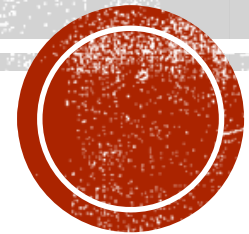


ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & TRANSPORTATION



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LEADING INDUSTRIES

OKANOGAN COUNTY'S ANNUAL AVERAGE NONFARM GROWTH PACE WAS 1.7 PERCENT IN 2018 (UP 220 JOBS). THE ANNUAL AVERAGE NONFARM GROWTH PACE ACROSS WASHINGTON LAST YEAR WAS 2.6 PERCENT. THIS WAS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2017 WHEN THE LOCAL ECONOMY LOST 190 JOBS AND SHRANK BY 1.5 PERCENT

Okanogan County: Nonfarm Job Growth in Major Industries From 2017-2018 (As of 23 April 2019)				
Industry	Annual Avg. Employment in 2017	Annual Avg. Employment in 2018	Job Change	Percent Change
Total nonfarm ¹	12,700	12,920	220	1.7%
Total private	7,520	7,760	240	3.2%
Goods producing	1,070	940	(130)	-12.1%
Mining, logging and construction	680	640	(40)	-5.9%
Manufacturing	390	300	(90)	-23.1%
Service providing	11,630	11,980	350	3.0%
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,360	2,590	230	9.7%
Wholesale trade	210	250	40	19.0%
Retail trade	1,850	1,900	50	2.7%
Information and financial activities	450	470	20	4.4%
Professional and business services	420	460	40	9.5%
Education and health services	1,570	1,610	40	2.5%
Leisure and hospitality	1,370	1,420	50	3.6%
Government	5,170	5,160	(10)	-0.2%
Federal government	430	400	(30)	-7.0%
State and local government	4,740	4,760	20	0.4%
State and local government education	1,710	1,740	30	1.8%
Workers in labor/management disputes	0	0	0	

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Columns may not add due to rounding.

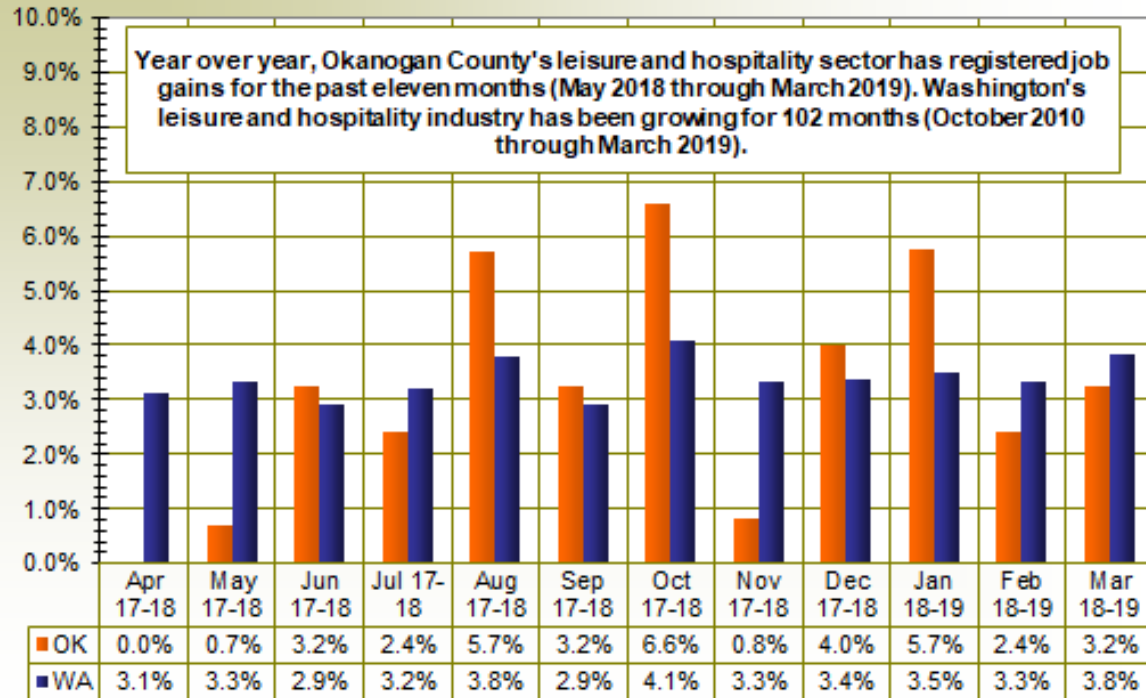
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Industry	Annual Avg. Employment in 2016	Annual Avg. Employment in 2017	Job Change	Percent Change
Total nonfarm ¹	12,890	12,700	(190)	-1.5%
Total private	7,820	7,520	(300)	-3.8%
Goods producing	1,300	1,070	(230)	-17.7%
Mining, logging and construction	740	680	(60)	-8.1%
Manufacturing	560	390	(170)	-30.4%
Service providing	11,600	11,630	30	0.3%
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,370	2,360	(10)	-0.4%
Wholesale trade	250	210	(40)	-16.0%
Retail trade	1,840	1,850	10	0.5%
Information and financial activities	460	450	(10)	-2.2%
Professional and business services	420	420	0	0.0%
Education and health services	1,580	1,570	(10)	-0.6%
Leisure and hospitality	1,400	1,370	(30)	-2.1%
Government	5,070	5,170	100	2.0%
Federal government	420	430	10	2.4%
State and local government	4,660	4,740	80	1.7%
State and local government education	1,670	1,710	40	2.4%
Workers in labor/management disputes	0	0	0	

