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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): March 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.4%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in March, essentially unchanged from February's revised unemployment rate of 5.5%. Linn County's unemployment rate has increased from 4.9% to 5.4% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in March was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment losses in March were more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 170 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 40. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 130 between February and March. Employment is now -0.2%, or 100 jobs, below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 940 (-2.0%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 60 in March. Retail trade (+50 jobs, +1.0%); private education and health services (+40, +0.5%); and mining logging, and construction (+40, +1.1%) had the largest employment gains in March.

Public-sector employment declined 230 jobs in March. Federal government employment was unchanged in March. State government added 10 jobs. Local government employment was down 240 in March.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, May 27 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 20.



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

	--Change From--				
	March 2026	February 2026	March 2025	February 2026	March 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,941	62,253	62,267	-312	-326
Unemployed	3,436	3,672	3,525	-236	-89
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.9%	5.7%	-0.4	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.5%	4.9%	-0.1	0.5
Employed	58,505	58,581	58,742	-76	-237
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,500	46,670	47,620	-170	-1,120
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,800	46,930	47,740	-130	-940
Total private	39,810	39,750	40,500	60	-690
Mining, logging, and construction	3,600	3,560	3,590	40	10
Mining and logging	470	450	360	20	110
Construction	3,130	3,110	3,230	20	-100
Manufacturing	8,220	8,220	8,350	0	-130
Durable goods	6,030	6,030	6,210	0	-180
Wood product manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,020	0	-30
Primary metal manufacturing	2,370	2,370	2,470	0	-100
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,190	2,140	0	50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,710	9,760	10,310	-50	-600
Wholesale trade	1,720	1,720	1,820	0	-100
Retail trade	5,190	5,140	5,240	50	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,800	2,900	3,250	-100	-450
Information	290	290	290	0	0
Financial activities	1,390	1,410	1,410	-20	-20
Professional and business services	3,380	3,360	3,250	20	130
Private education and health services	7,970	7,930	7,830	40	140
Health care and social assistance	7,290	7,260	7,110	30	180
Leisure and hospitality	3,910	3,880	4,120	30	-210
Other services	1,340	1,340	1,350	0	-10
Government	6,690	6,920	7,120	-230	-430
Federal government	350	350	370	0	-20
State government	700	690	720	10	-20
Local government	5,640	5,880	6,030	-240	-390
Local education	3,420	3,690	3,860	-270	-440
Local government excluding educational services	2,220	2,190	2,170	30	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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