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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): March 2019

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.9 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in March, down slightly from its revised February rate of 5.1 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in March was 4.4 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.4 percent in February. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.2 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in March were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 360 jobs, when an increase of roughly 250 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 110-job seasonally adjusted increase between February and March. Linn County's employment is 2,690 jobs or 6.2 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 720 over the past year, a 1.6 percent increase. The growth rate nearly matched the state and the nation. Oregon and the U.S. both had job growth rates of 1.7 percent over the past year.

Linn County's private sector added 1,090 jobs over the past year, growing 2.8 percent. The public sector shed 370 jobs, down 5.1 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: trade, transportation, and utilities (+540 jobs, or 5.4%); education and health services (+260 jobs, or 4.0%); and financial activities (+60 jobs, or 3.8%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 14.



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

	--Change From--				
	March 2019	February 2019	March 2018	February 2019	March 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	58,907	59,037	58,425	-130	482
Unemployed	3,003	3,200	2,978	-197	25
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.4%	5.1%	-0.3	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.1%	4.7%	-0.2	0.2
Employed	55,904	55,837	55,447	67	457
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,320	45,960	45,600	360	720
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,280	46,170	45,630	110	650
Total private	39,480	39,190	38,390	290	1,090
Mining, logging, and construction	3,420	3,380	3,390	40	30
Mining and logging	410	410	430	0	-20
Construction	3,010	2,970	2,960	40	50
Manufacturing	8,340	8,280	8,120	60	220
Durable goods	6,300	6,240	6,140	60	160
Wood product manufacturing	1,900	1,920	1,890	-20	10
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	10,540	10,480	10,000	60	540
Wholesale trade	1,720	1,700	1,670	20	50
Retail trade	5,430	5,410	5,200	20	230
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,390	3,370	3,130	20	260
Information	380	380	380	0	0
Financial activities	1,630	1,650	1,570	-20	60
Professional and business services	3,050	3,000	3,020	50	30
Education and health services	6,810	6,810	6,550	0	260
Health care and social assistance	6,090	6,060	5,930	30	160
Leisure and hospitality	3,850	3,780	3,900	70	-50
Other services	1,460	1,430	1,460	30	0
Government	6,840	6,770	7,210	70	-370
Federal government	320	320	300	0	20
State government	620	610	580	10	40
Local government	5,900	5,840	6,330	60	-430
Local education	3,820	3,790	4,130	30	-310
Local government excluding educational services	2,080	2,050	2,200	30	-120

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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