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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): June 2020

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 8.3 Percent

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.3 percent in June, down from its revised rate of 10.2 percent in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 11.2 percent, down from its revised May rate of 14.3 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in June were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 530 jobs, when an employment gain of 290 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 240 jobs, or 0.6 percent, between May and June. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains nearly 14 percent below the level in February, down 6,140 jobs after sharp job losses in April and May.

All industries in the private sector with the exception of private education and health services showed employment gains in June. Leisure and hospitality added 230 jobs for 12 percent growth over the month. Trade, transportation and utilities employment grew 380 in June, a monthly gain of 9.3 percent. Manufacturing employment increased 90, growing 3.2 percent.

Employment losses occurred in private education and health services, which shed 100 jobs in June, declining 1.5 percent.

Leisure and hospitality has shown the largest employment decline in recent months. The sector's employment is down 2,250 jobs, or 51 percent, compared with June 2019.

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



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

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	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2020	June 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,961	47,269	49,120	692	-1,159
Unemployed	4,038	4,601	1,643	-563	2,395
Unemployment rate	8.4%	9.7%	3.3%	-1.3	5.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.3%	10.2%	3.0%	-1.9	5.3
Employed	43,923	42,668	47,477	1,255	-3,554
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	40,030	39,500	45,360	530	-5,330
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,710	38,470	43,740	240	-5,030
Total private	25,540	24,740	28,720	800	-3,180
Mining, logging, and construction	1,490	1,440	1,500	50	-10
Manufacturing	2,870	2,780	3,100	90	-230
Durable goods	2,530	2,510	2,680	20	-150
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,480	4,100	4,590	380	-110
Information	560	560	600	0	-40
Financial activities	1,650	1,620	1,550	30	100
Professional and business services	4,310	4,250	4,300	60	10
Education and health services	6,690	6,790	7,290	-100	-600
Health care and social assistance	6,360	6,250	6,730	110	-370
Leisure and hospitality	2,140	1,910	4,390	230	-2,250
Other services	1,350	1,290	1,400	60	-50
Government	14,490	14,760	16,640	-270	-2,150
Federal government	500	490	500	10	0
State government	190	200	240	-10	-50
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	13,800	14,070	15,900	-270	-2,100
Local education	12,390	12,650	14,430	-260	-2,040

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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