation	240	1,700	1,860	-1,460	-1,620
Food services and drinking places	1,110	2,430	2,550	-1,320	-1,440
Other services	320	500	500	-180	-180
Government	3,740	3,850	3,960	-110	-220
Federal government	340	330	320	10	20
State government	320	300	310	20	10
Local government	3,080	3,220	3,330	-140	-250
Indian tribal	1,030	1,030	1,030	0	0
Local education	930	940	1,030	-10	-100
Local government excluding education and tribal	1,120	1,250	1,270	-130	-150

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: 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.

## Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Area	Apr-2020	Mar-2020	Apr-2019
United States	14.4	4.5	3.3
Oregon	14.8	3.9	3.8
Albany, OR MSA	15.6	4.5	4.4
Bend-Redmond, OR MSA	18.2	4.0	3.9
Corvallis, OR MSA	10.2	2.9	2.8
Eugene, OR MSA	16.1	4.1	4.2
Grants Pass, OR MSA	15.5	5.2	5.1
Medford, OR MSA	16.1	4.7	4.7
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA	14.0	3.6	3.6
Salem, OR MSA	13.3	4.1	4.1
Baker County	13.5	5.3	5.0
Benton County	10.2	2.9	2.8
Clackamas County	13.8	3.5	3.4
Clatsop County	24.4	4.1	3.8
Columbia County	15.3	4.5	4.5
Coos County	18.8	4.9	5.1
Crook County	18.6	5.7	5.3
Curry County	18.0	5.7	5.6
Deschutes County	18.2	4.0	3.9
Douglas County	16.7	5.0	5.2
Gilliam County	11.3	5.0	2.8
Grant County	15.3	9.0	9.6
Harney County	10.1	5.8	5.9
Hood River County	14.0	3.1	3.2
Jackson County	16.1	4.7	4.7
Jefferson County	14.3	5.4	5.3
Josephine County	15.5	5.2	5.1
Klamath County	15.9	7.2	6.2
Lake County	9.7	5.1	6.4
Lane County	16.1	4.1	4.2
Lincoln County	26.2	4.7	4.4
Linn County	15.6	4.5	4.4
Malheur County	8.3	3.9	4.2
Marion County	13.4	4.0	4.1
Morrow County	8.1	4.4	3.7
Multnomah County	15.7	3.5	3.3
Polk County	12.9	4.1	4.1
Sherman County	12.6	5.2	3.5
Tillamook County	18.4	4.1	3.7
Umatilla County	14.3	4.7	4.4
Union County	19.3	5.5	4.9
Wallowa County	14.1	7.3	8.0
Wasco County	14.8	4.8	4.4
Washington County	12.0	3.1	3.1
Wheeler County	5.8	3.5	4.2
Yamhill County	13.2	3.6	3.5

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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