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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): April 2018

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Edges Down to 4.6 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate in April edged down to 4.6 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised March rate of 4.7 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in April was 4.1 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.1 percent in March. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined 0.1 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 180 jobs, when an increase of roughly 20 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 160-job seasonally adjusted increase between March and April. Linn County's employment is more than 2,100 jobs or 4.9 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 1,380 over the past year, a 3.1 percent increase. The growth rate was faster than the state and the nation. Oregon's employment was up 1.5 percent and U.S. employment grew 1.6 percent over the past year. Linn County's private sector added 2,280 jobs over the past year, growing 6.2 percent. The public sector shed 900 jobs, with state government dropping 860 jobs.

The drop in state government jobs is largely caused by the reclassification of approximately 820 home care workers from state government to private-sector health care and social assistance. The reclassification affects private sector and government monthly change figures for January 2018 and will affect over-the-year change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+480 jobs, or 18.0%); and leisure and hospitality (+250 jobs, or 6.8%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 12.

**Current Labor Force and Industry Employment
LINN COUNTY LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
(by place of residence)**

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
Civilian Labor Force	58,387	58,957	57,705	-570	682
Unemployment	2,561	2,874	2,560	-313	1
Percent of Labor Force	4.4%	4.9%	4.4%	XX	XX
Total Employment	55,826	56,083	55,145	-257	681
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	XX	XX

**LINN COUNTY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
(by place of work)**

	Apr. 2018	Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2018	Apr. 2017
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	45,800	45,620	44,420	180	1,380
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	45,690	45,530	44,290	160	1,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	38,790	38,600	36,510	190	2,280
Mining and Logging	440	430	410	10	30
Construction	3,140	3,100	2,660	40	480
Manufacturing Total	8,290	8,220	7,850	70	440
Durable Goods	6,240	6,190	5,900	50	340
Wood Product Manufacturing	1,880	1,880	1,800	0	80
Primary Metal Manufacturing	2,260	2,260	2,140	0	120
Nondurable Goods	2,050	2,030	1,950	20	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	9,960	9,940	9,740	20	220
Wholesale Trade	1,650	1,690	1,670	-40	-20
Retail Trade	5,200	5,170	5,140	30	60
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	3,110	3,080	2,930	30	180
Information	400	410	410	-10	-10
Financial Activities	1,470	1,480	1,530	-10	-60
Professional and Business Services	3,000	2,970	3,040	30	-40
Education and Health Services	6,670	6,730	5,770	-60	900
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,140	6,130	5,190	10	950
Leisure and Hospitality	3,910	3,820	3,660	90	250
Other Services	1,510	1,500	1,440	10	70
Government	7,010	7,020	7,910	-10	-900
Federal Government	310	290	320	20	-10
State Government	540	540	1,400	0	-860
Local Government	6,160	6,190	6,190	-30	-30
Local Government Educational Services	3,910	3,930	4,040	-20	-130
Local Government Excluding Education	2,250	2,260	2,150	-10	100
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural Resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

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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