



Northwest Oregon Economic Update

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Focus on Oregon



Employment was at an all-time high of 2.1 million in March.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

(Number of Employed)



The 95% confidence interval on Oregon's total employment was +/- 87,000 in March 2022. The gain in employment since March 2020 was 129,023. It is likely that Oregon has really regained all the employment lost in the pandemic recession.

We seem to have more self-employment (+44,000) and less payroll employment (-18,600).

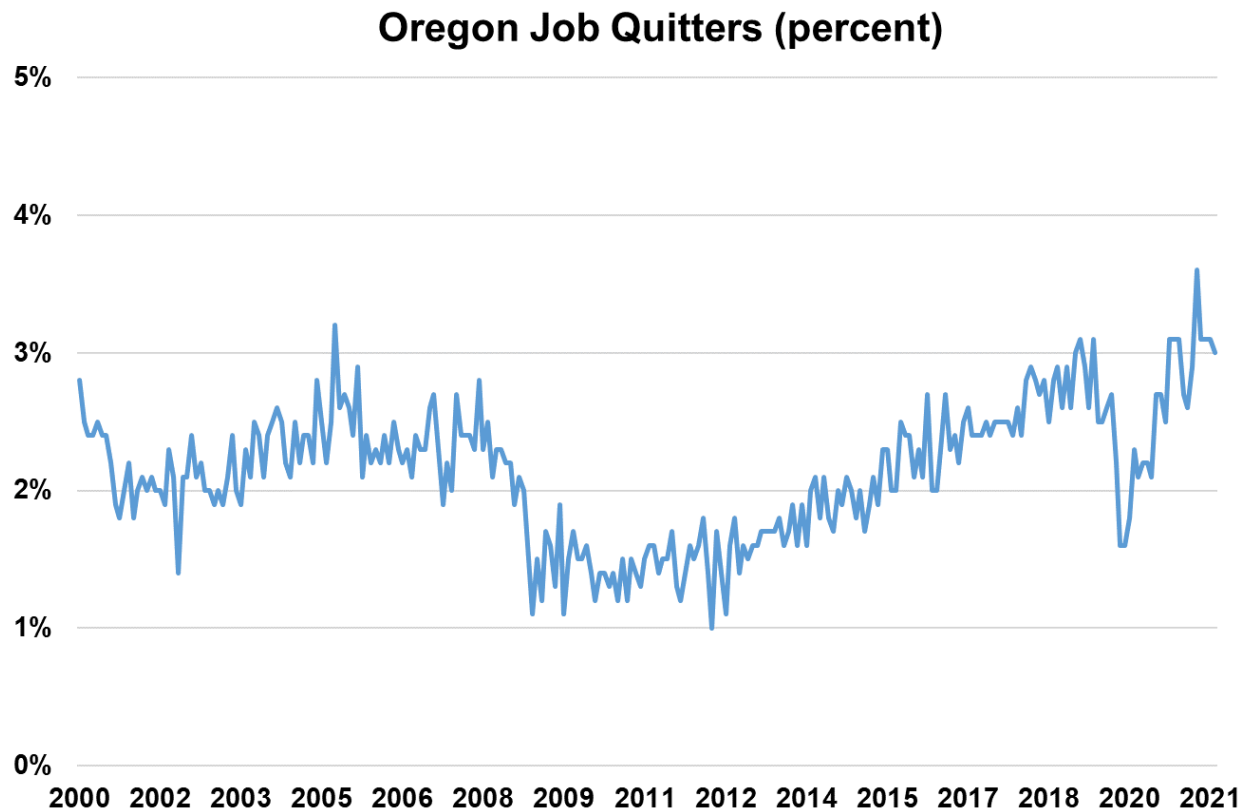
The number of unemployed is back to 2017-2018 levels.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

(Number of Unemployed)



Great resignation or just a full-employment labor market?



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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Benton County

