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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2025**

### **Benton County's Employment Increases**

Benton County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 330 jobs, when an employment increase of 180 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 150 jobs between March and April. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 3.4% from the level in February 2020, 1,500 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is up 340 jobs or +0.8%.

The private sector overall added 150 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality had the most monthly employment gains.

The public sector overall added 180 jobs in April. Local government employment increased by 190. Federal government employment was down 10 and state government employment was unchanged in April.

Benton County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 3.1% in April, down from its revised rate of 4.4% in March. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in April was 4.1%, down from its revised March rate of 5.2%.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2025	March 2025	April 2024	March 2025	April 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	50,013	50,080	50,283	-67	-270
Unemployed	1,552	2,015	1,514	-463	38
Unemployment rate	3.1%	4.0%	3.0%	-0.9	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	48,461	48,065	48,769	396	-308
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	45,630	45,300	45,650	330	-20
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>45,020</i>	<i>44,870</i>	<i>44,680</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>340</i>
Total private	28,600	28,450	28,730	150	-130
Mining, logging, and construction	1,480	1,480	1,490	0	-10
Manufacturing	2,540	2,530	2,590	10	-50
Durable goods	2,060	2,050	2,130	10	-70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,670	4,640	4,680	30	-10
Information	730	720	730	10	0
Financial activities	1,510	1,510	1,510	0	0
Professional and business services	4,610	4,580	4,590	30	20
Private education and health services	7,270	7,260	7,290	10	-20
Health care and social assistance	6,930	6,920	6,880	10	50
Leisure and hospitality	4,290	4,230	4,370	60	-80
Other services	1,500	1,500	1,480	0	20
Government	17,030	16,850	16,920	180	110
Federal government	480	490	520	-10	-40
State government	340	340	320	0	20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	16,210	16,020	16,080	190	130
Local education	14,720	14,540	14,570	180	150

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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