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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): October 2019**

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

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in October, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.3 percent in September. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in October was 4.1 percent, unchanged from its revised September rate of 4.1 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in October were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 2,340 jobs, when an employment gain of 1,840 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 between September and October. Benton County's employment level was 4,420, or 11.3 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has shed 260 over the past year, a 0.6 percent decrease. Benton County's employment growth has been outpaced by the nation and Oregon. Oregon and U.S. employment both grew at 1.4 percent.

Benton County's private sector shed 340 jobs over the past year, declining 1.2 percent. The public sector added 80 jobs, up 0.5 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year were education and health services (+130 jobs, or 1.8%); information (+10 jobs, or 1.7%); and other services (+10 jobs, or 0.7%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, December 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 17.



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

	--Change From--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	48,869	47,351	49,013	1,518	-144
Unemployed	1,344	1,672	1,556	-328	-212
Unemployment rate	2.8%	3.5%	3.2%	-0.7	-0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	0.0	0.0
Employed	47,525	45,679	47,457	1,846	68
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	44,440	42,100	44,700	2,340	-260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>43,410</i>	<i>42,910</i>	<i>43,860</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>-450</i>
Total private	28,810	28,700	29,150	110	-340
Mining, logging, and construction	1,550	1,570	1,550	-20	0
Manufacturing	3,060	3,100	3,050	-40	10
Durable goods	2,680	2,680	2,690	0	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,690	4,570	4,720	120	-30
Information	590	600	580	-10	10
Financial activities	1,580	1,580	1,590	0	-10
Professional and business services	4,270	4,460	4,600	-190	-330
Education and health services	7,350	7,180	7,220	170	130
Health care and social assistance	6,810	6,770	6,660	40	150
Leisure and hospitality	4,300	4,220	4,430	80	-130
Other services	1,420	1,420	1,410	0	10
Government	15,630	13,400	15,550	2,230	80
Federal government	470	500	470	-30	0
State government	250	230	220	20	30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,910	12,670	14,860	2,240	50
Local education	13,480	11,210	13,450	2,270	30

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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