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## Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): December 2025

### Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.6%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in December, matching November's revised unemployment rate. Linn County's unemployment rate has increased from 4.7% to 5.6% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in December was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment losses in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 290 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 110. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 180 between November and December. Employment is now 0.9%, or 400 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 670 (-1.4%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 180 in December. Construction (-130 jobs, -3.9%) had the largest employment losses in December. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities employment dropped 40 jobs or -1.2%.

Public-sector employment lost 110 jobs in December. Local government employment decreased 110. State and federal government employment were both unchanged.

### Next Press Releases

We are awaiting notification from the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding publication dates for the rest of the year and will update our [schedule of future releases](#) as dates become available.



### Albany MSA (Linn County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2025	November 2025	December 2024	November 2025	December 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	62,615	63,164	62,459	-549	156
Unemployed	3,331	3,212	2,874	119	457
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.1%	4.6%	0.2	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.6%	4.7%	0.0	0.9
Employed	59,284	59,952	59,585	-668	-301
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,640	47,930	48,070	-290	-430
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,300	47,480	47,970	-180	-670
Total private	40,600	40,780	40,950	-180	-350
Mining, logging, and construction	3,540	3,670	3,630	-130	-90
Mining and logging	360	360	330	0	30
Construction	3,180	3,310	3,300	-130	-120
Manufacturing	8,280	8,270	8,340	10	-60
Durable goods	6,140	6,120	6,190	20	-50
Wood product manufacturing	2,020	2,010	2,000	10	20
Primary metal manufacturing	2,440	2,440	2,450	0	-10
Non durable goods	2,140	2,150	2,150	-10	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,330	10,320	10,500	10	-170
Wholesale trade	1,790	1,790	1,790	0	0
Retail trade	5,350	5,300	5,350	50	0
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,190	3,230	3,360	-40	-170
Information	340	340	270	0	70
Financial activities	1,510	1,520	1,540	-10	-30
Professional and business services	3,280	3,300	3,360	-20	-80
Private education and health services	8,000	8,010	7,940	-10	60
Health care and social assistance	7,210	7,190	7,220	20	-10
Leisure and hospitality	3,930	3,950	4,070	-20	-140
Other services	1,390	1,400	1,300	-10	90
Government	7,040	7,150	7,120	-110	-80
Federal government	370	370	390	0	-20
State government	710	710	730	0	-20
Local government	5,960	6,070	6,000	-110	-40
Local education	3,790	3,850	3,840	-60	-50
Local government excluding educational services	2,170	2,220	2,160	-50	10

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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