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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): May 2020

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 13.5 Percent

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 13.5 percent in May, down from its revised rate of 15.2 percent in April. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 14.2 percent, down from its revised April rate of 14.9 percent.

Linn County's employment gains in May were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 500 jobs, when an employment gain of 160 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 340 jobs or 0.8 percent between April and May. Employment remains 9 percent below the level in February, after sharp job losses in March and April.

Most industries in the private sector showed employment gains in May. Leisure and hospitality showed the sharpest increase, adding 440 or growing 21.4 percent over the month. Retail trade employment increased 220 in May, a monthly increase of 4.3 percent. Health care and social assistance showed employment growth of 160 in May, a 2.9 percent increase. Other services had monthly employment growth of 70, or 6.4 percent in May. Other services includes many businesses that offer personal services that were temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, July 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 14.



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

	--Change From--				
	May 2020	April 2020	May 2019	April 2020	May 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	59,910	60,724	58,533	-814	1,377
Unemployed	7,921	9,293	2,316	-1,372	5,605
Unemployment rate	13.2%	15.3%	4.0%	-2.1	9.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	13.5%	15.2%	4.5%	-1.7	9.0
Employed	51,989	51,431	56,217	558	-4,228
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	42,640	42,140	46,870	500	-4,230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>42,410</i>	<i>42,070</i>	<i>46,500</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>-4,090</i>
Total private	36,380	35,470	39,560	910	-3,180
Mining, logging, and construction	3,250	3,240	3,690	10	-440
Mining and logging	420	410	440	10	-20
Construction	2,830	2,830	3,250	0	-420
Manufacturing	8,390	8,330	8,690	60	-300
Durable goods	6,290	6,300	6,510	-10	-220
Wood product manufacturing	2,020	2,070	2,170	-50	-150
Primary metal manufacturing	2,300	2,400	2,450	-100	-150
Nondurable goods	2,100	2,030	2,180	70	-80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,140	9,830	10,270	310	-130
Wholesale trade	1,560	1,560	1,740	0	-180
Retail trade	5,340	5,120	5,330	220	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,240	3,150	3,200	90	40
Information	400	400	410	0	-10
Financial activities	1,470	1,470	1,510	0	-40
Professional and business services	2,910	2,850	3,150	60	-240
Education and health services	6,160	6,200	6,620	-40	-460
Health care and social assistance	5,650	5,490	5,990	160	-340
Leisure and hospitality	2,500	2,060	3,710	440	-1,210
Other services	1,160	1,090	1,510	70	-350
Government	6,260	6,670	7,310	-410	-1,050
Federal government	310	310	330	0	-20
State government	600	630	590	-30	10
Local government	5,350	5,730	6,390	-380	-1,040
Local education	3,510	3,880	4,250	-370	-740
Local government excluding educational services	1,840	1,850	2,140	-10	-300

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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