Clatsop County

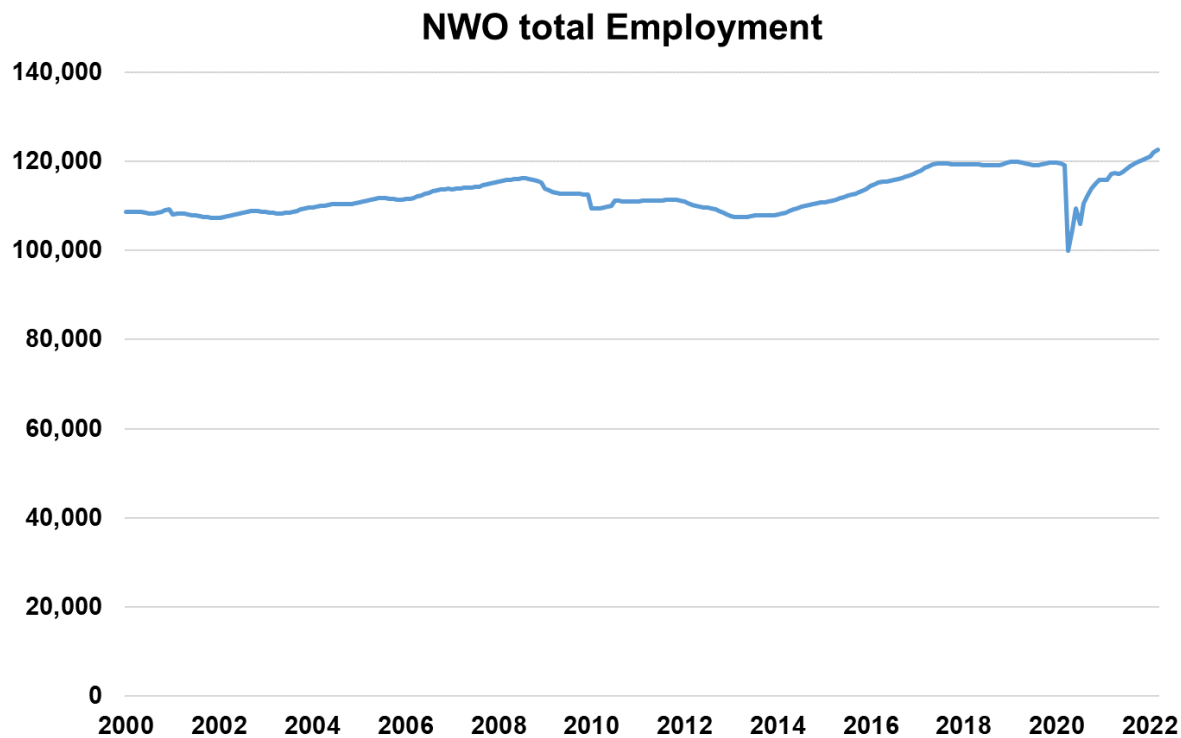
Columbia County

Lincoln County

Tillamook County



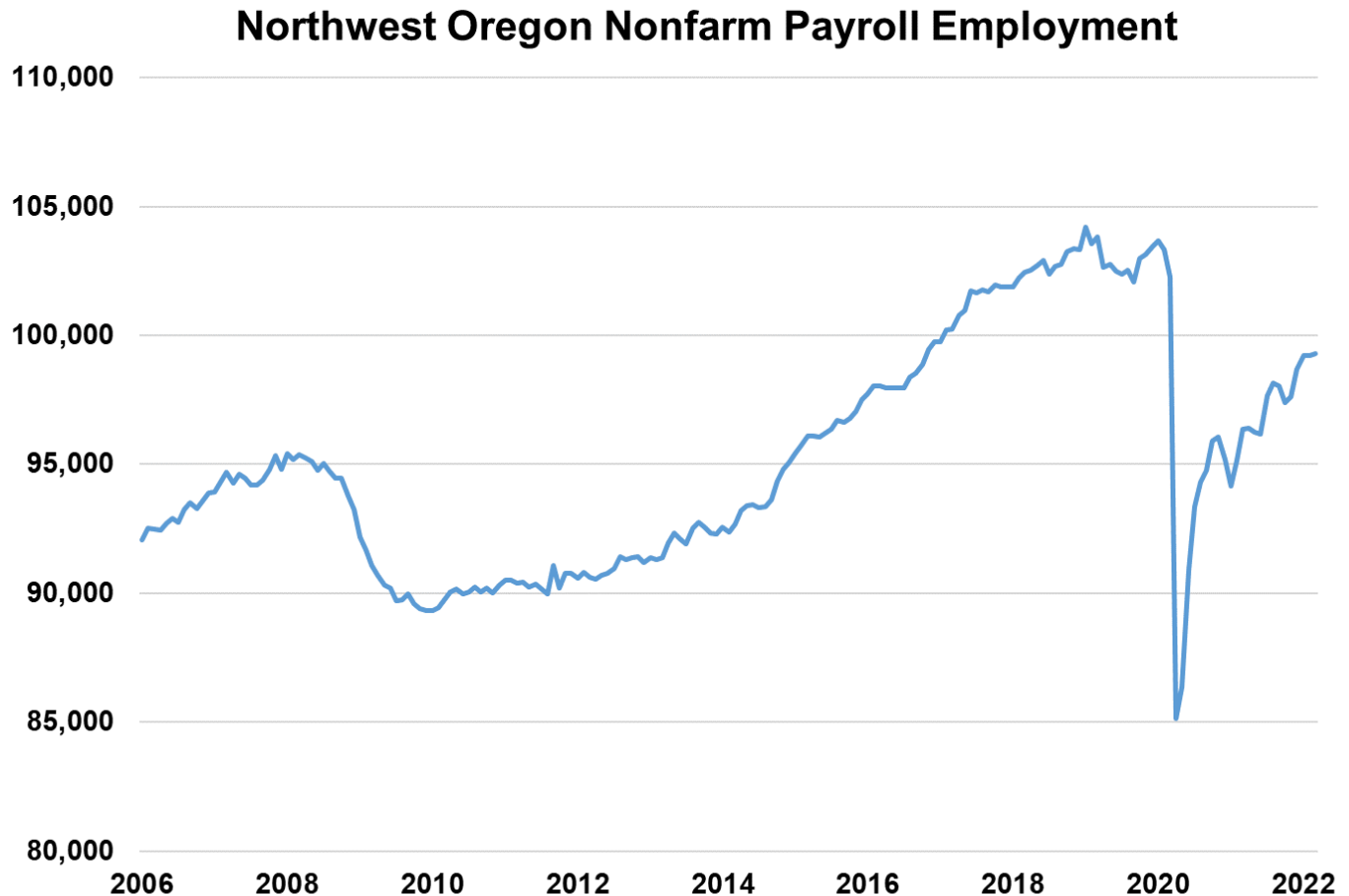
Total employment in NWO was 3,300 above 2020 level in March.



Source: Oregon Employment Department



All counties down 2% to 5% from February 2020. Regionally still down 4,000. Recovered 14,100.



