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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): October 2018

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Ticks Up to 4.6 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate in October was essentially unchanged, edging up to 4.6 percent from its revised September rate of 4.4 percent. Oregon's unemployment rate in October was 3.8 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.8 percent in September. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.1 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in October were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 650 jobs, when an increase of roughly 530 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 120-job seasonally adjusted increase between September and October. Linn County's employment is 2,850 jobs or 6.5 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 1,600 over the past year, a 3.5 percent increase. The job growth rate was faster than the state and the nation. Oregon's employment was up 2.0 percent and U.S. employment grew 1.7 percent over the past year. Linn County's private sector added 2,250 jobs over the past year, growing 6.0 percent. The public sector lost 650 jobs, with state government dropping 780 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 will affect over-the-year private-sector and government change figures through December 2018. It does not affect total payroll employment levels.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: information (+30 jobs, or 7.3%), construction (+210 jobs, or 6.9%), and manufacturing (+410 jobs, or 5.1%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Thursday, December 27 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 18.



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Albany MSA (Linn County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2018	September 2018	October 2017	September 2018	October 2017
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	59,213	58,547	58,834	666	379
Unemployed	2,695	2,506	2,690	189	5
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.3%	4.6%	0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.4%	4.7%	0.2	-0.1
Employed	56,518	56,041	56,144	477	374
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,890	46,240	45,290	650	1,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,670	46,550	44,760	120	1,910
Total private	39,710	39,440	37,460	270	2,250
Mining, logging, and construction	3,700	3,730	3,460	-30	240
Mining and logging	460	460	430	0	30
Construction	3,240	3,270	3,030	-30	210
Manufacturing	8,490	8,510	8,080	-20	410
Durable goods	6,350	6,330	6,010	20	340
Wood product manufacturing	1,880	1,870	1,830	10	50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,280	2,280	2,220	0	60
Nondurable goods	2,140	2,180	2,070	-40	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,270	10,200	10,090	70	180
Wholesale trade	1,690	1,680	1,670	10	20
Retail trade	5,360	5,330	5,260	30	100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,220	3,190	3,160	30	60
Information	440	440	410	0	30
Financial activities	1,600	1,630	1,560	-30	40
Professional and business services	2,950	2,960	3,010	-10	-60
Education and health services	6,910	6,650	5,700	260	1,210
Health care and social assistance	5,940	5,920	5,090	20	850
Leisure and hospitality	3,830	3,820	3,660	10	170
Other services	1,520	1,500	1,490	20	30
Government	7,180	6,800	7,830	380	-650
Federal government	310	310	310	0	0
State government	610	620	1,390	-10	-780
Local government	6,260	5,870	6,130	390	130
Local education	3,930	3,620	3,930	310	0
Local government excluding educational services	2,330	2,250	2,200	80	130

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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