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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): December 2023

Linn County's Unemployment Rate up to 4.0%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in December, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 3.9% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was 3.7%, edging up from its revised November rate of 3.6%.

Linn County's employment gains in December were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 430 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 170 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 260 jobs between November and December. Employment is now 3.8%, or 1,800 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was up 1,160 (+2.4%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 390 in December. Industries showing the largest employment gains in December included retail trade (+140 jobs, +2.5%), private education and health services (+120 jobs, +1.6%), and leisure and hospitality (+90 jobs, +2.4%).

Public-sector employment was up 40 jobs in December. Local government education employment added 80. State government shed 30 jobs while federal government employment was up 10 in December.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, March 5.



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

	--Change From--				
	December 2023	November 2023	December 2022	November 2023	December 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,429	61,279	61,687	150	-258
Unemployed	2,526	2,331	3,085	195	-559
Unemployment rate	4.1%	3.8%	5.0%	0.3	-0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	3.9%	5.1%	0.1	-1.1
Employed	58,903	58,948	58,602	-45	301
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	49,410	48,980	47,750	430	1,660
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	48,670	48,410	47,510	260	1,160
Total private	41,540	41,150	40,930	390	610
Mining, logging, and construction	3,610	3,610	3,600	0	10
Mining and logging	400	390	400	10	0
Construction	3,210	3,220	3,200	-10	10
Manufacturing	8,300	8,270	8,150	30	150
Durable goods	6,230	6,170	5,980	60	250
Wood product manufacturing	2,210	2,190	2,150	20	60
Primary metal manufacturing	2,240	2,220	2,010	20	230
Nondurable goods	2,070	2,100	2,170	-30	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	11,310	11,160	11,570	150	-260
Wholesale trade	1,970	1,980	1,910	-10	60
Retail trade	5,680	5,540	5,630	140	50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,660	3,640	4,030	20	-370
Information	340	340	360	0	-20
Financial activities	1,520	1,520	1,480	0	40
Professional and business services	3,440	3,440	3,310	0	130
Private education and health services	7,840	7,720	7,400	120	440
Health care and social assistance	7,120	7,030	6,810	90	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,850	3,760	3,750	90	100
Other services	1,330	1,330	1,310	0	20
Government	7,870	7,830	6,820	40	1,050
Federal government	380	370	340	10	40
State government	670	690	700	-20	-30
Local government	6,820	6,770	5,780	50	1,040
Local education	4,700	4,620	3,680	80	1,020
Local government excluding educational services	2,120	2,150	2,100	-30	20

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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