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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): May 2025

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.9%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.9% in May, matching its April rate of 3.9%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.8%, up from its April rate of 4.7%.

Benton County's employment gains in May were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 270 jobs, when an employment increase of 160 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 110 jobs between April and May. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 3.5% from the level in February 2020, 1,520 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is up 500 jobs or 1.1%.

The private sector overall added 250 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality added 150 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities employment increased by 50 in May.

The public sector overall added 20 jobs in May. State and local government employment both increased by 10. Local education shed 20 jobs.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the June county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, July 22, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for June on Wednesday, July 16.



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

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	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024	April 2025	May 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,123	49,861	50,119	262	4
Unemployed	1,929	1,532	1,563	397	366
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.1%	3.1%	0.7	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>3.9%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Employed	48,194	48,329	48,556	-135	-362
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,800	45,530	45,750	270	50
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>45,040</i>	<i>44,930</i>	<i>44,540</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>500</i>
Total private	28,920	28,670	28,750	250	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,520	1,500	1,510	20	10
Manufacturing	2,520	2,540	2,570	-20	-50
Durable goods	2,050	2,060	2,100	-10	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,720	4,670	4,710	50	10
Information	730	730	720	0	10
Financial activities	1,520	1,520	1,480	0	40
Professional and business services	4,680	4,650	4,570	30	110
Private education and health services	7,290	7,270	7,270	20	20
Health care and social assistance	6,950	6,940	6,860	10	90
Leisure and hospitality	4,440	4,290	4,430	150	10
Other services	1,500	1,500	1,490	0	10
Government	16,880	16,860	17,000	20	-120
Federal government	480	480	540	0	-60
State government	350	340	340	10	10
State education	0	0	10	0	-10
Local government	16,050	16,040	16,120	10	-70
Local education	14,520	14,540	14,540	-20	-20

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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