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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): October 2018**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Bumps Up to 3.3 Percent**

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in October, up from its revised rate (3.0%) in September. Oregon's unemployment rate in October was 3.8 percent, matching its revised September rate of 3.8 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in October were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 1,970 jobs, when an employment increase of 1,770 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 200 jobs between September and October. Benton County's employment level was 4,200, or 10.8 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County lost 40 jobs over the past year, a negligible decrease of 0.09 percent. Oregon's job growth was 2.0 percent and the U.S. grew 1.7 percent. Benton County's private sector gained 40 jobs over the past year. The public sector lost 80 jobs with state government dropping 210 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 will affect over-the-year private-sector and government change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year were manufacturing (+130 jobs, or 4.6%) and mining, logging and construction (+60 jobs, or 4.2%). Private industries that lost the most jobs over the year were professional and business services (-510 jobs, or -10.7%) and leisure and hospitality (-70 jobs, or -1.6%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	48,732	47,183	48,972	1,549	-240
Unemployed	1,608	1,475	1,489	133	119
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%	0.2	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.0%	3.3%	0.3	0.0
Employed	47,124	45,708	47,483	1,416	-359
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	43,850	41,880	43,890	1,970	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	43,190	42,990	43,200	200	-10
Total private	28,600	28,200	28,560	400	40
Mining, logging, and construction	1,500	1,520	1,440	-20	60
Manufacturing	2,980	3,000	2,850	-20	130
Durable goods	2,630	2,620	2,500	10	130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,780	4,660	4,670	120	110
Information	550	560	570	-10	-20
Financial activities	1,550	1,540	1,500	10	50
Professional and business services	4,270	4,260	4,780	10	-510
Education and health services	7,280	7,110	7,030	170	250
Health care and social assistance	6,870	6,710	6,510	160	360
Leisure and hospitality	4,220	4,080	4,290	140	-70
Other services	1,470	1,470	1,430	0	40
Government	15,250	13,680	15,330	1,570	-80
Federal government	480	490	490	-10	-10
State government	220	220	430	0	-210
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,550	12,970	14,410	1,580	140
Local education	13,250	11,640	13,070	1,610	180

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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