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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2019

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.3 Percent

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in April, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.3 percent in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 4.3 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised March rate of 4.4 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 470 jobs, when an employment gain of 70 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 400 between March and April. Benton County's employment level was 5,140, or 13.2 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has added 600 over the past year, a 1.3 percent increase. Benton County's employment growth has been outpaced by the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 2.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.8 percent.

Benton County's private sector added 620 jobs over the past year, growing 2.2 percent. The public sector shed 20 jobs, down 0.1 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year were mining, logging, and construction (+170 jobs, or 11.9%); education and health services (+430 jobs, or 6.0%); and manufacturing (+100 jobs, or 3.4%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 18.



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

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	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	49,047	48,968	48,734	79	313
Unemployed	1,410	1,698	1,322	-288	88
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.5%	2.7%	-0.6	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	0.0	0.3
Employed	47,637	47,270	47,412	367	225
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,080	44,610	44,480	470	600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,130</i>	<i>43,730</i>	<i>43,560</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>570</i>
Total private	29,050	28,670	28,430	380	620
Mining, logging, and construction	1,600	1,600	1,430	0	170
Manufacturing	3,050	3,050	2,950	0	100
Durable goods	2,710	2,700	2,620	10	90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,610	4,580	4,650	30	-40
Information	540	540	570	0	-30
Financial activities	1,590	1,570	1,580	20	10
Professional and business services	4,310	4,300	4,370	10	-60
Education and health services	7,640	7,330	7,210	310	430
Health care and social assistance	6,970	6,890	6,680	80	290
Leisure and hospitality	4,280	4,290	4,240	-10	40
Other services	1,430	1,410	1,430	20	0
Government	16,030	15,940	16,050	90	-20
Federal government	450	440	470	10	-20
State government	190	180	210	10	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	15,390	15,320	15,370	70	20
Local education	14,040	13,970	14,030	70	10

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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