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## **Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): October 2019**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate at 4.7 Percent**

Linn County's unemployment rate remained at 4.7 percent in October, unchanged from its revised September rate of 4.7 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in October was 4.1 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.1 percent in September. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate nearly matches its rate from a year ago of 4.8 percent in October 2018.

Linn County's employment gains in October were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 660 jobs, when an increase of roughly 510 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 150-job seasonally adjusted increase between September and October. Linn County's employment is 3,250 jobs or 7.5 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 590 over the past year, a 1.3 percent increase. The growth rate was similar to the nation and the state. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 1.4 percent and the U.S. also grew 1.4 percent.

Linn County's private sector added 290 jobs over the past year, growing 0.7 percent. The public sector added 300 jobs, up 4.3 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: information (+30 jobs, or 8.1%); construction (+210 jobs, or 6.5%); and manufacturing (+350 jobs, or 4.1%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, December 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, December 17.



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

	--Change From--				
	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2019	October 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	59,248	58,713	58,855	535	393
Unemployed	2,393	2,654	2,640	-261	-247
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	-0.5	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	0.0	-0.1
Employed	56,855	56,059	56,215	796	640
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,160	46,500	46,570	660	590
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,840	46,690	46,160	150	680
Total private	39,840	39,900	39,550	-60	290
Mining, logging, and construction	3,870	3,920	3,680	-50	190
Mining and logging	440	440	460	0	-20
Construction	3,430	3,480	3,220	-50	210
Manufacturing	8,820	8,840	8,470	-20	350
Durable goods	6,550	6,520	6,350	30	200
Wood product manufacturing	2,150	2,160	2,060	-10	90
Primary metal manufacturing	2,450	2,450	2,350	0	100
Nondurable goods	2,270	2,320	2,120	-50	150
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,490	10,410	10,500	80	-10
Wholesale trade	1,760	1,740	1,710	20	50
Retail trade	5,420	5,400	5,410	20	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,310	3,270	3,380	40	-70
Information	400	410	370	-10	30
Financial activities	1,410	1,420	1,560	-10	-150
Professional and business services	3,040	3,090	3,150	-50	-110
Education and health services	6,560	6,550	6,530	10	30
Health care and social assistance	5,970	5,970	5,920	0	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,690	3,700	3,780	-10	-90
Other services	1,560	1,560	1,510	0	50
Government	7,320	6,600	7,020	720	300
Federal government	310	340	310	-30	0
State government	620	630	600	-10	20
Local government	6,390	5,630	6,110	760	280
Local education	4,200	3,520	3,930	680	270
Local government excluding educational services	2,190	2,110	2,180	80	10

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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