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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): September 2020

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 8.1 Percent

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in September, matching its revised rate of 8.1 percent in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 8.0 percent, down from its revised August rate of 8.5 percent.

Linn County's employment gains in September were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 130 jobs, when an employment increase of 230 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 100 jobs, or 0.2 percent, between August and September. Employment remains 4.7 percent, or 2,180 jobs, below the level in February, after sharp job losses in the spring.

Industries in the private sector that showed employment gains in September included: private education and health services (+50 jobs, +0.9%); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+30, +0.8%); and other services (+20, +1.7%).

Private-sector industries that lost the most jobs in September included: manufacturing (-120 jobs, -1.4%); retail trade (-120, -2.2%); and construction (-30, -1.0%).

Public-sector employment was up 360 jobs in September. Most of that growth was in local education, which added 430 jobs with the beginning of the school year. Those gains were offset by a decline of 80 jobs in federal government as field work concluded for the decennial census.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 17.



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

	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	--Change From--	
				August 2020	September 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	57,982	58,604	58,338	-622	-356
Unemployed	4,396	4,857	2,103	-461	2,293
Unemployment rate	7.6%	8.3%	3.6%	-0.7	4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	8.1%	8.1%	4.0%	0.0	4.1
Employed	53,586	53,747	56,235	-161	-2,649
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	44,140	44,010	46,340	130	-2,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,450</i>	<i>44,550</i>	<i>46,610</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-2,160</i>
Total private	37,750	37,980	39,780	-230	-2,030
Mining, logging, and construction	3,320	3,360	3,710	-40	-390
Mining and logging	400	410	430	-10	-30
Construction	2,920	2,950	3,280	-30	-360
Manufacturing	8,530	8,650	8,750	-120	-220
Durable goods	6,330	6,430	6,430	-100	-100
Wood product manufacturing	2,110	2,110	2,130	0	-20
Primary metal manufacturing	2,600	2,600	2,450	0	150
Nondurable goods	2,200	2,220	2,320	-20	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,590	10,680	10,300	-90	290
Wholesale trade	1,580	1,580	1,700	0	-120
Retail trade	5,360	5,480	5,330	-120	30
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,650	3,620	3,270	30	380
Information	390	400	410	-10	-20
Financial activities	1,350	1,350	1,500	0	-150
Professional and business services	3,090	3,110	3,210	-20	-120
Education and health services	6,160	6,110	6,640	50	-480
Health care and social assistance	5,880	5,830	5,980	50	-100
Leisure and hospitality	3,150	3,170	3,750	-20	-600
Other services	1,170	1,150	1,510	20	-340
Government	6,390	6,030	6,560	360	-170
Federal government	380	460	340	-80	40
State government	640	600	630	40	10
Local government	5,370	4,970	5,590	400	-220
Local education	3,350	2,920	3,450	430	-100
Local government excluding educational services	2,020	2,050	2,140	-30	-120

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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