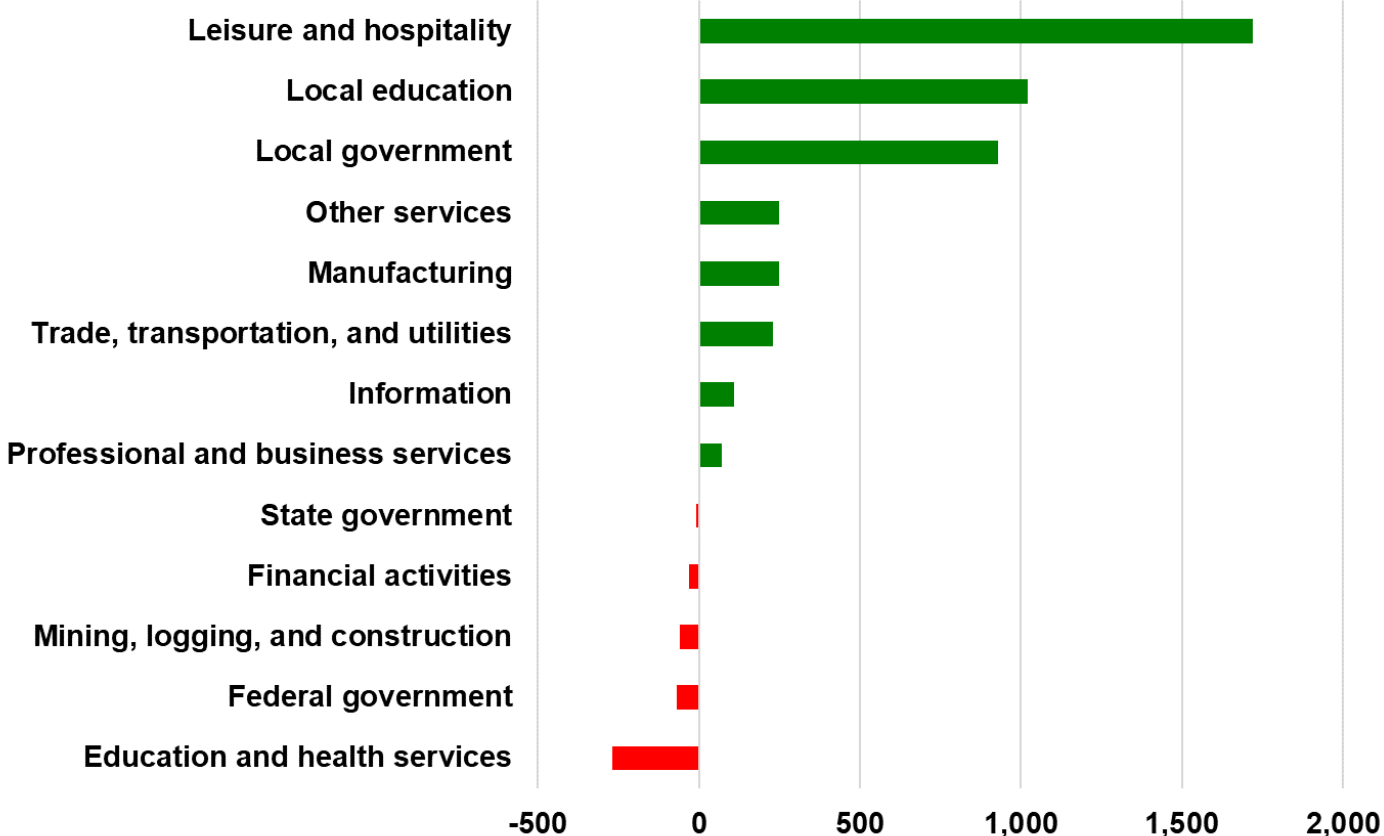
Source: Oregon Employment Department



Private education and health was down in every county

Benton had 84% of the total annual growth.

NWO Change in Nonfarm Employment March 2021 to March 2022



Source: Oregon Employment Department



Only Lincoln and Clatsop remain slightly above their pre-recession rates.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate
March 2022

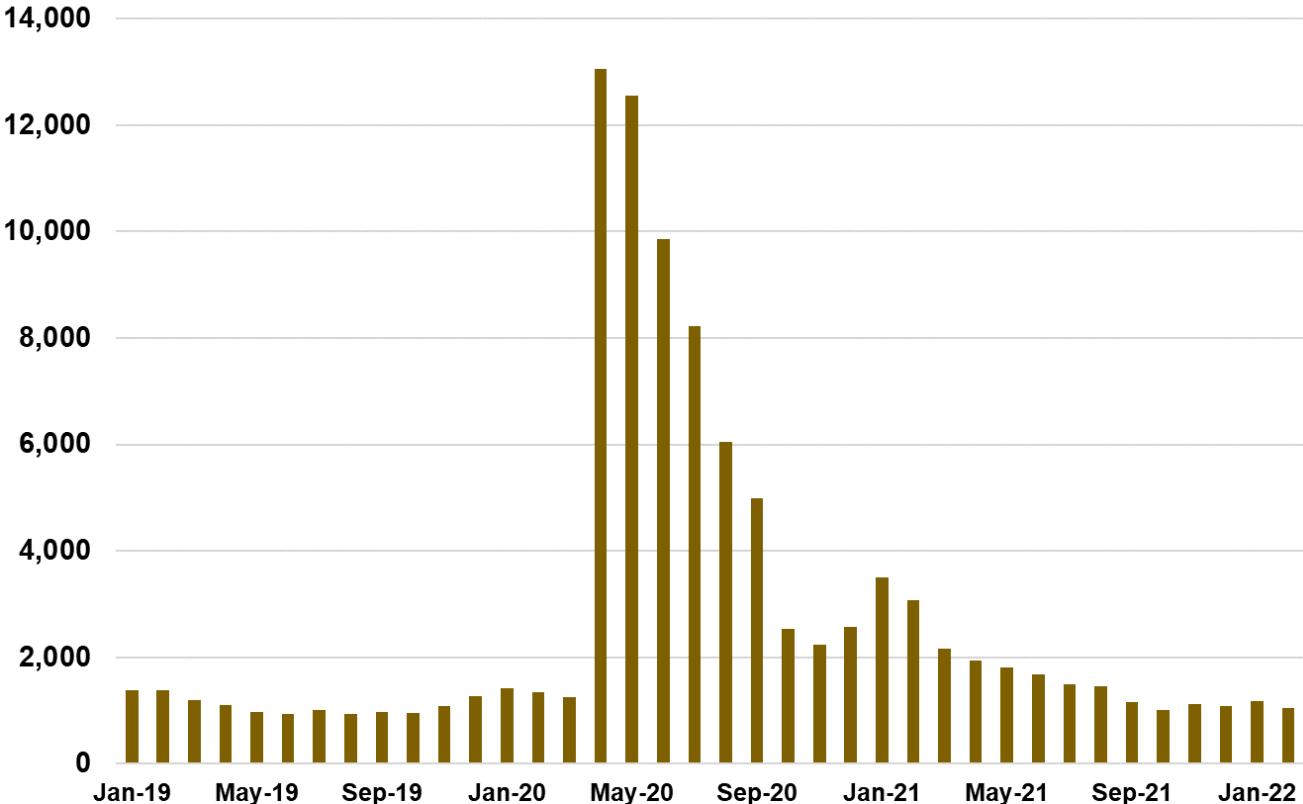
Benton	2.9%
Clatsop	4.0%
Columbia	4.4%
Lincoln	5.0%
Tillamook	3.8%

Source: Oregon Employment Department



Regular UI claims are back to pre-pandemic levels.

Regular Unemployment Insurance Claims in NW Oregon



Source: Oregon Employment Department



The leisure and hospitality and health care industries reported the most vacancies in 2021.

Northwest Oregon Job Vacancies by Industry, 2021

Industry	Vacancies	Average Wage
All Industries	7,311	\$16.96
Leisure and hospitality	1,957	\$14.29
Health care and social assistance	1,908	\$19.68
Retail trade	1,005	\$14.84
Manufacturing	580	\$16.73
Management, administrative, and waste services	537	\$16.24
Other services	410	\$19.03
Construction	355	\$21.20
Financial activities	181	\$15.62
Natural resources and mining	133	\$18.24
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	86	\$19.55
Professional, scientific, and technical services	81	\$32.96
Wholesale trade	31	\$12.44
Private educational services	26	n/a
Information	21	n/a



Food preparation and serving, and building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupational groups had the most vacancies.

Northwest Oregon Job Vacancies by Occupation Group, 2021

Occupation Group	Vacancies	Average Wage
All Occupations	7,311	\$16.96
Food Preparation and Serving Related	1,171	\$14.09
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,038	\$14.93
Health Care Support	885	\$16.65
Sales and Related	738	\$14.78
Office and Administrative Support	654	\$14.98
Production	492	\$15.53
Transportation and Material Moving	468	\$17.56
Health Care Practitioners and Technical	362	\$30.49
Construction and Extraction	333	\$20.72
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	317	\$19.58
Community and Social Service	269	\$20.75
Personal Care and Service	117	\$13.54
Education, Training, and Library	103	\$16.42
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	80	\$17.84
Management	73	\$42.20
Protective Service	64	\$13.04
Business and Financial Operations	57	\$22.60



Employers had more difficulty filling vacancies in many common occupations.

