



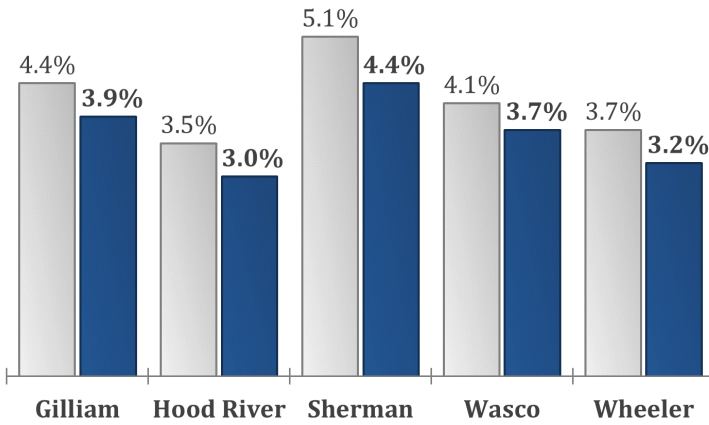
Columbia Gorge Economic Indicators

(September 2018 data)

October 2018 Edition

Local Area Unemployment Rates (Seasonally-adjusted)

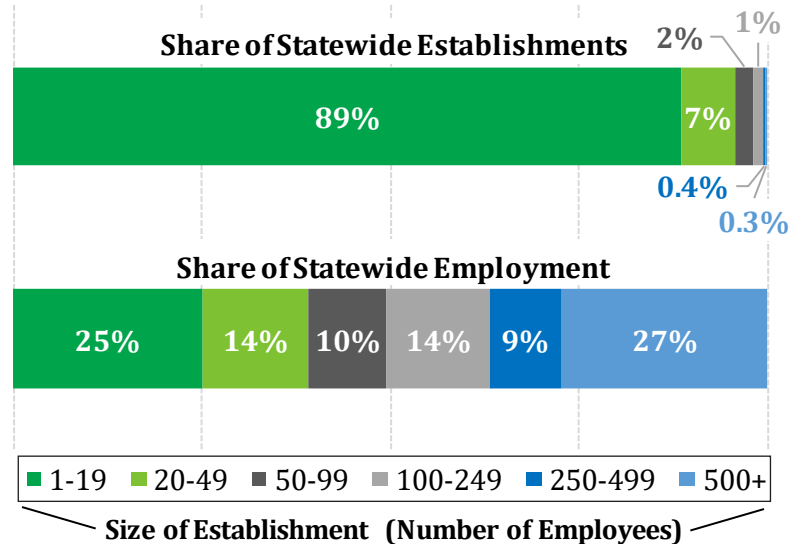
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Graph of the Month

Oregon's Small Businesses and Their Strength in Numbers

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, QWI Explorer (Q1 2018)

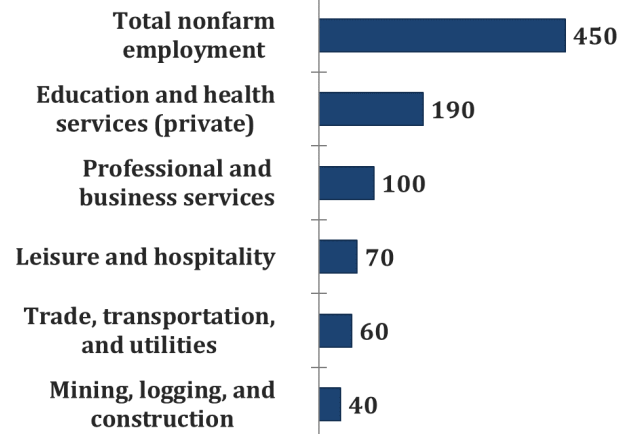


Did you know that nearly nine out of 10 private-sector businesses in Oregon are small businesses with less than 20 employees on their payroll? Despite their quantity, smaller establishments of various sizes account for a much smaller share of overall employment. According to Felicia Bechtoldt, Economist for OED, "These distributions tend to remain stable from one year to the next, even as the overall number of firms, employees, and wages expands or contracts."

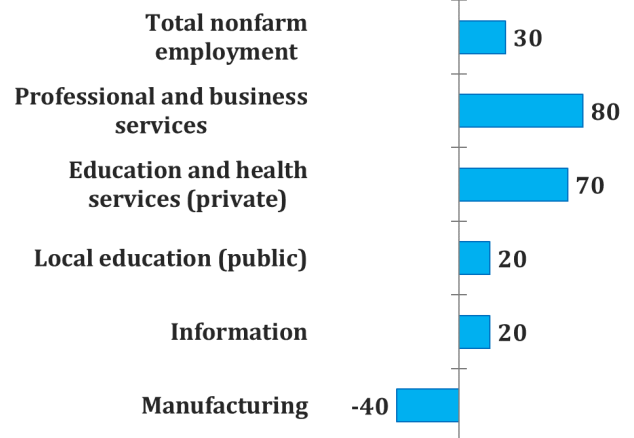
Want more information? Check out the original analysis [here](#).

Industry Gains and Losses (Over-the-year net employment change)

Hood River County



Wasco County



Largest Over-the-Year Changes

Gilliam

Total nonfarm employment (+15)
Professional and business services (+40)

Sherman

Total nonfarm employment (-35)
Trade, transportation, and utilities (-25)

Wheeler

Total nonfarm employment (-5)
Trade, transportation, and utilities (-15)