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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): February 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate at 5.5%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5% in February, essentially unchanged from January's revised unemployment rate of 5.6%. Linn County's unemployment rate has increased from 4.9% to 5.5% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in February was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment losses in February were more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 60 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 60. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 120 between January and February. Employment is now 0.1%, or 70 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 820 (-1.7%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 80 in February. Trade, transportation, and utilities (-50 jobs, -0.5%) and leisure and hospitality (-30, -0.8%) had the largest employment losses in February. Wood product manufacturing employment dropped 10 jobs or -0.5%.

Public-sector employment gained 20 jobs in February. Federal government employment increased by 20. State government shed 10 jobs and local government employment was up 10 in February.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 5 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Friday, May 1.



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

	--Change From--				
	February 2026	January 2026	February 2025	January 2026	February 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	62,256	61,932	62,207	324	49
Unemployed	3,673	3,819	3,497	-146	176
Unemployment rate	5.9%	6.2%	5.6%	-0.3	0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.5%	5.6%	4.9%	-0.1	0.6
Employed	58,583	58,113	58,710	470	-127
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,670	46,730	47,610	-60	-940
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,970	47,090	47,790	-120	-820
Total private	39,750	39,830	40,510	-80	-760
Mining, logging, and construction	3,560	3,550	3,510	10	50
Mining and logging	450	460	360	-10	90
Construction	3,110	3,090	3,150	20	-40
Manufacturing	8,220	8,220	8,380	0	-160
Durable goods	6,030	6,030	6,240	0	-210
Wood product manufacturing	1,990	2,000	2,040	-10	-50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,370	2,370	2,450	0	-80
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,190	2,140	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,760	9,810	10,310	-50	-550
Wholesale trade	1,720	1,720	1,810	0	-90
Retail trade	5,140	5,130	5,220	10	-80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,900	2,960	3,280	-60	-380
Information	290	300	260	-10	30
Financial activities	1,410	1,410	1,440	0	-30
Professional and business services	3,360	3,350	3,310	10	50
Private education and health services	7,930	7,940	7,850	-10	80
Health care and social assistance	7,260	7,260	7,090	0	170
Leisure and hospitality	3,880	3,910	4,100	-30	-220
Other services	1,340	1,340	1,350	0	-10
Government	6,920	6,900	7,100	20	-180
Federal government	350	330	380	20	-30
State government	690	700	710	-10	-20
Local government	5,880	5,870	6,010	10	-130
Local education	3,690	3,670	3,870	20	-180
Local government excluding educational services	2,190	2,200	2,140	-10	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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