Top Northwest Oregon Occupations With the Highest Number of Difficult-to-Fill Job Vacancies, 2021

Occupation	Vacancies
Difficult-to-Fill Vacancies in All Occupations	5,644
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	510
Personal Care Aides	469
Retail Salespersons	331
Cooks, Restaurant	216
Nursing Assistants	186
Bartenders	147
Customer Service Representatives	147
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	142
Food Preparation Workers	142
Waiters and Waitresses	127
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	113
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	111
Mental Health Counselors	109
Food Processing Workers, All Other	106
Roofers	97
Massage Therapists	95



One-third (33%) of vacancies in 2021 had been open for 60 days or longer – up from 23% in 2019. Almost all of these vacancies were reported as difficult to fill.

Northwest Oregon Job Vacancies by Length of Time Job has been Open, 2021

Length of Time Job has been Open	Vacancies	Average Wage	Difficult to Fill
All Vacancies	7,311	\$16.96	77%
< 30 Days	1,748	\$15.84	58%
30-59 Days	1,450	\$16.88	83%
60+ Days	2,263	\$18.34	98%
Always Open	1,305	\$16.18	86%
Unknown	545	\$18.30	17%



Vacancies requiring postsecondary education had the highest share that were difficult to fill.

Northwest Oregon Job Vacancies by Required Education Level, 2021

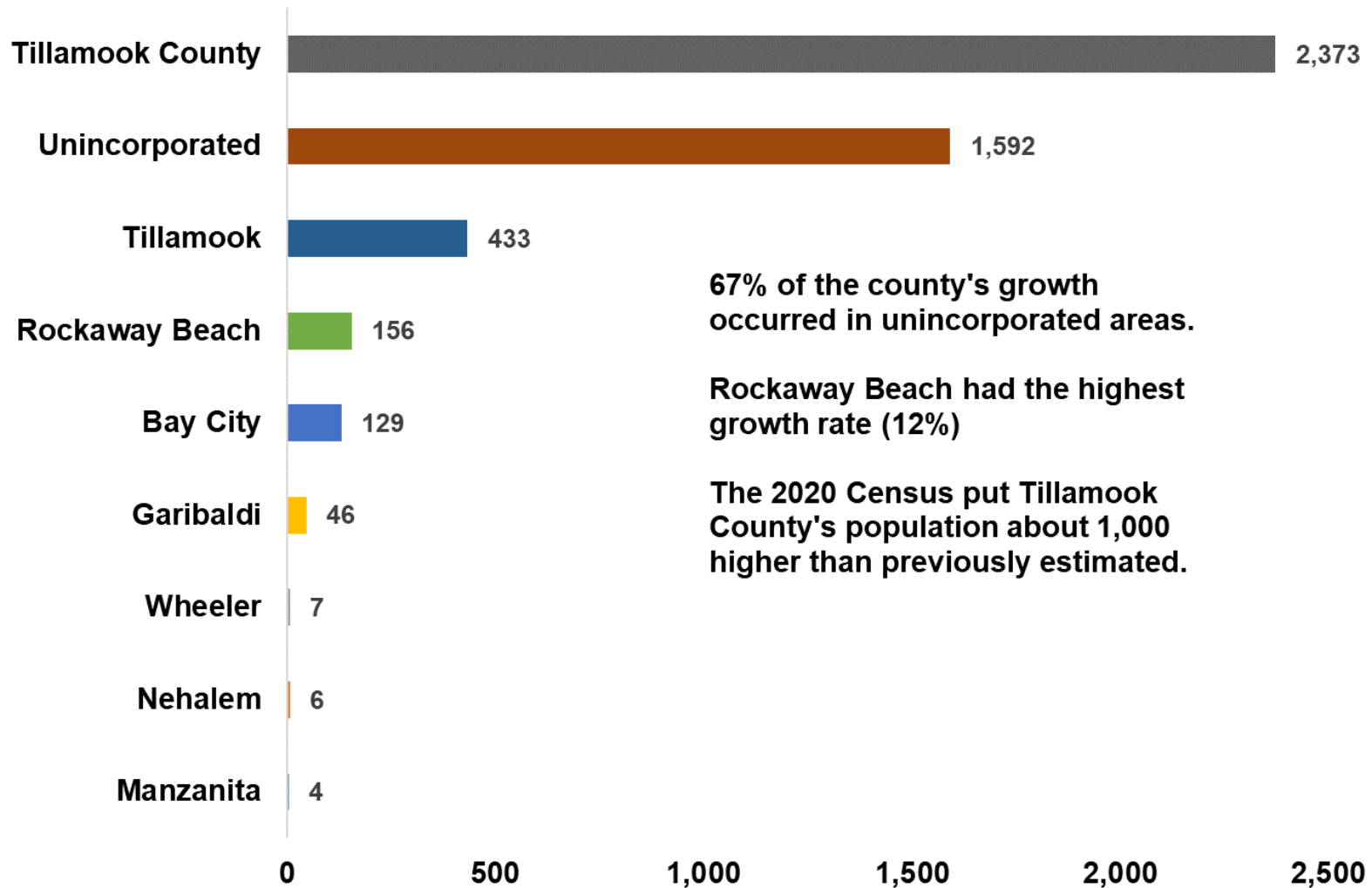
Required Education Level	Vacancies	Average Hourly Wage	Full-time Positions	Permanent Positions	Require Previous Experience	Difficult to Fill
All Education Levels	7,311	\$16.96	71%	87%	44%	77%
No Requirement	2,928	\$15.42	68%	86%	25%	84%
High School Diploma	2,498	\$15.14	62%	82%	58%	74%
Postsecondary or Other Certification	1,072	\$23.52	81%	95%	61%	95%
Bachelor's or Advanced Degree	311	\$28.45	94%	100%	87%	60%
Unknown	502	\$19.15	90%	96%	21%	24%



