

# LANE COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

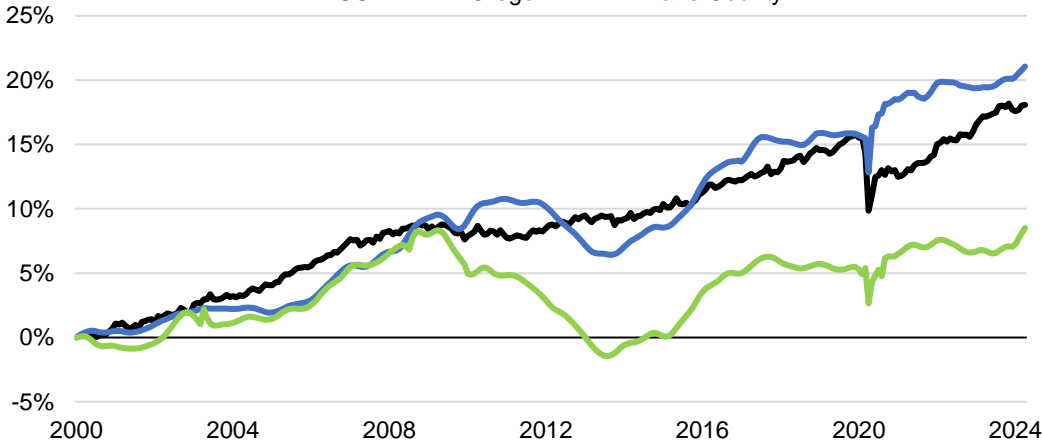
May 2024

**Graph of the Month:** Despite being nearly 10% larger than in 2000, the growth in Lane's labor force hasn't matched the state or the nation. Population growth has nearly matched the nation over that time, but a severe 2008 recession, among other factors, contributed to less growth in the workforce.

## Change in Civilian Labor Force

January 2000 = 0

— US — Oregon — Lane County



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## Notable Over-the-Year Employment Changes

April 2023 to April 2024

<b>Private Education and Health Services:</b> 1,900 (+7%)	<b>Professional and Business Services:</b> -800 (-4%)
<b>Leisure and Hospitality:</b> -300 (-2%)	<b>Retail Trade:</b> -1,100 (-6%)
<b>All Industries:</b> 1,100 (+1%)	

Employment change from February 2020 (seasonally adjusted):  
 -2,300 (-1%)

Source: [Oregon Employment Department Current Employment Estimates](#)

## News and Articles

QualityInfo: [Nonmetro vs. Metro Unemployment Rates](#) by Brian Rooney

QualityInfo: [Made in Oregon: A Profile of the State's Manufacturing Sector](#) by Molly Hendrickson

Oregon Office of Economic Analysis Blog: [Job Polarization, a 2023 Post-Pandemic Update](#)

## Latest Lane County Economic Data

Unemployment rate: 4.4%  
 (seasonally adjusted)

Change from previous year: +0.6 pct. points

2022 food manufacturing employment in Oregon: 28,500

Food manufacturing job growth from 2012-2022: 4,083 jobs (+16.5%)

Business highlights: [new openings, closings & hiring events](#)

- **Closure:** Lakeshore Myrtlewood, a gift store in Florence, will close.
- **New Firm:** Lookout Eugene-Springfield, a digital news site, will open in Eugene.
- **New Firms:** Several restaurants opened in Springfield, Eugene, and Florence.
- **Closure:** Soko Coffee in Eugene will close.

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