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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): August 2023**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 3.8%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.8% in August, down slightly from its revised rate of 3.9% in July. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in August was 3.4%, unchanged from its revised July rate of 3.4%.

Linn County's employment gains in August were less than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 110 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 280 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 170 jobs between July and August. Employment is now 0.2%, or 90 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 1,230 (-2.6%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 20 in August. Industries showing the largest employment gains in August included private education and health services (+110 jobs, +1.5%) and construction (+20 jobs, +0.6%).

Public-sector employment was up 90 jobs in August. Local government education employment added 90. State government added 10 jobs, and federal government also added 10 jobs in August.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Wednesday, Oct. 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	August 2023	July 2023	August 2022	July 2023	August 2022
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	60,534	60,276	62,066	258	-1,532
Unemployed	2,458	2,513	3,196	-55	-738
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.2%	5.1%	-0.1	-1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.8%	3.9%	4.7%	-0.1	-0.9
Employed	58,076	57,763	58,870	313	-794
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,340	47,230	47,700	110	-360
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	46,960	47,130	48,190	-170	-1,230
Total private	40,430	40,410	41,280	20	-850
Mining and logging	420	430	460	-10	-40
Mining, logging, and construction	3,650	3,640	3,890	10	-240
Construction	3,230	3,210	3,430	20	-200
Manufacturing	8,240	8,250	8,180	-10	60
Durable goods	5,980	5,980	5,950	0	30
Wood product manufacturing	2,040	2,030	2,200	10	-160
Primary metal manufacturing	2,120	2,120	1,850	0	270
Nondurable goods	2,260	2,270	2,230	-10	30
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,920	11,000	11,510	-80	-590
Wholesale trade	1,920	1,920	1,910	0	10
Retail trade	5,530	5,580	5,570	-50	-40
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,470	3,500	4,030	-30	-560
Information	360	360	340	0	20
Financial activities	1,430	1,440	1,510	-10	-80
Professional and business services	3,450	3,440	3,530	10	-80
Private education and health services	7,420	7,310	7,080	110	340
Health care and social assistance	6,950	6,890	6,660	60	290
Leisure and hospitality	3,660	3,670	3,880	-10	-220
Other services	1,300	1,300	1,360	0	-60
Government	6,910	6,820	6,420	90	490
Federal government	390	380	340	10	50
State government	720	710	730	10	-10
Local government	5,800	5,730	5,350	70	450
Local education	3,740	3,650	3,280	90	460
Local government excluding educational services	2,060	2,080	2,070	-20	-10

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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