Focus on Tillamook



Population Change 2011 to 2021

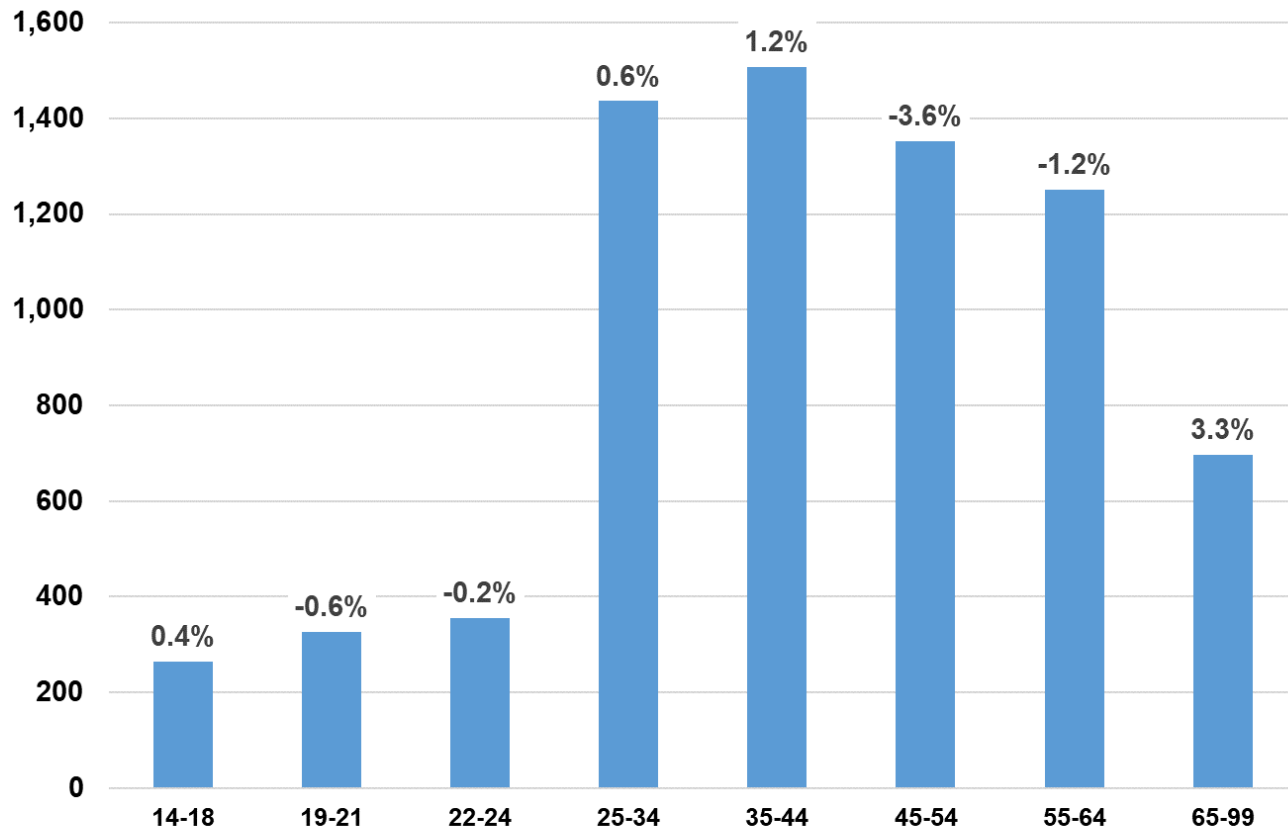


Source: Population Research Center, PSU



27% of Tillamook's workforce was 55+ in 2021 vs. 23% statewide.

Tillamook County Workforce by Age and Change in Share from 2011 to 2021

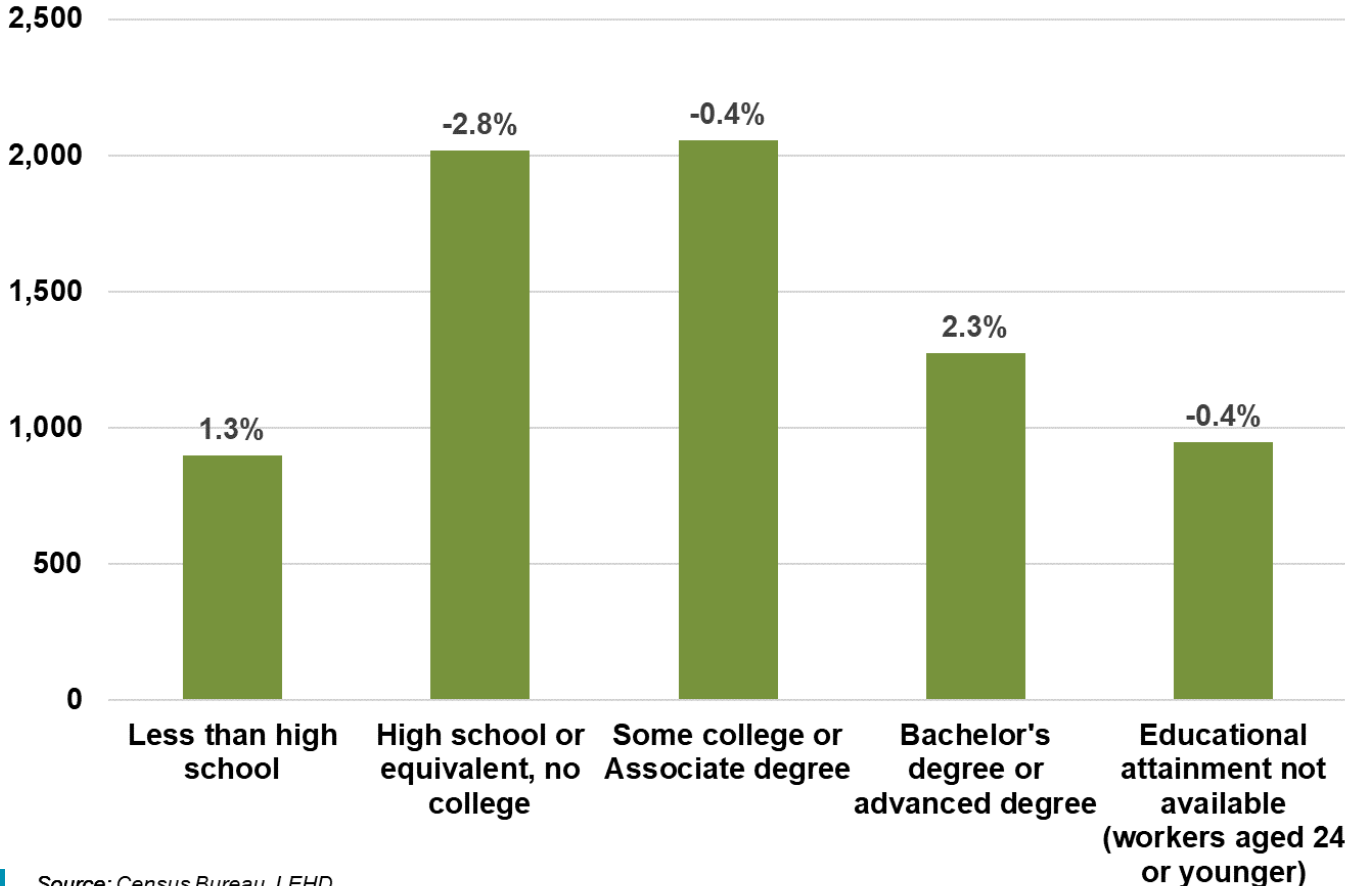


Source: Census Bureau, LEHD



18% of Tillamook's workforce had bachelor's or more vs. 24% statewide in 2021.

