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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): December 2018

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.3 Percent

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in December, matching its revised rate in November. Oregon's unemployment rate in December was 4.1 percent, up slightly from its revised November rate of 3.9 percent.

Benton County's employment losses in December were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 30 jobs, when an employment decrease of 140 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 110 jobs between November and December. Benton County's employment level was 4,130, or 10.6 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County gained 110 jobs over the past year, a 0.3 percent increase. Oregon's job growth was 1.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.8 percent. Benton County's private sector added 480 jobs over the past year. The public sector lost 370 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 (+100 jobs, or 7.5%); trade, transportation, and utilities (+150 jobs, or 3.2%); and manufacturing (+80 jobs, or 2.8%). Private industries that lost the most jobs over the year were professional and business services (-340 jobs, or -7.5%) and information (-20 jobs, or -3.4%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5.



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

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	48,050	48,613	48,595	-563	-545
Unemployed	1,423	1,477	1,342	-54	81
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.0%	2.8%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	0.0	0.1
Employed	46,627	47,136	47,253	-509	-626
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	43,640	43,670	43,530	-30	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>43,120</i>	<i>43,010</i>	<i>42,830</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>290</i>
Total private	28,540	28,490	28,060	50	480
Mining, logging, and construction	1,440	1,480	1,340	-40	100
Manufacturing	2,980	2,960	2,900	20	80
Durable goods	2,640	2,630	2,540	10	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,800	4,800	4,650	0	150
Information	560	560	580	0	-20
Financial activities	1,550	1,550	1,510	0	40
Professional and business services	4,180	4,210	4,520	-30	-340
Education and health services	7,360	7,230	6,950	130	410
Health care and social assistance	6,770	6,740	6,420	30	350
Leisure and hospitality	4,190	4,210	4,170	-20	20
Other services	1,480	1,490	1,440	-10	40
Government	15,100	15,180	15,470	-80	-370
Federal government	480	470	480	10	0
State government	210	200	420	10	-210
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,410	14,510	14,570	-100	-160
Local education	13,180	13,260	13,250	-80	-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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