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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): December 2020

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.3%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3% in December, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 4.2% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was 6.4%, up from its revised November rate of 6.0%.

Benton County's employment losses in December were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 330 jobs, when an employment decrease of 430 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 100 jobs, or 0.3%, between November and December. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 10.7% below the level in February, down 4,700 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring.

The private sector was a mix of industries gaining and losing employment. Mining, logging, and construction; other services; and professional and business services each shed 30 jobs in December. Leisure and hospitality showed the steepest decline; employment was down by 260 jobs or 8.2% in December.

Employment gains occurred in private education and health services, which added 20 jobs in December. Financial activities showed employment gains in December, adding 100 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities gained 30 jobs in December.

The public sector shed 130 jobs in December. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, dropped 130 jobs in December. State and federal government employment were both unchanged in December.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 2.



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

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	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2020	December 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,824	47,867	48,517	-43	-693
Unemployed	1,934	1,829	987	105	947
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.8%	2.0%	0.2	2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.3%	4.2%	2.5%	0.1	1.8
Employed	45,890	46,038	47,530	-148	-1,640
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	39,710	40,040	44,520	-330	-4,810
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,210	39,110	43,930	100	-4,720
Total private	26,220	26,420	28,740	-200	-2,520
Mining, logging, and construction	1,630	1,660	1,520	-30	110
Manufacturing	2,520	2,520	3,060	0	-540
Durable goods	2,450	2,450	2,660	0	-210
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,530	4,500	4,550	30	-20
Information	600	600	590	0	10
Financial activities	1,570	1,470	1,520	100	50
Professional and business services	4,360	4,390	4,330	-30	30
Education and health services	6,720	6,700	7,350	20	-630
Health care and social assistance	6,290	6,260	6,780	30	-490
Leisure and hospitality	2,910	3,170	4,360	-260	-1,450
Other services	1,380	1,410	1,460	-30	-80
Government	13,490	13,620	15,780	-130	-2,290
Federal government	470	470	480	0	-10
State government	240	240	300	0	-60
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,780	12,910	15,000	-130	-2,220
Local education	11,460	11,590	13,530	-130	-2,070

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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