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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): November 2025

Benton County's Unemployment Rate at 3.9%

Benton County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 3.9% in November. Unemployment rates for October are unavailable at this time. Benton County's unemployment rate has increased from 3.4% to 3.9% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in November was 4.9%.

Benton County's employment gains in November were more than normal; total nonfarm employment was up 80 during the month, when no employment increase would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 80 jobs between October and November. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 0.8% from the level in February 2020, or 350 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is down 460 jobs or -1.0%.

The private sector overall added 40 jobs over the month. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 40 jobs in November. Private education and health services employment gained 30 jobs.

The public sector overall added 40 jobs in November. Local government employment increased by 50. Federal government shed 10 jobs. State government employment was unchanged in November.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for December on Thursday, Jan. 22.



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Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	November 2025	October 2025	November 2024	--Change From--	
				October 2025	November 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,474	NA	49,876	NA	598
Unemployed	1,987	NA	1,711	NA	276
Unemployment rate	3.9%	NA	3.4%	NA	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	48,487	NA	48,165	NA	322
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	44,910	44,830	45,170	80	-260
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	43,870	43,790	44,330	80	-460
Total private	28,620	28,580	28,510	40	110
Mining, logging, and construction	1,480	1,500	1,460	-20	20
Manufacturing	2,580	2,580	2,520	0	60
Durable goods	2,100	2,100	2,060	0	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,790	4,750	4,690	40	100
Information	560	570	620	-10	-60
Financial activities	1,560	1,560	1,550	0	10
Professional and business services	4,390	4,400	4,610	-10	-220
Private education and health services	7,370	7,340	7,280	30	90
Health care and social assistance	6,930	6,910	6,910	20	20
Leisure and hospitality	4,320	4,310	4,280	10	40
Other services	1,570	1,570	1,500	0	70
Government	16,290	16,250	16,660	40	-370
Federal government	410	420	510	-10	-100
State government	320	320	340	0	-20
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	15,560	15,510	15,810	50	-250
Local education	14,090	14,010	14,320	80	-230

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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