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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): November 2021

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 3.2%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.2% in November, down from its revised rate of 3.4% in October. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.2%, down from its revised October rate of 4.4%.

Benton County's employment gains in November were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 210 jobs, when an employment increase of 140 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 70 jobs, or 0.2%, between October and November. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 5.3% below the level in February 2020, down 2,300 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Trade, transportation, and utilities added 60 jobs in November. The sector's employment grew 230 or 5.0% over the past year.

The private sector overall shed 10 jobs over the month. Professional and business services dropped 20 jobs in November, down 0.4%. Private education and health services shed 40 jobs in November, declining 0.6%.

The public sector added 220 jobs in November. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 240 jobs in November. Federal government employment declined 20 in November, while state government employment gained 10.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Jan. 19.



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

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	November 2021	October 2021	November 2020	October 2021	November 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,973	47,957	46,802	16	1,171
Unemployed	1,156	1,293	2,043	-137	-887
Unemployment rate	2.4%	2.7%	4.4%	-0.3	-2.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.2%	3.4%	4.9%	-0.2	-1.7
Employed	46,817	46,664	44,759	153	2,058
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	41,940	41,730	40,090	210	1,850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>41,120</i>	<i>41,050</i>	<i>39,090</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>2,030</i>
Total private	27,480	27,490	26,600	-10	880
Mining, logging, and construction	1,490	1,510	1,430	-20	60
Manufacturing	2,950	2,940	2,820	10	130
Durable goods	2,490	2,470	2,410	20	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,840	4,780	4,610	60	230
Information	610	600	550	10	60
Financial activities	1,510	1,510	1,530	0	-20
Professional and business services	4,440	4,460	4,320	-20	120
Education and health services	6,420	6,460	6,750	-40	-330
Health care and social assistance	6,320	6,320	6,410	0	-90
Leisure and hospitality	3,980	4,010	3,330	-30	650
Other services	1,240	1,220	1,260	20	-20
Government	14,460	14,240	13,490	220	970
Federal government	470	490	470	-20	0
State government	260	250	240	10	20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	13,730	13,500	12,780	230	950
Local education	12,290	12,050	11,400	240	890

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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