¹ Excludes proprietors, self-employed, members of the armed services, workers in private households and agriculture. Columns may not add due to rounding.

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA



Okanogan County and Washington:
Leisure and Hospitality Employment Changes
During the Last Twelve Months



LEISURE & HOSPITALITY

THE LION'S SHARE OF JOBS IN THIS COMBINED SECTOR ARE IN ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES (I.E., HOTELS AND EATING AND DRINKING PLACES). THIS LOCAL SECTOR HAS REGISTERED JOB GAINS FOR THE PAST ELEVEN MONTHS (MAY 2018 THROUGH MARCH 2019). WASHINGTON'S LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY HAS BEEN GROWING FOR 102 MONTHS (OCTOBER 2010 THROUGH MARCH 2019), AS SHOWN IN THIS GRAPH:

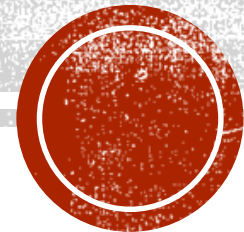
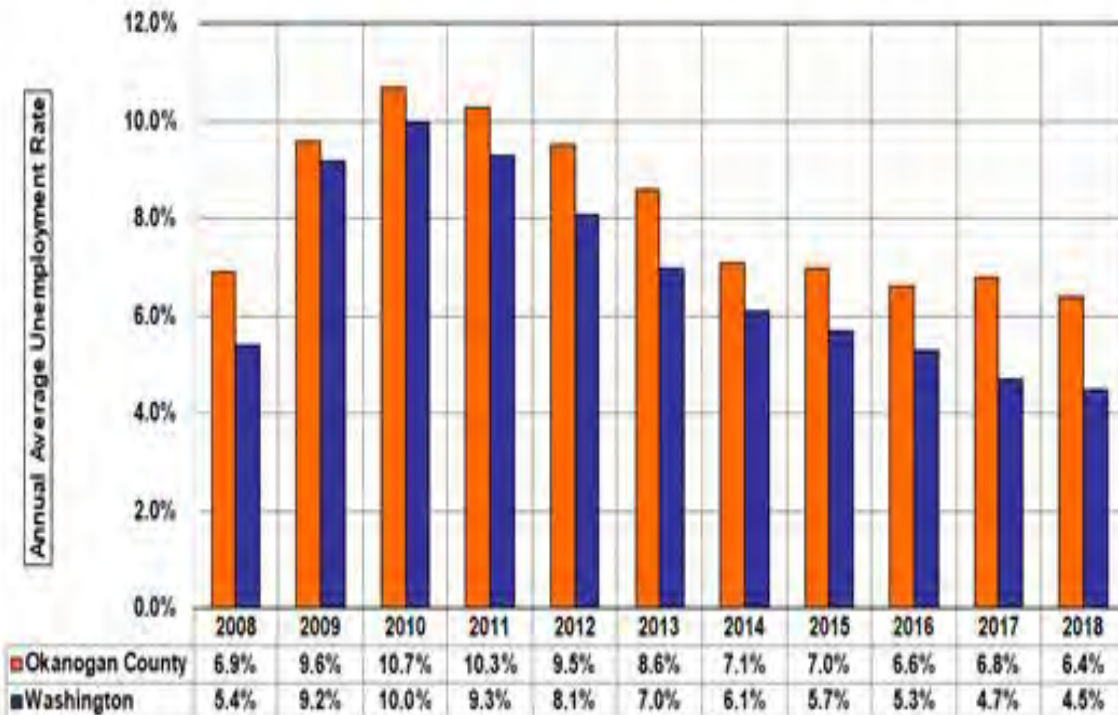


UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

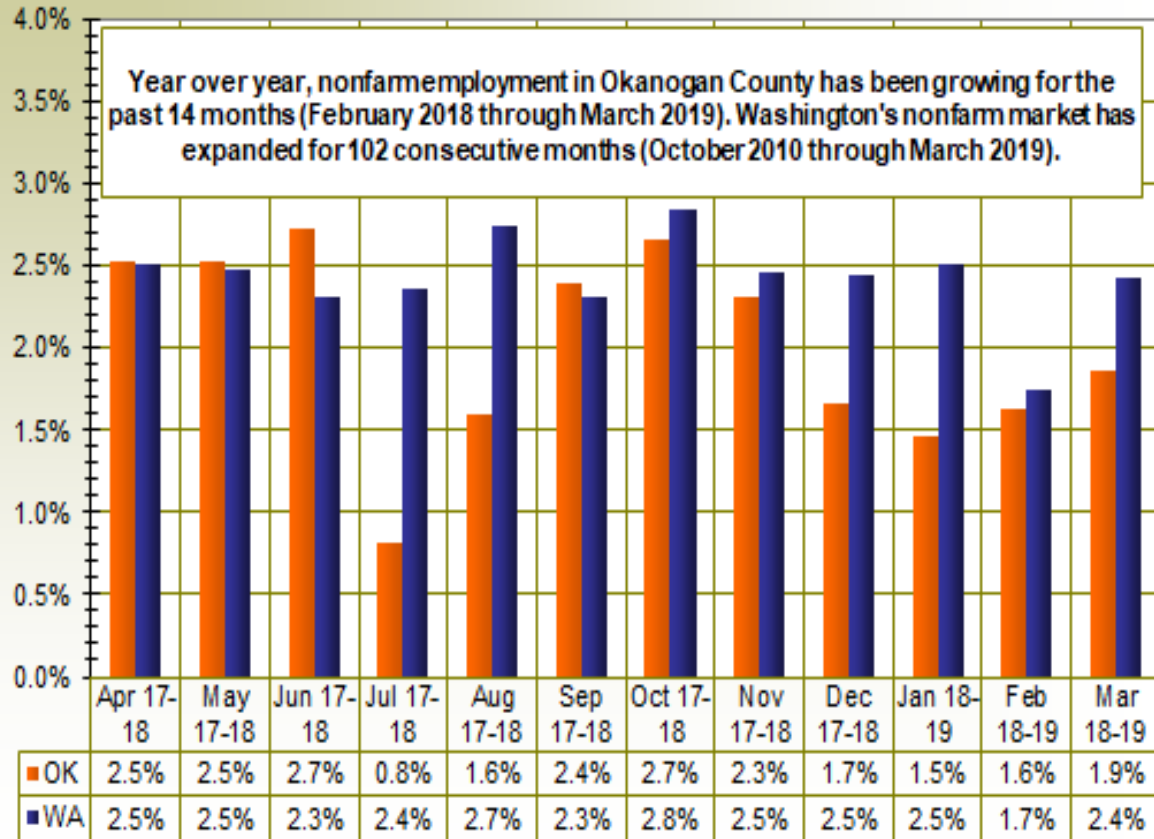
OKANOGAN COUNTY'S ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PEAKED AT 10.7 PERCENT IN 2010, DECLINED FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS (FROM 2011 TO 2016, INCLUSIVE), AND ROSE FROM 6.6 TO 6.8 PERCENT BETWEEN 2016 AND 2017 BEFORE FALLING AGAIN IN 2018.

