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

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Ticks Up to 4.3%**

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3% in September, edging up from its August rate of 4.1%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 5.2%, up from its August rate of 5.0%.

Benton County's employment gains in September were less than normal; total nonfarm employment was up 1,130 during the month, when an employment increase of 1,290 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 160 jobs between August and September. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 0.6% from the level in February 2020, or 240 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

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

The private sector overall shed 130 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality dropped 100 jobs in September. Financial activities and other services each had employment declines of 20.

The public sector overall added 1,260 jobs in September. Local government employment increased by 1,260. Federal and state government employment were both unchanged in September.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Jan. 13, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for November on Wednesday, Jan. 7.



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

	September 2025	August 2025	September 2024	--Change From--	
				August 2025	September 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	49,160	48,030	48,485	1,130	675
Unemployed	2,343	2,305	1,783	38	560
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.8%	3.7%	0.0	1.1
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	4.3%	4.1%	3.7%	0.2	0.6
Employed	46,817	45,725	46,702	1,092	115
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	42,930	41,800	43,130	1,130	-200
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	43,760	43,920	44,480	-160	-720
Total private	28,420	28,550	28,300	-130	120
Mining, logging, and construction	1,490	1,510	1,510	-20	-20
Manufacturing	2,590	2,580	2,560	10	30
Durable goods	2,120	2,120	2,090	0	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,720	4,710	4,580	10	140
Information	570	580	650	-10	-80
Financial activities	1,570	1,590	1,540	-20	30
Professional and business services	4,390	4,390	4,490	0	-100
Private education and health services	7,270	7,250	7,260	20	10
Health care and social assistance	6,910	6,910	6,910	0	0
Leisure and hospitality	4,250	4,350	4,220	-100	30
Other services	1,570	1,590	1,490	-20	80
Government	14,510	13,250	14,830	1,260	-320
Federal government	470	470	540	0	-70
State government	320	320	350	0	-30
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	13,720	12,460	13,940	1,260	-220
Local education	12,170	10,850	12,380	1,320	-210

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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