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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): February 2026

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.6%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in February, matching its revised unemployment rate of 4.6% in January. Benton County's unemployment rate has increased from 4.0% to 4.6% over the past year. Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February was 5.2%.

Benton County's employment gains in February were less than normal; total nonfarm employment was up 440 during the month, when an employment increase of 640 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 200 between January and February. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 2.3% from the level in February 2020, or 980 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has shed 470 jobs or -1.0%.

The private sector overall added 30 jobs over the month. Professional and business services and private education and health services both added 20 jobs in February. Other services employment gained 10 jobs in February.

Public sector employment increased by 410 in February. Local government employment increased by 410. State and federal government employment were both unchanged in February.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 5 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Friday, May 1.



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

	--Change From--				
	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	January 2026	February 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,577	49,951	50,587	626	-10
Unemployed	2,324	2,384	2,137	-60	187
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.8%	4.2%	-0.2	0.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.6%	4.0%	0.0	0.6
Employed	48,253	47,567	48,450	686	-197
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,010	44,570	45,530	440	-520
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	44,500	44,700	44,970	-200	-470
Total private	28,240	28,210	28,550	30	-310
Mining, logging, and construction	1,470	1,460	1,460	10	10
Manufacturing	2,520	2,520	2,560	0	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,530	4,530	4,660	0	-130
Information	550	560	580	-10	-30
Financial activities	1,480	1,480	1,510	0	-30
Professional and business services	4,360	4,340	4,470	20	-110
Private education and health services	7,680	7,660	7,650	20	30
Health care and social assistance	7,330	7,320	7,280	10	50
Leisure and hospitality	4,140	4,160	4,210	-20	-70
Other services	1,510	1,500	1,450	10	60
Government	16,770	16,360	16,980	410	-210
Federal government	390	390	480	0	-90
State government	330	330	320	0	10
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	16,050	15,640	16,180	410	-130
Local education	14,590	14,170	14,730	420	-140

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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