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

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.3 Percent**

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in November, matching its revised rate in October. Oregon's unemployment rate in November was 3.9 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised October rate of 3.8 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in November were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 170 jobs, when an employment increase of 110 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 60 jobs between October and November. Benton County's employment level was 4,090, or 10.5 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County lost 250 jobs over the past year, a 0.6 percent decrease. Oregon's job growth was 1.9 percent and the U.S. grew 1.7 percent. Benton County's private sector shed 80 jobs over the past year. The public sector lost 170 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 mining, logging, and construction (+90 jobs, or 6.5%); and manufacturing (+100 jobs, or 3.5%). Private industries that lost the most jobs over the year were professional and business services (-430 jobs, or -9.2%) and information (-20 jobs, or -3.4%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, January 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	48,676	48,575	49,087	101	-411
Unemployed	1,479	1,607	1,423	-128	56
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.3%	2.9%	-0.3	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	0.0	0.1
Employed	47,197	46,968	47,664	229	-467
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	43,800	43,630	44,050	170	-250
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>43,080</i>	<i>43,020</i>	<i>43,090</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>-10</i>
Total private	28,460	28,540	28,540	-80	-80
Mining, logging, and construction	1,480	1,500	1,390	-20	90
Manufacturing	2,960	2,980	2,860	-20	100
Durable goods	2,630	2,630	2,500	0	130
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,780	4,780	4,720	0	60
Information	560	550	580	10	-20
Financial activities	1,550	1,550	1,490	0	60
Professional and business services	4,260	4,270	4,690	-10	-430
Education and health services	7,140	7,230	7,030	-90	110
Health care and social assistance	6,750	6,740	6,470	10	280
Leisure and hospitality	4,240	4,210	4,350	30	-110
Other services	1,490	1,470	1,430	20	60
Government	15,340	15,090	15,510	250	-170
Federal government	470	480	480	-10	-10
State government	220	210	430	10	-210
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,650	14,400	14,600	250	50
Local education	13,400	13,100	13,250	300	150

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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