HOWEVER, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASED FOUR-TENTHS OF A POINT, FROM 6.8 TO 6.4 PERCENT BETWEEN 2017 TO 2018 -- A GOOD ECONOMIC INDICATOR.

Annual Average Unemployment Rates From 2008-2018
in Okanogan County and in Washington State (As of 23 April 2019)



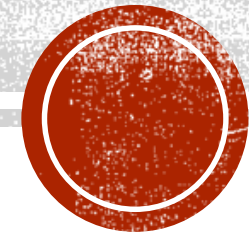
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Total Nonfarm Employment Changes
During the Last Twelve Months

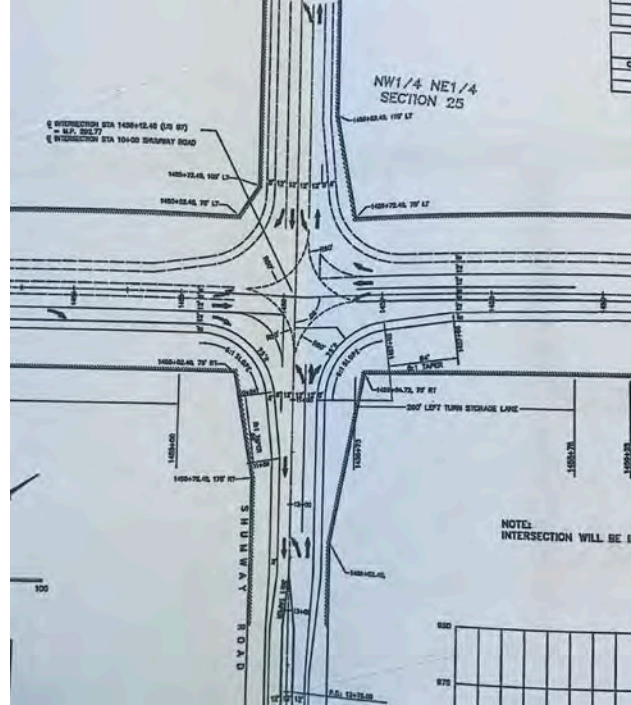


LABOR TRENDS

OKANOGAN COUNTY'S MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS RISEN IN THREE OF THE LAST FOUR MONTHS, BUT IT THE READINGS ARE STILL RELATIVELY LOW – FOR OKANOGAN COUNTY. NONFARM JOB GROWTH RATES ARE RESPECTABLE.

THIS MARCH THE COUNTY PROVIDED 230 MORE JOBS (UP 1.9 PERCENT) THAN IN MARCH 2018, AS NONFARM EMPLOYMENT INCREASED FROM 12,320 TO 12,550.





OKANOGAN COUNTY TOP RANKED PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

■ 2019

- Tonasket Perfect Passage (Complete Streets Project)
- Omak Shumway Interchange
- Omak Airport Development
- Pateros Downtown Mall Pavement Resurface
- Omak Jonathon Street Development

■ 2018

- Omak Airport Development
 - Omak Shumway Interchange
 - Pateros Starr Road Development
 - Omak Stampede Concourse and East Side Redevelopment Project
 - Tonasket Annexation
 - Tonasket Perfect Passage (Complete Streets Project)
- These projects are ranked by the Economic Alliance Infrastructure Committee, and approved by the EA Board then approved by resolution by the Okanogan County Commissioners.



