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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): April 2019

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.9 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in April, unchanged from its revised March rate of 4.9 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in April was 4.3 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 4.4 percent in March. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.3 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 420 jobs, when an increase of roughly 20 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 400-job seasonally adjusted increase between March and April. Linn County's employment is 3,070 jobs or 7.0 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 1,020 over the past year, a 2.2 percent increase. The growth rate nearly matched the state and was faster than the nation. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 2.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.8 percent.

Linn County's private sector added 1,360 jobs over the past year, growing 3.5 percent. The public sector shed 340 jobs, down 4.7 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: leisure and hospitality (+190 jobs, or 4.9%); construction (+140 jobs, or 4.6%); and manufacturing (+290 jobs, or 3.5%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2019	April 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	58,974	58,943	58,387	31	587
Unemployed	2,681	3,031	2,631	-350	50
Unemployment rate	4.5%	5.1%	4.5%	-0.6	0.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%	0.0	0.3
Employed	56,293	55,912	55,756	381	537
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,890	46,470	45,870	420	1,020
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,660	46,260	45,720	400	940
Total private	39,930	39,520	38,570	410	1,360
Mining, logging, and construction	3,600	3,530	3,460	70	140
Mining and logging	440	430	440	10	0
Construction	3,160	3,100	3,020	60	140
Manufacturing	8,510	8,390	8,220	120	290
Durable goods	6,340	6,220	6,230	120	110
Wood product manufacturing	1,930	1,930	1,890	0	40
Primary metal manufacturing	2,360	2,350	2,300	10	60
Nondurable goods	2,170	2,170	1,990	0	180
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,450	10,420	10,070	30	380
Wholesale trade	1,700	1,700	1,660	0	40
Retail trade	5,410	5,380	5,250	30	160
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,340	3,340	3,160	0	180
Information	400	400	400	0	0
Financial activities	1,650	1,670	1,600	-20	50
Professional and business services	3,060	2,970	2,990	90	70
Education and health services	6,700	6,630	6,500	70	200
Health care and social assistance	6,120	6,110	5,880	10	240
Leisure and hospitality	4,070	4,030	3,880	40	190
Other services	1,490	1,480	1,450	10	40
Government	6,960	6,950	7,300	10	-340
Federal government	310	320	310	-10	0
State government	600	600	580	0	20
Local government	6,050	6,030	6,410	20	-360
Local education	3,800	3,820	4,140	-20	-340
Local government excluding educational services	2,250	2,210	2,270	40	-20

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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