Tillamook County Workforce by Education and Change in Share from 2011 to 2021

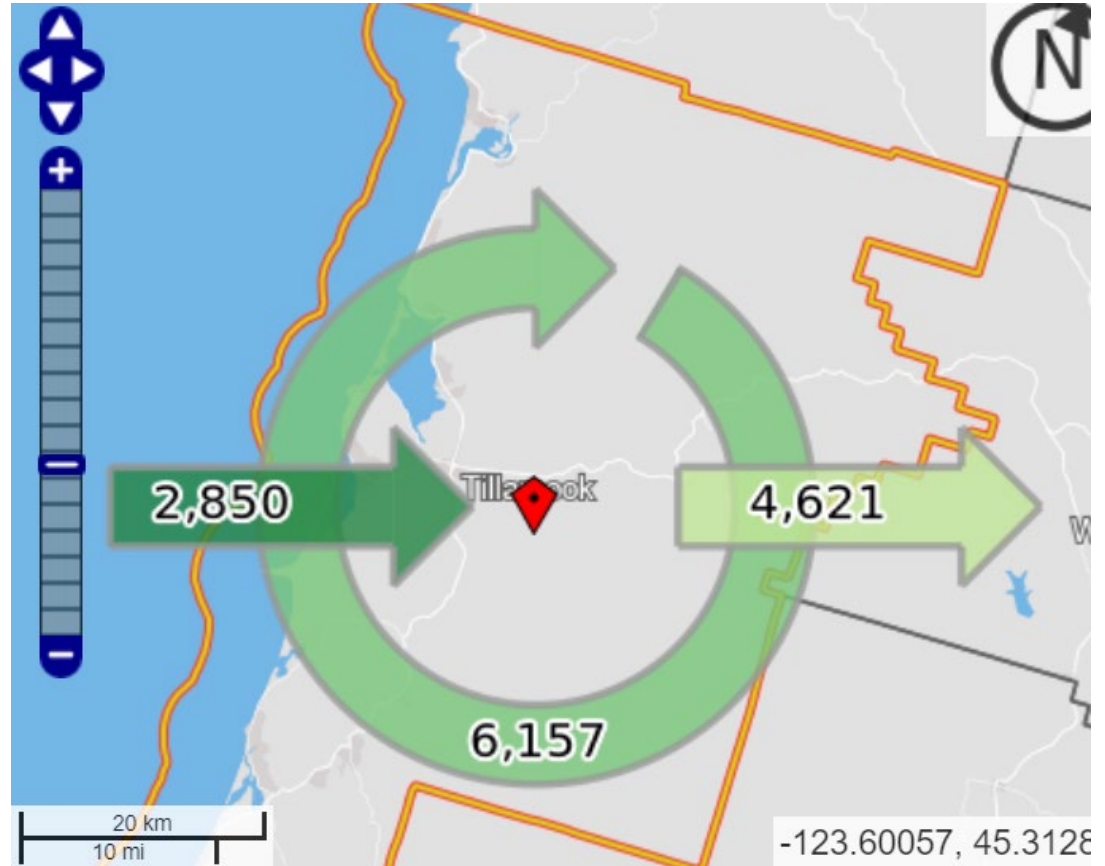


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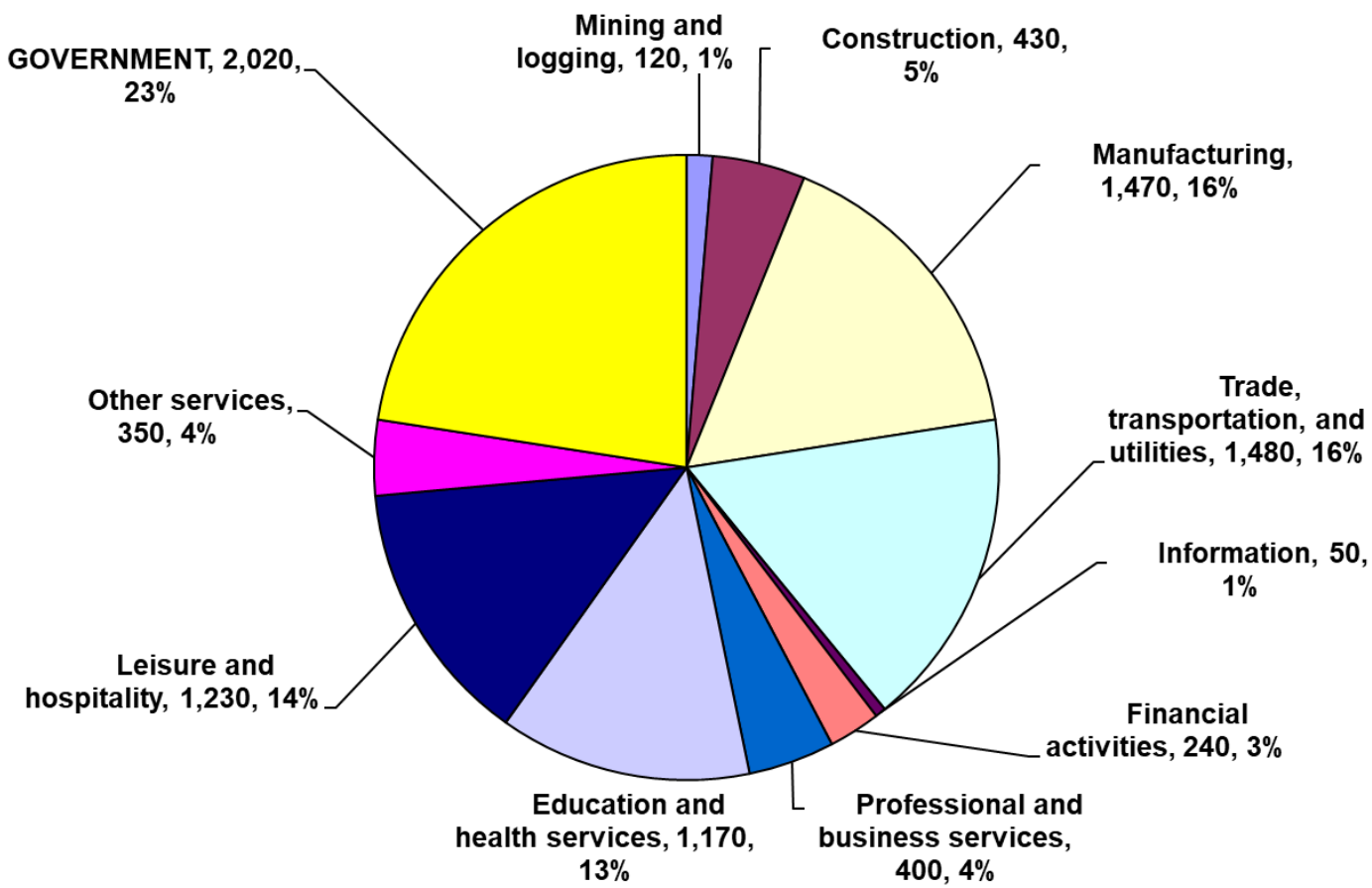
43% of Tillamook's workforce worked out of the county in 2019.

