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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): December 2020

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Increases to 5.9%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in December, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 5.8% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was 6.4%, up from its revised November rate of 6.0%.

Linn County's employment losses in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 130 jobs, when employment would be expected to be unchanged. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 130 jobs, or 0.3%, between November and December. Employment remains 5.2%, or 2,440 jobs, below the level in February, after sharp job losses in the spring.

Industries in the private sector that showed employment gains in December include: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+240 jobs, +5.9%); retail trade (+90, +1.7%); and health care and social assistance (+50 jobs, +0.8%).

Private-sector industries that lost the most jobs in December include: leisure and hospitality (-29 jobs, -8.7%) and manufacturing (-110, -1.4%).

Public-sector employment was up 60 jobs in December. A gain of 60 jobs in local government and 10 jobs in federal government was offset by losses of 10 jobs in state government.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 9 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 2.



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

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| | December 2020 | November 2020 | December 2019 | November 2020 | December 2019 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 60,096 | 59,942 | 58,446 | 154 | 1,650 |
| Unemployed | 3,585 | 3,312 | 1,978 | 273 | 1,607 |
| Unemployment rate | 6.0% | 5.5% | 3.4% | 0.5 | 2.6 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 5.9% | 5.8% | 3.6% | 0.1 | 2.3 |
| Employed | 56,511 | 56,630 | 56,468 | -119 | 43 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 44,480 | 44,610 | 46,920 | -130 | -2,440 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 44,180 | 44,310 | 46,470 | -130 | -2,290 |
| Total private | 38,070 | 38,260 | 39,740 | -190 | -1,670 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 3,530 | 3,530 | 3,620 | 0 | -90 |
| Mining and logging | 400 | 390 | 410 | 10 | -10 |
| Construction | 3,130 | 3,140 | 3,210 | -10 | -80 |
| Manufacturing | 7,670 | 7,780 | 8,660 | -110 | -990 |
| Durable goods | 5,490 | 5,610 | 6,500 | -120 | -1,010 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 2,020 | 2,000 | 2,210 | 20 | -190 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 1,830 | 1,940 | 2,440 | -110 | -610 |
| Nondurable goods | 2,180 | 2,170 | 2,160 | 10 | 20 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 11,720 | 11,390 | 10,560 | 330 | 1,160 |
| Wholesale trade | 1,970 | 1,970 | 1,710 | 0 | 260 |
| Retail trade | 5,430 | 5,340 | 5,380 | 90 | 50 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 4,320 | 4,080 | 3,470 | 240 | 850 |
| Information | 330 | 350 | 400 | -20 | -70 |
| Financial activities | 1,310 | 1,330 | 1,490 | -20 | -180 |
| Professional and business services | 2,990 | 3,000 | 3,070 | -10 | -80 |
| Education and health services | 6,140 | 6,190 | 6,800 | -50 | -660 |
| Health care and social assistance | 5,950 | 5,900 | 6,120 | 50 | -170 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,040 | 3,330 | 3,630 | -290 | -590 |
| Other services | 1,340 | 1,360 | 1,510 | -20 | -170 |
| Government | 6,410 | 6,350 | 7,180 | 60 | -770 |
| Federal government | 330 | 320 | 320 | 10 | 10 |
| State government | 580 | 590 | 600 | -10 | -20 |
| Local government | 5,500 | 5,440 | 6,260 | 60 | -760 |
| Local education | 3,470 | 3,450 | 4,110 | 20 | -640 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 2,030 | 1,990 | 2,150 | 40 | -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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