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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): July 2019

Benton County's Unemployment Rate at 3.2 Percent

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in July, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 3.2 percent in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 4.0 percent, unchanged from its revised June rate of 4.0 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in July were less than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 3,980 jobs, when an employment loss of 3,360 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 620 between June and July. Benton County's employment level was 4,630, or 11.9 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has added 770 over the past year, a 1.9 percent increase. Benton County's employment growth has outpaced the nation's growth and is close to Oregon's growth. Oregon's employment grew 2.1 percent and the U.S. grew 1.5 percent.

Benton County's private sector added 630 jobs over the past year, growing 2.2 percent. The public sector added 140 jobs, up 1.1 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year were leisure and hospitality (+230 jobs, or 5.6%); education and health services (+320 jobs, or 4.6%); and professional and business services (+160 jobs, or 3.7%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, September 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, September 17.



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Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	July 2019	June 2019	July 2018	June 2019	July 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,811	49,299	46,525	-2,488	286
Unemployed	1,793	1,640	1,719	153	74
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.3%	3.7%	0.5	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	-0.1	0.0
Employed	45,018	47,659	44,806	-2,641	212
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	41,370	45,350	40,600	-3,980	770
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	43,620	44,240	43,320	-620	300
Total private	28,840	29,180	28,210	-340	630
Mining, logging, and construction	1,550	1,530	1,500	20	50
Manufacturing	3,090	3,050	3,060	40	30
Durable goods	2,710	2,710	2,700	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,450	4,550	4,610	-100	-160
Information	580	580	570	0	10
Financial activities	1,620	1,560	1,640	60	-20
Professional and business services	4,460	4,460	4,300	0	160
Education and health services	7,330	7,460	7,010	-130	320
Health care and social assistance	6,750	6,770	6,610	-20	140
Leisure and hospitality	4,340	4,570	4,110	-230	230
Other services	1,420	1,420	1,410	0	10
Government	12,530	16,170	12,390	-3,640	140
Federal government	500	490	490	10	10
State government	220	220	220	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	11,810	15,460	11,680	-3,650	130
Local education	10,300	13,960	10,230	-3,660	70

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Official Oregon Series. Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.

The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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