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

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Ticks up to 4.9 Percent**

Linn County's unemployment rate in December was essentially unchanged, edging up to 4.9 percent from its revised November rate of 4.8 percent. Oregon's unemployment rate in December was 4.1 percent, up from its revised rate of 3.9 percent in November. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.3 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment losses in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 240 jobs, when a decrease of roughly 210 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 30-job seasonally adjusted decrease between November and December. Linn County's employment is 3,070 jobs or 7.0 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County added 950 jobs over the past year, a 2.1 percent increase. The job growth rate was faster than the state and the nation. Oregon's employment was up 1.5 percent and U.S. employment grew 1.8 percent over the past year. Linn County's private sector added 1,870 jobs over the past year, growing 4.9 percent. The public sector lost 920 jobs, with state government dropping 760 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 (+50 jobs, or 12.2%); manufacturing (+340 jobs, or 4.2%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+340 jobs, or 3.3%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 12 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5.



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

	--Change From--				
	December 2018	November 2018	December 2017	November 2018	December 2017
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	58,515	59,234	58,513	-719	2
Unemployed	2,706	2,747	2,556	-41	150
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%	0.0	0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.8%	4.6%	0.1	0.3
Employed	55,809	56,487	55,957	-678	-148
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	46,800	47,040	45,850	-240	950
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,630	46,660	45,500	-30	1,130
Total private	39,770	39,970	37,900	-200	1,870
Mining, logging, and construction	3,470	3,550	3,450	-80	20
Mining and logging	450	450	440	0	10
Construction	3,020	3,100	3,010	-80	10
Manufacturing	8,480	8,470	8,140	10	340
Durable goods	6,400	6,380	6,110	20	290
Wood product manufacturing	1,880	1,880	1,890	0	-10
Primary metal manufacturing	2,280	2,280	2,250	0	30
Nondurable goods	2,080	2,090	2,030	-10	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,530	10,650	10,190	-120	340
Wholesale trade	1,680	1,680	1,660	0	20
Retail trade	5,410	5,490	5,330	-80	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,440	3,480	3,200	-40	240
Information	460	490	410	-30	50
Financial activities	1,600	1,600	1,540	0	60
Professional and business services	2,900	2,960	3,020	-60	-120
Education and health services	7,130	7,030	5,870	100	1,260
Health care and social assistance	6,000	5,960	5,260	40	740
Leisure and hospitality	3,710	3,710	3,800	0	-90
Other services	1,490	1,510	1,480	-20	10
Government	7,030	7,070	7,950	-40	-920
Federal government	330	320	320	10	10
State government	610	610	1,370	0	-760
Local government	6,090	6,140	6,260	-50	-170
Local education	3,970	4,000	4,050	-30	-80
Local government excluding educational services	2,120	2,140	2,210	-20	-90

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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