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

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate at 4.2 Percent**

Linn County's unemployment rate declined to 4.2 percent in December, down from its revised November rate of 4.5 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in December was 3.7 percent, down from its revised rate of 3.9 percent in November. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is lower than its rate from a year ago of 4.9 percent in December 2018.

Linn County's employment losses in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 150 jobs, when a decrease of roughly 90 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 60-job seasonally adjusted increase between November and December. Linn County's employment is 3,100 jobs or 7.1 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Linn County's employment has grown 160 over the past year, a 0.3 percent increase. The growth rate was slower than 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 40 jobs over the past year, growing 0.1 percent. The public sector added 120 jobs, up 1.7 percent.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: other services (+70 jobs, or 4.7%); manufacturing (+280 jobs, or 3.3%); and construction (+100 jobs, or 3.1%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 10 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 3.



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

	--Change From--				
	December 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2019	December 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	58,191	58,807	58,472	-616	-281
Unemployed	1,947	2,107	2,807	-160	-860
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.6%	4.8%	-0.3	-1.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.5%	4.9%	-0.3	-0.7
Employed	56,244	56,700	55,665	-456	579
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	46,930	47,080	46,770	-150	160
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,690	46,750	46,340	-60	350
Total private	39,750	39,940	39,710	-190	40
Mining, logging, and construction	3,710	3,790	3,630	-80	80
Mining and logging	430	430	450	0	-20
Construction	3,280	3,360	3,180	-80	100
Manufacturing	8,820	8,720	8,540	100	280
Durable goods	6,610	6,490	6,350	120	260
Wood product manufacturing	2,190	2,170	2,080	20	110
Primary metal manufacturing	2,450	2,450	2,340	0	110
Nondurable goods	2,210	2,230	2,190	-20	20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,550	10,660	10,540	-110	10
Wholesale trade	1,690	1,750	1,670	-60	20
Retail trade	5,500	5,510	5,420	-10	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,360	3,400	3,450	-40	-90
Information	420	440	420	-20	0
Financial activities	1,460	1,440	1,500	20	-40
Professional and business services	2,980	3,010	3,060	-30	-80
Education and health services	6,650	6,630	6,600	20	50
Health care and social assistance	6,010	6,020	5,990	-10	20
Leisure and hospitality	3,590	3,680	3,920	-90	-330
Other services	1,570	1,570	1,500	0	70
Government	7,180	7,140	7,060	40	120
Federal government	320	320	310	0	10
State government	630	620	590	10	40
Local government	6,230	6,200	6,160	30	70
Local education	4,180	4,210	4,010	-30	170
Local government excluding educational services	2,050	1,990	2,150	60	-100

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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