RECENT TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS

NATURAL DISASTERS ARE A NEW NORMAL IN OKANOGAN COUNTY

2017-2019

Video



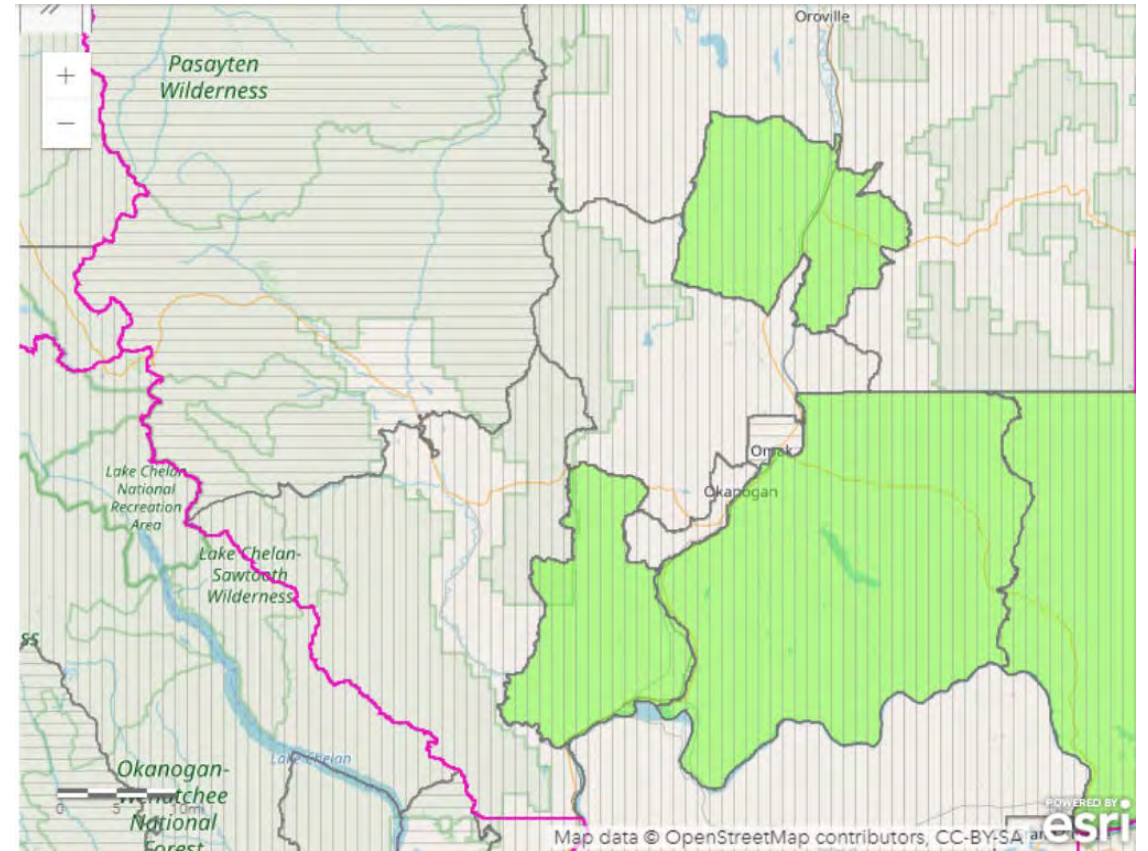
OPPORTUNITY ZONES- NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OKANOGAN COUNTY DESIGNATED ZONES

- Tonasket
- East Omak/East Okanogan
- Colville Indian Reservation
(Nespelem, Elmer City, Coulee Dam)
- Brewster/Pateros

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 was signed into law on Dec. 22, 2017. The Opportunity Zone program was included in that act, which is designed to provide tax incentives to investors who fund businesses in underserved communities.

Investors are able to defer paying taxes on capital gains that are invested in Qualified Opportunity Funds that in turn are invested in distressed communities designated as Opportunity Zones by the governor of each state.





QUESTIONS?

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