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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): May 2019

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.7 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in May, down from its revised April rate of 4.9 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in May was 4.2 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 4.3 percent in April. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has increased 0.1 percentage point over the past 12 months.

Linn County's employment gains in May were slightly larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 160 jobs, when an increase of roughly 140 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 20-job seasonally adjusted increase between April and May. Linn County's employment is 2,810 jobs or 6.4 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 740 over the past year, a 1.6 percent increase. The growth rate matched the nation but was slower than the state. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 2.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.6 percent.

Linn County's private sector added 1,130 jobs over the past year, growing 2.9 percent. The public sector shed 390 jobs, down 5.3 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: leisure and hospitality (+230 jobs, or 6.0%); manufacturing (+390 jobs, or 4.8%); and construction (+90 jobs, or 2.9%).

Next Press Releases

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



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

	--Change From--				
	May 2019	April 2019	May 2018	April 2019	May 2018
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	58,530	58,763	58,247	-233	283
Unemployed	2,247	2,673	2,328	-426	-81
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.5%	4.0%	-0.7	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	-0.2	0.1
Employed	56,283	56,090	55,919	193	364
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,790	46,630	46,050	160	740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,400	46,380	45,890	20	510
Total private	39,830	39,750	38,700	80	1,130
Mining, logging, and construction	3,650	3,600	3,550	50	100
Mining and logging	440	440	430	0	10
Construction	3,210	3,160	3,120	50	90
Manufacturing	8,570	8,500	8,180	70	390
Durable goods	6,380	6,330	6,170	50	210
Wood product manufacturing	1,930	1,930	1,880	0	50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,360	2,360	2,240	0	120
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,170	2,010	20	180
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,400	10,440	10,130	-40	270
Wholesale trade	1,680	1,690	1,670	-10	10
Retail trade	5,480	5,410	5,290	70	190
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,240	3,340	3,170	-100	70
Information	410	400	410	10	0
Financial activities	1,650	1,640	1,690	10	-40
Professional and business services	2,940	2,940	2,930	0	10
Education and health services	6,640	6,660	6,490	-20	150
Health care and social assistance	6,140	6,120	5,870	20	270
Leisure and hospitality	4,070	4,080	3,840	-10	230
Other services	1,500	1,490	1,480	10	20
Government	6,960	6,880	7,350	80	-390
Federal government	330	310	310	20	20
State government	600	600	580	0	20
Local government	6,030	5,970	6,460	60	-430
Local education	3,850	3,800	4,170	50	-320
Local government excluding educational services	2,180	2,170	2,290	10	-110

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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