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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): August 2020**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 7.5 Percent**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.5 percent in August, down from its revised rate of 10.0 percent in July. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in August was 7.7 percent, down from its revised July rate of 10.4 percent.

Linn County's employment gains in August were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 750 jobs, when an employment increase of 510 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 240 jobs, or 0.5 percent, between July and August. Employment remains 4.5 percent, or 2,120 jobs, below the level in February, after sharp job losses in March and April.

Most industries in the private sector showed employment gains in August. Manufacturing employment added 50, growing 0.6 percent over the month. Professional and business services employment increased 100 in August, a monthly increase of 3.3 percent. Retail trade showed employment growth of 90 in August, a 1.7 percent increase. Construction had monthly employment growth of 30, or 1.0 percent in August.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, October 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, October 13.



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

	--Change From--				
	August 2020	July 2020	August 2019	July 2020	August 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	58,171	58,100	58,418	71	-247
Unemployed	4,513	6,070	2,607	-1,557	1,906
Unemployment rate	7.8%	10.4%	4.5%	-2.6	3.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	7.5%	10.0%	4.2%	-2.5	3.3
Employed	53,658	52,030	55,811	1,628	-2,153
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	43,960	43,210	45,810	750	-1,850
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	44,510	44,270	46,380	240	-1,870
Total private	38,030	37,640	39,980	390	-1,950
Mining, logging, and construction	3,360	3,330	3,820	30	-460
Mining and logging	410	410	430	0	-20
Construction	2,950	2,920	3,390	30	-440
Manufacturing	8,650	8,600	8,780	50	-130
Durable goods	6,430	6,380	6,450	50	-20
Wood product manufacturing	2,110	2,100	2,170	10	-60
Primary metal manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,410	0	190
Nondurable goods	2,220	2,220	2,330	0	-110
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,710	10,570	10,330	140	380
Wholesale trade	1,590	1,580	1,730	10	-140
Retail trade	5,500	5,410	5,370	90	130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,620	3,580	3,230	40	390
Information	400	380	410	20	-10
Financial activities	1,340	1,360	1,540	-20	-200
Professional and business services	3,110	3,010	3,300	100	-190
Education and health services	6,130	6,140	6,500	-10	-370
Health care and social assistance	5,830	5,830	6,030	0	-200
Leisure and hospitality	3,180	3,130	3,770	50	-590
Other services	1,150	1,120	1,530	30	-380
Government	5,930	5,570	5,830	360	100
Federal government	350	340	340	10	10
State government	610	600	640	10	-30
Local government	4,970	4,630	4,850	340	120
Local education	2,920	2,580	2,740	340	180
Local government excluding educational services	2,050	2,050	2,110	0	-60

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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