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## **Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): November 2018**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Ticks up to 4.8 Percent**

Linn County's unemployment rate in November was essentially unchanged, edging up to 4.8 percent from its revised October rate of 4.7 percent. Oregon's unemployment rate in November was 3.9 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 3.8 percent in October. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.2 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in November were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 70 jobs, when a decrease of roughly 70 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in an 80-job seasonally adjusted increase between October and November. Linn County's employment is 2,990 jobs or 6.9 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 1,340 over the past year, a 2.9 percent increase. The job growth rate was faster than the state and the nation. Oregon's employment was up 1.9 percent and U.S. employment grew 1.7 percent over the past year. Linn County's private sector added 2,140 jobs over the past year, growing 5.7 percent. The public sector lost 800 jobs, with state government dropping 770 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 (+70 jobs, or 17.1%); manufacturing (+390 jobs, or 4.8%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+360 jobs, or 3.5%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, January 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	November 2018	October 2018	November 2017	October 2018	November 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	59,079	59,127	58,679	-48	400
Unemployed	2,728	2,731	2,615	-3	113
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	0.0	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.7%	4.6%	0.1	0.2
Employed	56,351	56,396	56,064	-45	287
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	46,830	46,760	45,490	70	1,340
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,630	46,550	44,900	80	1,730
Total private	39,780	39,780	37,640	0	2,140
Mining, logging, and construction	3,520	3,690	3,450	-170	70
Mining and logging	450	460	440	-10	10
Construction	3,070	3,230	3,010	-160	60
Manufacturing	8,470	8,490	8,080	-20	390
Durable goods	6,380	6,350	6,040	30	340
Wood product manufacturing	1,870	1,880	1,840	-10	30
Primary metal manufacturing	2,280	2,280	2,220	0	60
Nondurable goods	2,090	2,140	2,040	-50	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,510	10,370	10,150	140	360
Wholesale trade	1,680	1,700	1,640	-20	40
Retail trade	5,500	5,370	5,370	130	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,330	3,300	3,140	30	190
Information	480	440	410	40	70
Financial activities	1,590	1,610	1,590	-20	0
Professional and business services	2,950	2,950	3,040	0	-90
Education and health services	7,050	6,900	5,750	150	1,300
Health care and social assistance	5,960	5,940	5,140	20	820
Leisure and hospitality	3,700	3,820	3,690	-120	10
Other services	1,510	1,510	1,480	0	30
Government	7,050	6,980	7,850	70	-800
Federal government	320	310	310	10	10
State government	610	610	1,380	0	-770
Local government	6,120	6,060	6,160	60	-40
Local education	4,000	3,930	3,960	70	40
Local government excluding educational services	2,120	2,130	2,200	-10	-80

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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