

# Washington County Economic Indicators January 2022 (December 2021 Data)

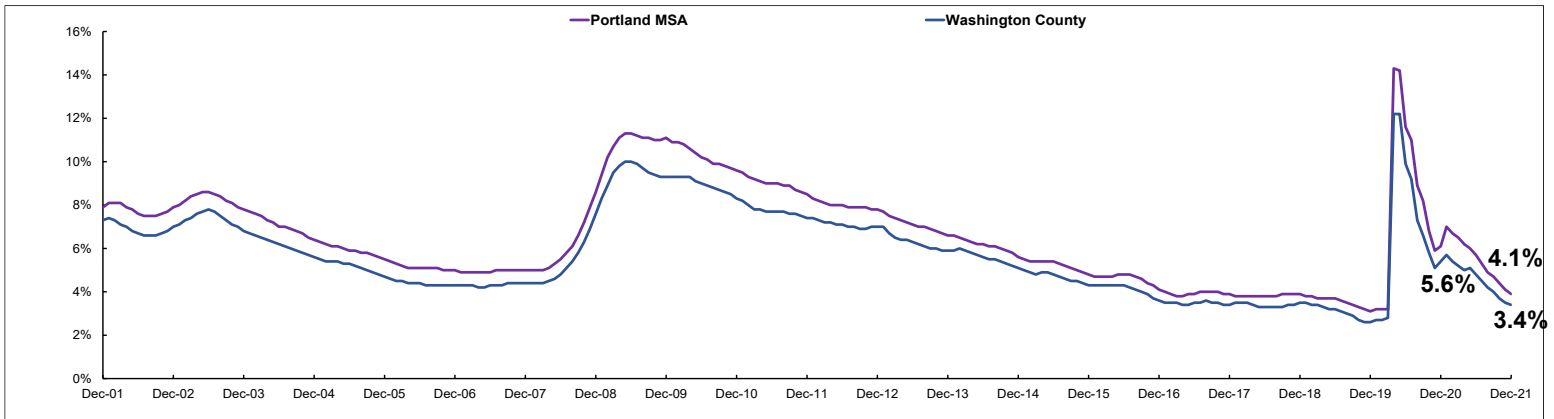
Washington County's unemployment rate remained essentially unchanged in December 2021. It stood at 3.4% which is also less than this time last year (5.6%). The annual average unemployment rate in Washington County was 4.2% for 2021—markedly less than the 2020 average of 6.5%.

Employment levels in Washington County grew by 0.5% or 1,400 jobs between November and December 2021. Those gains were again led by retail trade and transportation, warehousing, and utilities. Both sectors tend to see increases during the holiday season due to increased spending. However, it's promising to see those trends continue as we entered December.

As Oregon's labor market continues to tighten, the state has seen growing job vacancies. Of the nearly 103,000 vacancies, 78,000 of those positions were reported to be difficult to fill by employers. Approximately 61% of those vacancies were difficult due to a lack of applicants or qualified candidates.

## Unemployment in Washington County Remains Low at 3.4% in December 2021

December 2001 to December 2021, seasonally adjusted  
Local Area Unemployment Statistics

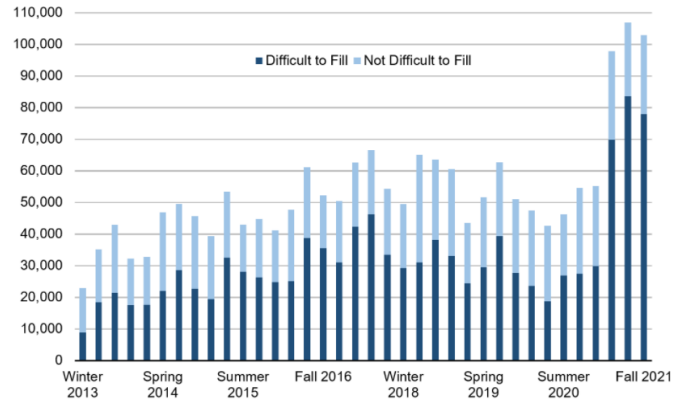


## Oregon Businesses Reported 76% of Job Vacancies Were Considered Difficult to Fill in the Fall of 2021

Winter 2013 to Fall 2021

Oregon Employment Department, Job Vacancy Survey

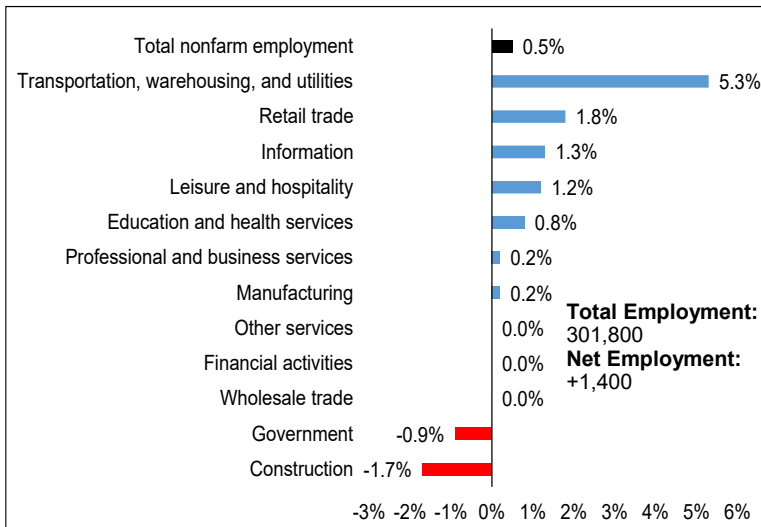
Oregon's Difficult to Fill Job Vacancies Remained High in Fall 2021



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Job Vacancy Survey

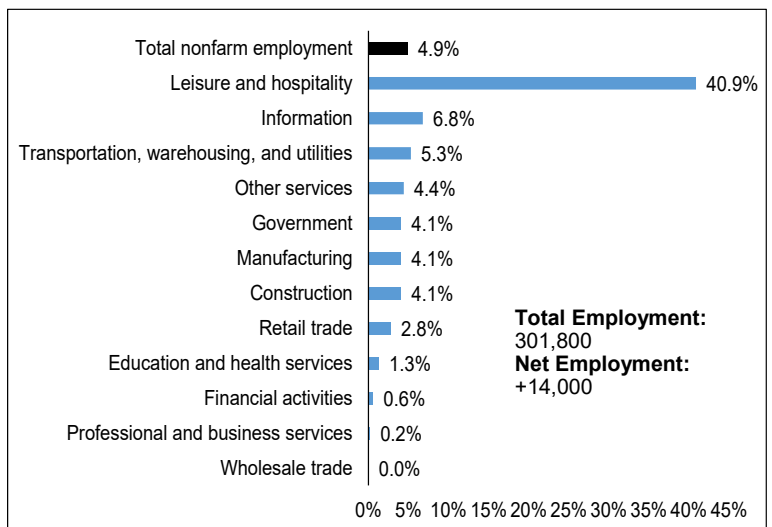
## Washington County Adds 1,400 Jobs Again Led By Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities as well as Retail Trade

November 2021 to December 2021, percentage change  
Current Employment Estimates



## Leisure and Hospitality in Washington County Continues to Recover—Added 7,400 Jobs Compared with December of 2020

December 2020 to December 2021  
Current Employment Estimates



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