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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): January 2019

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Increases To 5.2 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate increased to 5.2 percent in January, up slightly from its revised December rate of 4.9 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in January was 4.3 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.3 percent in December. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.6 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment losses in January were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 470 jobs, when a decrease of roughly 610 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 140-job seasonally adjusted increase between December and January. Linn County's employment is 2,730 jobs or 6.3 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 580 over the past year, a 1.3 percent increase. The growth rate was slower than the state and the nation. Oregon's employment was up 1.5 percent and U.S. employment grew 1.9 percent over the past year.

Linn County's private sector added 1,050 jobs over the past year, growing 2.8 percent. The public sector shed 350 jobs, down 4.9 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: education and health services (+330 jobs, or 5.1%); financial activities (+80 jobs, or 5.1%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+510 jobs, or 5.1%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 19.



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

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|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | January 2019 | December 2018 | January 2018 | December 2018 | January 2018 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 58,733 | 58,472 | 58,392 | 261 | 341 |
| Unemployed | 3,248 | 2,807 | 3,088 | 441 | 160 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.5% | 4.8% | 5.3% | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5.2% | 4.9% | 4.6% | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Employed | 55,485 | 55,665 | 55,304 | -180 | 181 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 46,000 | 46,470 | 45,300 | -470 | 700 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 46,320 | 46,180 | 45,740 | 140 | 580 |
| Total private | 39,210 | 39,610 | 38,160 | -400 | 1,050 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 3,370 | 3,440 | 3,350 | -70 | 20 |
| Mining and logging | 410 | 420 | 430 | -10 | -20 |
| Construction | 2,960 | 3,020 | 2,920 | -60 | 40 |
| Manufacturing | 8,310 | 8,390 | 8,040 | -80 | 270 |
| Durable goods | 6,270 | 6,340 | 6,050 | -70 | 220 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1,920 | 1,910 | 1,860 | 10 | 60 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 2,350 | 2,340 | 2,220 | 10 | 130 |
| Nondurable goods | 2,040 | 2,050 | 1,990 | -10 | 50 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 10,500 | 10,670 | 9,990 | -170 | 510 |
| Wholesale trade | 1,690 | 1,680 | 1,660 | 10 | 30 |
| Retail trade | 5,420 | 5,500 | 5,240 | -80 | 180 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 3,390 | 3,490 | 3,090 | -100 | 300 |
| Information | 400 | 380 | 450 | 20 | -50 |
| Financial activities | 1,650 | 1,630 | 1,570 | 20 | 80 |
| Professional and business services | 2,990 | 3,010 | 3,020 | -20 | -30 |
| Education and health services | 6,820 | 6,860 | 6,490 | -40 | 330 |
| Health care and social assistance | 6,020 | 6,020 | 5,890 | 0 | 130 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,740 | 3,790 | 3,800 | -50 | -60 |
| Other services | 1,430 | 1,440 | 1,450 | -10 | -20 |
| Government | 6,790 | 6,860 | 7,140 | -70 | -350 |
| Federal government | 310 | 320 | 300 | -10 | 10 |
| State government | 610 | 620 | 590 | -10 | 20 |
| Local government | 5,870 | 5,920 | 6,250 | -50 | -380 |
| Local education | 3,750 | 3,800 | 4,030 | -50 | -280 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 2,120 | 2,120 | 2,210 | 0 | -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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