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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): January 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.6%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in January, matching December's revised unemployment rate. Linn County's unemployment rate has increased from 4.8% to 5.6% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in January was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment losses in January were normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 740 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 730. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 10 between December and January. Employment is now 0.5%, or 250 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 770 (-1.6%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 730 in January. Retail trade (-200 jobs, -3.8%) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-200, -6.3%) had the largest employment losses in January. Manufacturing employment dropped 110 jobs or -1.3%.

Public-sector employment lost 10 jobs in January. Federal government employment decreased by 10. State and local government employment were both unchanged.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, April 15.

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

				--Change From--	
	January 2026	**December 2025**	**January 2025**	**December 2025**	**January 2025**
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,956	62,512	62,205	-556	-249
Unemployed	3,821	3,313	3,604	508	217
Unemployment rate	6.2%	5.3%	5.8%	0.9	0.4
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	5.6%	5.6%	4.8%	0.0	0.8
Employed	58,135	59,199	58,601	-1,064	-466
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,770	47,510	47,640	-740	-870
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*47,150*	*47,140*	*47,920*	*10*	*-770*
Total private	39,880	40,610	40,570	-730	-690
Mining, logging, and construction	3,550	3,620	3,530	-70	20
Mining and logging	460	470	340	-10	120
Construction	3,090	3,150	3,190	-60	-100
Manufacturing	8,250	8,360	8,370	-110	-120
Durable goods	6,050	6,120	6,220	-70	-170
Wood product manufacturing	1,990	2,020	2,020	-30	-30
Primary metal manufacturing	2,370	2,400	2,450	-30	-80
Nondurable goods	2,200	2,240	2,150	-40	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,830	10,240	10,290	-410	-460
Wholesale trade	1,720	1,730	1,800	-10	-80
Retail trade	5,130	5,330	5,260	-200	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,980	3,180	3,230	-200	-250
Information	300	310	300	-10	0
Financial activities	1,400	1,420	1,430	-20	-30
Professional and business services	3,350	3,440	3,300	-90	50
Private education and health services	7,940	7,950	7,910	-10	30
Health care and social assistance	7,270	7,250	7,180	20	90
Leisure and hospitality	3,910	3,930	4,090	-20	-180
Other services	1,350	1,340	1,350	10	0
Government	6,890	6,900	7,070	-10	-180
Federal government	330	340	380	-10	-50
State government	700	700	720	0	-20
Local government	5,860	5,860	5,970	0	-110
Local education	3,670	3,670	3,830	0	-160
Local government excluding educational services	2,190	2,190	2,140	0	50

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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