Top destinations were Multnomah (9%), Washington (7%), and Marion (5%).



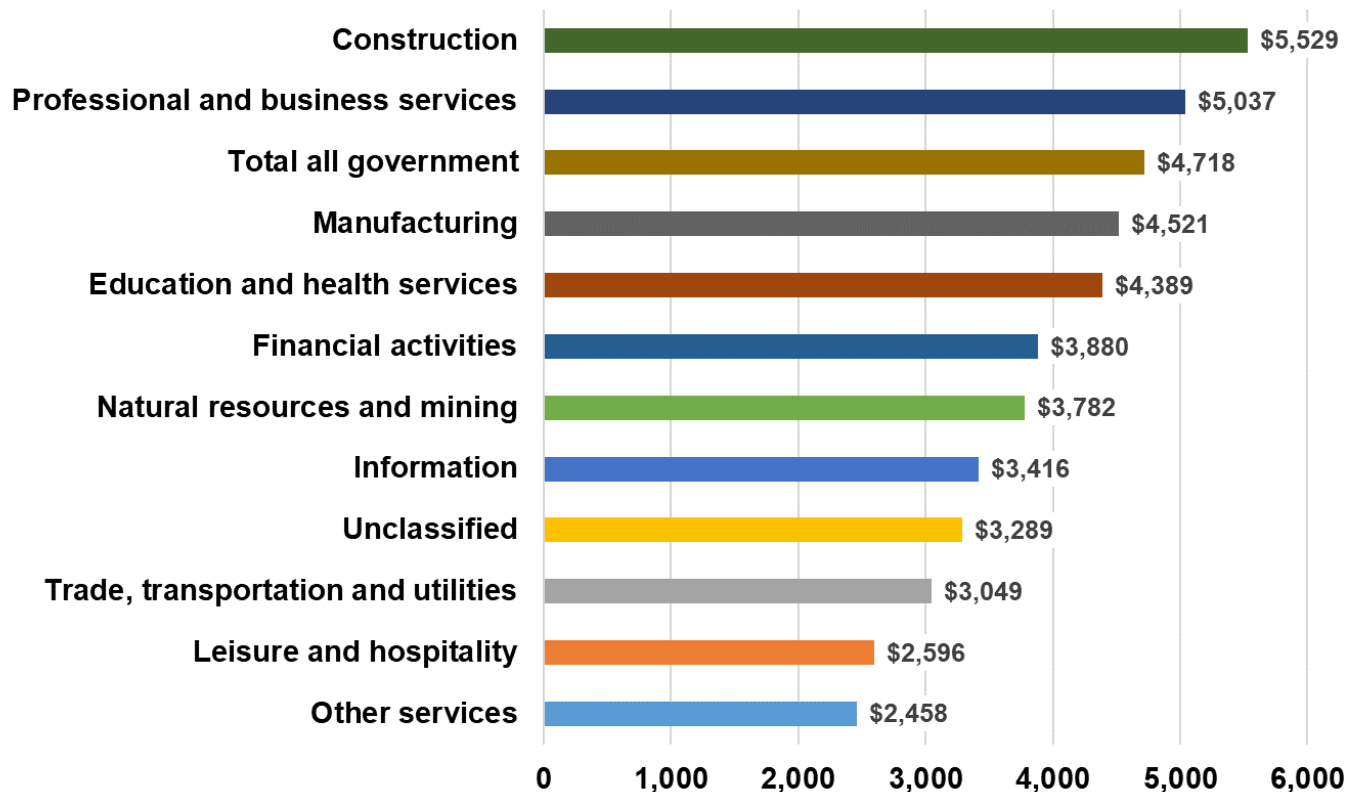
Manufacturing and Trade Lead the County's Private Sector Employment

Tillamook County Nonfarm Employment, March 2022



Construction Sector Had Highest Average Wage County-Wide; Professional & Business Services, Government, Manufacturing, and Education and Health Services Round Out Top 5

Tillamook County Average Monthly Wage, 3Q2021



Source: Oregon Employment Department

Nonfarm employment dropped by 1,460 jobs (16%) from March to April, 2020. Still down 420 jobs from March 2019.

Tillamook County
Total nonfarm employment
(seasonally adjusted)



