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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): February 2019

Linn County's Unemployment Rate At 5.1 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in February, essentially unchanged from its revised January rate of 5.2 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in February was 4.4 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 4.3 percent in January. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.3 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in February were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 80 jobs, when an increase of roughly 130 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 50-job seasonally adjusted decrease between January and February. Linn County's employment is 2,570 jobs or 5.9 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 1.7 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 470 jobs, down 6.5 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: trade, transportation, and utilities (+570 jobs, or 5.8%); education and health services (+290 jobs, or 4.4%); and financial activities (+70 jobs, or 4.4%).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 16.



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

			--Change From--		
	February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2019	February 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	59,108	58,662	58,571	446	537
Unemployed	3,182	3,256	3,103	-74	79
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.6%	5.3%	-0.2	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.1%	5.2%	4.8%	-0.1	0.3
Employed	55,926	55,406	55,468	520	458
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,960	45,880	45,380	80	580
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,160	46,210	45,590	-50	570
Total private	39,220	39,170	38,170	50	1,050
Mining, logging, and construction	3,380	3,380	3,390	0	-10
Mining and logging	410	410	440	0	-30
Construction	2,970	2,970	2,950	0	20
Manufacturing	8,290	8,300	8,110	-10	180
Durable goods	6,250	6,260	6,130	-10	120
Wood product manufacturing	1,920	1,910	1,900	10	20
Primary metal manufacturing	2,350	2,350	2,230	0	120
Nondurable goods	2,040	2,040	1,980	0	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,480	10,530	9,910	-50	570
Wholesale trade	1,700	1,690	1,650	10	50
Retail trade	5,400	5,450	5,170	-50	230
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,380	3,390	3,090	-10	290
Information	380	400	400	-20	-20
Financial activities	1,650	1,650	1,580	0	70
Professional and business services	3,000	2,980	2,980	20	20
Education and health services	6,820	6,730	6,530	90	290
Health care and social assistance	6,060	6,030	5,910	30	150
Leisure and hospitality	3,790	3,770	3,820	20	-30
Other services	1,430	1,430	1,450	0	-20
Government	6,740	6,710	7,210	30	-470
Federal government	320	310	310	10	10
State government	610	610	580	0	30
Local government	5,810	5,790	6,320	20	-510
Local education	3,790	3,750	4,140	40	-350
Local government excluding educational services	2,020	2,040	2,170	-20	-150

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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