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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): March 2020

COVID-19 Impact

March data from Linn County's establishment and household surveys do not reflect the early effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the labor market. This is because the data used for today's report was collected prior to public health measures related to social distancing began on March 17th. We expect the April data, published on May 27th, to show the early effects on employment and the unemployment rate in Linn County. Please see the [Weekly New Unemployment Insurance Claims](#) report for the latest information on initial claims for unemployment insurance.

Data and analysis related to COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/covid-19>

Linn County's Unemployment Rate at 3.9 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate remained at 3.9 percent in March, matching its revised February rate of 3.9 percent. Oregon's statewide rate in March was 3.3 percent, unchanged from its revised rate of 3.3 percent in February. Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is lower than its 4.9 percent rate one year ago.

Linn County's employment gains in March were slightly smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 140 jobs, when an increase of roughly 170 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in a 30-job seasonally adjusted decrease between February and March.

Linn County's employment has grown 110 over the past year, a 0.2 percent increase. The growth rate was slower than the nation and the state. Oregon's job growth over the past year was 0.9 percent and the U.S. grew 1.1 percent.

Linn County's private sector added 290 jobs over the past year, growing 0.7 percent. The public sector shed 180 jobs, down 2.5 percent.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 19.



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

	--Change From--				
	March 2020	February 2020	March 2019	February 2020	March 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	59,113	58,878	58,877	235	236
Unemployed	2,660	2,494	2,959	166	-299
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.2%	5.0%	0.3	-0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.9%	3.9%	4.9%	0.0	-1.0
Employed	56,453	56,384	55,918	69	535
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,640	46,500	46,530	140	110
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,620	46,650	46,590	-30	30
Total private	39,580	39,520	39,290	60	290
Mining, logging, and construction	3,560	3,570	3,550	-10	10
Mining and logging	420	430	420	-10	0
Construction	3,140	3,140	3,130	0	10
Manufacturing	8,690	8,640	8,560	50	130
Durable goods	6,470	6,420	6,400	50	70
Wood product manufacturing	2,130	2,140	2,120	-10	10
Primary metal manufacturing	2,450	2,450	2,400	0	50
Nondurable goods	2,220	2,220	2,160	0	60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,320	10,180	10,270	140	50
Wholesale trade	1,710	1,690	1,710	20	0
Retail trade	5,350	5,240	5,300	110	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,260	3,250	3,260	10	0
Information	420	420	410	0	10
Financial activities	1,530	1,540	1,480	-10	50
Professional and business services	3,120	3,100	3,090	20	30
Education and health services	6,720	6,800	6,620	-80	100
Health care and social assistance	6,030	6,040	5,980	-10	50
Leisure and hospitality	3,720	3,750	3,830	-30	-110
Other services	1,500	1,520	1,480	-20	20
Government	7,060	6,980	7,240	80	-180
Federal government	300	300	320	0	-20
State government	630	620	590	10	40
Local government	6,130	6,060	6,330	70	-200
Local education	4,120	4,080	4,190	40	-70
Local government excluding educational services	2,010	1,980	2,140	30	-130

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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