January 2019
peak 9,660

April 2020
fell to 8,000

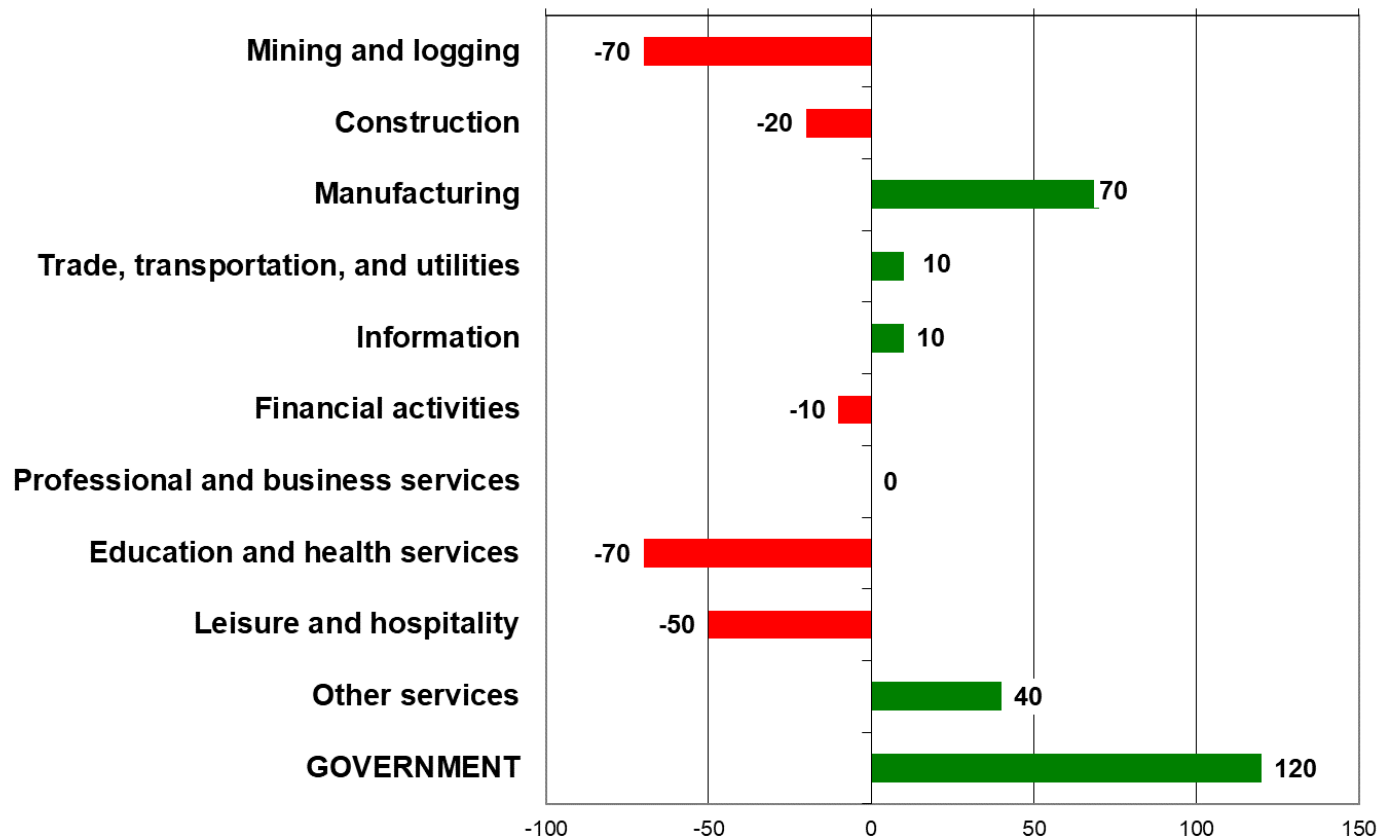
March 2022
9,190

April 2020 7,850

Source: Oregon Employment Department QualityInfo.org

The losses in logging and private education and health services seem persistent.

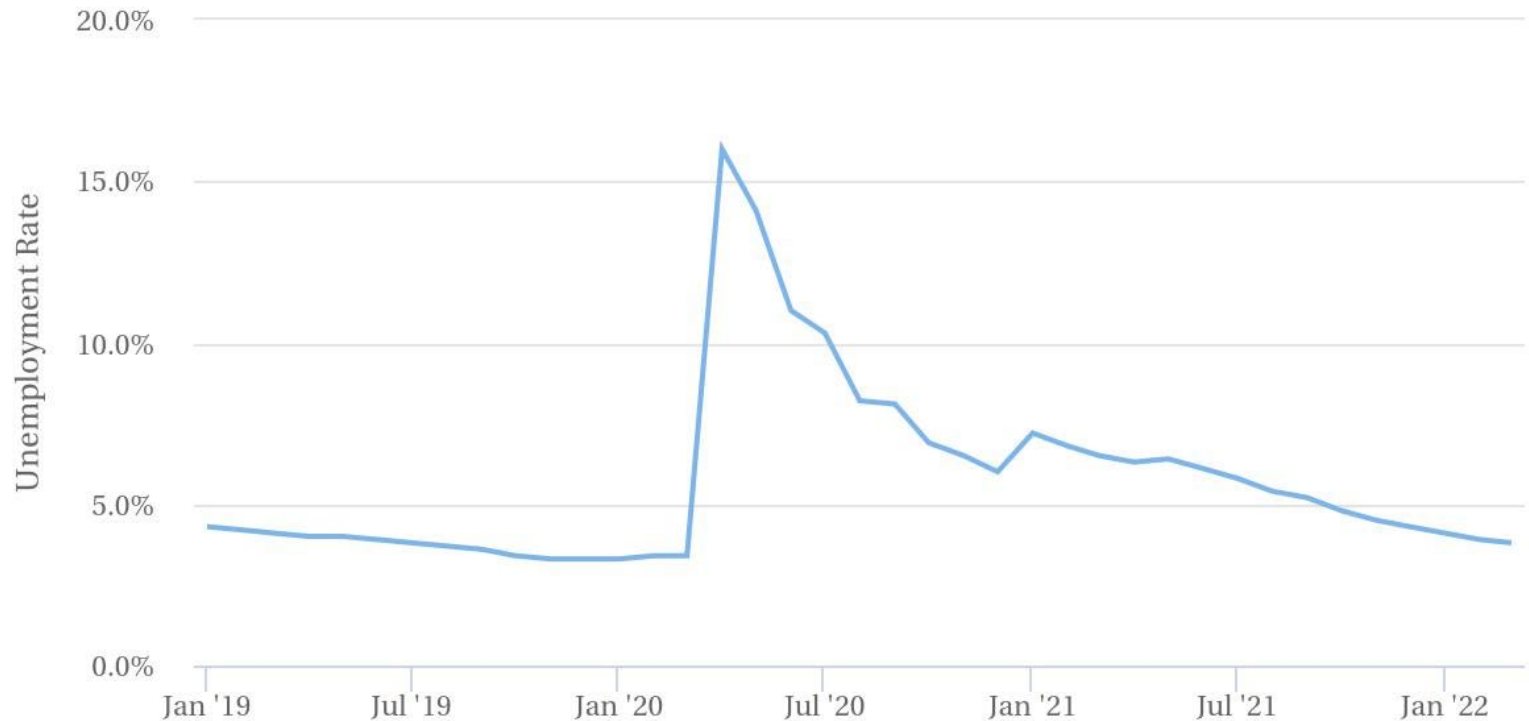
Tillamook County Annual Employment Change to March 2022



Unemployment jumped from 3.5% in March 2020 vs. 3.8% in March 2022. Estimated unemployment was 404 in March 2020 vs. 472 in March 2022.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

(Unemployment Rate)



— Tillamook County (Seasonally Adjusted)

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