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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): November 2020

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.2%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2% in November, down from its revised rate of 4.9% in October. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 6.0%, down from its revised October rate of 6.8%.

Benton County's employment gains in November were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 80 jobs, when an employment increase of 130 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 50 jobs, or 0.1%, between October and November. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 10.9% below the level in February, down 4,790 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring.

The private sector was a mix of industries gaining and losing employment. Mining, logging, and construction; trade, transportation, and utilities; and financial activities all showed minor employment declines in November. Leisure and hospitality employment was down 50 or 1.6% in November.

Employment gains occurred in private education and health services, which added 40 jobs in November. Professional and business services showed employment gains in November, adding 90 jobs or 2.1%. Manufacturing, information, and other services each gained 10 jobs in November.

The public sector added 10 jobs in November. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 60 jobs in November. Those gains were offset by a decline of 20 jobs in federal government. Government employment is down 2,140 or 13.6% since last November. The majority of that job loss is in local government education.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Jan. 20.



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

	--Change From--				
	November 2020	October 2020	November 2019	October 2020	November 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,639	48,170	49,105	-531	-1,466
Unemployed	1,814	2,244	1,026	-430	788
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.7%	2.1%	-0.9	1.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.9%	2.6%	-0.7	1.6
Employed	45,825	45,926	48,079	-101	-2,254
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	40,080	40,000	44,890	80	-4,810
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,120	39,170	43,800	-50	-4,680
Total private	26,430	26,360	29,100	70	-2,670
Mining, logging, and construction	1,660	1,670	1,520	-10	140
Manufacturing	2,610	2,600	3,060	10	-450
Durable goods	2,450	2,420	2,650	30	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,470	4,490	4,620	-20	-150
Information	600	590	580	10	20
Financial activities	1,470	1,480	1,520	-10	-50
Professional and business services	4,430	4,340	4,440	90	-10
Education and health services	6,710	6,670	7,360	40	-650
Health care and social assistance	6,270	6,230	6,780	40	-510
Leisure and hospitality	3,160	3,210	4,550	-50	-1,390
Other services	1,320	1,310	1,450	10	-130
Government	13,650	13,640	15,790	10	-2,140
Federal government	500	520	460	-20	40
State government	240	240	300	0	-60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,910	12,880	15,030	30	-2,120
Local education	11,590	11,530	13,570	60	-1,980

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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