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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.

Next Press Releases
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

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<td>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</td>
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<td>Employed</td>
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Total nonfarm employment 46,640 46,500 46,530 140 110
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted) 46,620 46,650 46,590 -30 30

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 unemployment 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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