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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2018

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.1 Percent

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent in April, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.1 percent in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 4.1 percent, matching its revised March rate of 4.1 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in April were slightly more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 130 jobs, when an employment gain of 80 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 50 jobs between March and April. Benton County's employment level was 4,210, or 10.8 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has added 720 over the past year, a 1.7 percent increase. Benton County's employment growth has slightly outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon has shown job growth of 1.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.6 percent. Benton County's private sector added 670 jobs over the past year. The public sector shed 280 jobs with state government dropping 180 jobs.

The drop in state government jobs is caused by the reclassification of approximately 190 home care workers from state government to private-sector health care and social assistance. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year are: mining, logging, and construction (+140 jobs, or 11.1%); professional and business services (+320 jobs, or 7.1%); and manufacturing (+130 jobs, or 4.8%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 12.

Current Labor Force and Industry Employment
CORVALLIS (Benton County) MSA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
 (by place of residence)

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from- Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	48,545	49,029	48,290	-484	255
Unemployment	1,285	1,525	1,320	-240	-35
Percent of Labor Force	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%	XX	XX
Total Employment	47,260	47,504	46,970	-244	290
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	XX	XX

CORVALLIS MSA (Benton County) NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
 (by place of work)

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from- Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	44,090	43,960	43,370	130	720
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	43,200	43,150	42,530	50	670
TOTAL PRIVATE	28,700	28,550	27,700	150	1,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,390	1,260	10	140
Manufacturing Total	2,840	2,840	2,710	0	130
Durable Goods	2,530	2,530	2,400	0	130
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,720	4,690	4,640	30	80
Information	560	560	570	0	-10
Financial Activities	1,490	1,490	1,490	0	0
Professional and Business Services	4,850	4,800	4,530	50	320
Education and Health Services	7,200	7,140	6,870	60	330
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,660	6,610	6,410	50	250
Leisure and Hospitality	4,190	4,200	4,240	-10	-50
Other Services	1,450	1,440	1,390	10	60
Government	15,390	15,410	15,670	-20	-280
Federal Government	470	470	490	0	-20
State Government	230	230	410	0	-180
State Government Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0
Local Government	14,690	14,710	14,770	-20	-80
Local Government Educational Services	13,330	13,350	13,470	-20	-140
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural Resources" includes only logging (NAICS 1133).

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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