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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): September 2025

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Increases to 5.6%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6% in September, up slightly from its August rate of 5.4%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 5.2%, up from its August rate of 5.0%.

Linn County's employment losses in September were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 120 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 100. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 220 between August and September. Employment is now 1.6%, or 750 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 470 (-1.0%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 240 in September. Trade, transportation, and utilities (-110 jobs, -1.1%) had the largest employment losses in September. Construction employment dropped 50 jobs or -1.4%.

Public-sector employment added 120 jobs in September. Local government employment increased 120. State government employment was up 10 jobs. Federal government employment was down 10 jobs.

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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.



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

	September 2025	August 2025	September 2024	August 2025	September 2024
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Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	63,019	63,010	62,121	9	898
Unemployed	3,554	3,722	2,737	-168	817
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.9%	4.4%	-0.3	1.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	5.4%	4.7%	0.2	0.9
Employed	59,465	59,288	59,384	177	81
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,520	47,640	48,100	-120	-580
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,650	47,870	48,120	-220	-470
Total private	40,810	41,050	41,410	-240	-600
Mining, logging, and construction	3,780	3,840	3,860	-60	-80
Mining and logging	360	370	430	-10	-70
Construction	3,420	3,470	3,430	-50	-10
Manufacturing	8,330	8,330	8,410	0	-80
Durable goods	6,160	6,190	6,190	-30	-30
Wood product manufacturing	2,030	2,040	2,030	-10	0
Primary metal manufacturing	2,450	2,460	2,420	-10	30
Non durable goods	2,170	2,140	2,220	30	-50
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,190	10,300	10,540	-110	-350
Wholesale trade	1,800	1,820	1,840	-20	-40
Retail trade	5,160	5,190	5,310	-30	-150
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,230	3,290	3,390	-60	-160
Information	350	350	300	0	50
Financial activities	1,520	1,540	1,570	-20	-50
Professional and business services	3,300	3,320	3,570	-20	-270
Private education and health services	7,910	7,840	7,790	70	120
Health care and social assistance	7,190	7,190	7,100	0	90
Leisure and hospitality	4,020	4,110	3,980	-90	40
Other services	1,410	1,420	1,390	-10	20
Government	6,710	6,590	6,690	120	20
Federal government	370	380	390	-10	-20
State government	710	700	720	10	-10
Local government	5,630	5,510	5,580	120	50
Local education	3,410	3,250	3,420	160	-10
Local government excluding educational services	2,220	2,260	2,160	-40	60

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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