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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): May 2026**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.4%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in May, unchanged from April's revised unemployment rate of 5.4%. Linn County's unemployment rate has decreased from 5.6% to 5.4% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in May was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in May were slightly more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 120 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 100. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 20 between April and May. Employment is now 0.4%, or 170 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 570 (-1.2%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 80 in May. Other services (+40 jobs, +2.9%); transportation, warehousing and utilities (+40, +1.4%); and professional and business services (+30, +0.9%) had the largest employment gains in May.

Public-sector employment added 40 jobs in May. Federal and state government employment were both unchanged in May. Local government employment was up 40 in May.

### **Next Press Releases**

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



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

	--Change From--				
	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025	April 2026	May 2025
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	62,138	61,869	62,070	269	68
Unemployed	3,118	3,061	3,294	57	-176
Unemployment rate	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%	0.1	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.6%	0.0	-0.2
Employed	59,020	58,808	58,776	212	244
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	46,850	46,730	47,770	120	-920
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,070	47,050	47,640	20	-570
Total private	39,840	39,760	40,640	80	-800
Mining, logging, and construction	3,700	3,680	3,730	20	-30
Mining and logging	360	350	370	10	-10
Construction	3,340	3,330	3,360	10	-20
Manufacturing	8,120	8,120	8,290	0	-170
Durable goods	6,070	6,070	6,150	0	-80
Wood product manufacturing	2,020	2,020	2,020	0	0
Primary metal manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,450	0	-50
Nondurable goods	2,050	2,050	2,140	0	-90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,670	9,630	10,310	40	-640
Wholesale trade	1,720	1,730	1,830	-10	-110
Retail trade	5,140	5,130	5,270	10	-130
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,810	2,770	3,210	40	-400
Information	340	340	310	0	30
Financial activities	1,420	1,400	1,450	20	-30
Professional and business services	3,250	3,220	3,170	30	80
Private education and health services	8,090	8,130	7,950	-40	140
Health care and social assistance	7,360	7,380	7,170	-20	190
Leisure and hospitality	3,850	3,880	4,030	-30	-180
Other services	1,400	1,360	1,400	40	0
Government	7,010	6,970	7,130	40	-120
Federal government	340	340	370	0	-30
State government	700	700	720	0	-20
Local government	5,970	5,930	6,040	40	-70
Local education	3,640	3,650	3,810	-10	-170
Local government excluding educational services	2,330	2,280	2,230	50	100

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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