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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): December 2025

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.5%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in December, matching the revised unemployment rate for November. Benton County's unemployment rate has increased from 3.8% to 4.5% over the past year. Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December was 5.2%.

Benton County's employment losses in December were normal; total nonfarm employment was down 60 during the month, when an employment decrease of 60 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was unchanged between November and December. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 0.7% from the level in February 2020, or 310 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has shed 720 jobs or -1.6%.

The private sector overall lost 60 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality shed 50 jobs in December. Professional and business services employment declined 30 jobs.

Public sector employment overall was unchanged in December. Local government employment decreased by 10. Federal government added 10 jobs. State government employment was unchanged in December.

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

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,012	50,392	49,799	-380	213
Unemployed	2,212	1,967	1,890	245	322
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.9%	3.8%	0.5	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.5%	3.8%	0.0	0.7
Employed	47,800	48,425	47,909	-625	-109
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	44,810	44,870	45,020	-60	-210
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	43,830	43,830	44,550	0	-720
Total private	28,520	28,580	28,340	-60	180
Mining, logging, and construction	1,490	1,490	1,460	0	30
Manufacturing	2,580	2,580	2,520	0	60
Durable goods	2,110	2,100	2,070	10	40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,810	4,780	4,670	30	140
Information	560	560	620	0	-60
Financial activities	1,550	1,560	1,550	-10	0
Professional and business services	4,370	4,400	4,510	-30	-140
Private education and health services	7,380	7,370	7,290	10	90
Health care and social assistance	6,940	6,940	6,940	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	4,220	4,270	4,220	-50	0
Other services	1,560	1,570	1,500	-10	60
Government	16,290	16,290	16,680	0	-390
Federal government	420	410	510	10	-90
State government	320	320	350	0	-30
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	15,550	15,560	15,820	-10	-270
Local education	14,090	14,090	14,370	0	-280

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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