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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): October 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains Unchanged at 5.1%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in October, unchanged from September's revised unemployment rate of 5.1%. Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 4.9%.

Linn County's employment gains in October were slightly less than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 340 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 350. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 10 between September and October. Employment is now 2.3%, or 1,060 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was up 180 over the past year, or +0.4%.

Private-sector employment was up 100 in October. Retail trade (+80 jobs, +1.6%) and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+60 jobs, +1.9%) had the largest employment gains in October.

Public-sector employment added 240 jobs in October. State government employment was unchanged in October. Federal government employment increased 10 in October. Local government employment was up 230 in October.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

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

				--Change From--	
	October 2026	**September 2026**	**October 2025**	**September 2026**	**October 2025**
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	63,225	62,759	NA	466	NA
Unemployed	2,826	2,778	NA	48	NA
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.4%	NA	0.1	NA
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	*5.1%*	*5.1%*	*NA*	*0.0*	*NA*
Employed	60,399	59,981	NA	418	NA
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	48,200	47,860	48,030	340	170
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	*47,960*	*47,970*	*47,780*	*-10*	*180*
Total private	40,950	40,850	40,780	100	170
Mining, logging, and construction	3,640	3,710	3,810	-70	-170
Mining and logging	320	350	390	-30	-70
Construction	3,320	3,360	3,420	-40	-100
Manufacturing	8,360	8,360	8,280	0	80
Durable goods	6,210	6,210	6,100	0	110
Wood product manufacturing	2,120	2,120	2,000	0	120
Primary metal manufacturing	2,410	2,410	2,400	0	10
Nondurable goods	2,150	2,150	2,180	0	-30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,120	9,990	10,250	130	-130
Wholesale trade	1,740	1,750	1,780	-10	-40
Retail trade	5,190	5,110	5,170	80	20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,190	3,130	3,300	60	-110
Information	440	440	380	0	60
Financial activities	1,420	1,430	1,420	-10	0
Professional and business services	3,370	3,340	3,330	30	40
Private education and health services	8,070	8,050	7,990	20	80
Health care and social assistance	7,410	7,360	7,270	50	140
Leisure and hospitality	4,100	4,100	3,940	0	160
Other services	1,430	1,430	1,380	0	50
Government	7,250	7,010	7,250	240	0
Federal government	340	330	330	10	10
State government	660	660	700	0	-40
Local government	6,250	6,020	6,220	230	30
Local education	4,040	3,780	3,970	260	70
Local government excluding educational services	2,210	2,240	2,250	-30	-40

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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