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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): February 2024

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.4%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in February, up from its revised rate of 4.1% in January. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in February was 4.2%, edging up from its revised January rate of 4.1%.

Linn County's employment gains in February were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 220 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 70 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 150 jobs between January and February. Employment is now 1.5%, or 720 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was up 10 (+0.0%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 170 in February. Industries showing the largest employment gains in February included private education and health services (+90 jobs, +1.2%); construction (+80 jobs, +2.7%); and professional and business services (+20 jobs, +0.6%).

Public-sector employment was up 50 jobs in February. Local government education employment added 50. Federal government and state government employment were both unchanged in February.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, April 17.



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

	--Change From--				
	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	January 2024	February 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,862	61,085	60,736	777	1,126
Unemployed	3,319	3,253	2,695	66	624
Unemployment rate	5.4%	5.3%	4.4%	0.1	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
Employed	58,543	57,832	58,041	711	502
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,280	47,060	47,560	220	-280
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>47,540</i>	<i>47,390</i>	<i>47,530</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>10</i>
Total private	40,180	40,010	40,580	170	-400
Mining, logging, and construction	3,520	3,430	3,400	90	120
Mining and logging	440	430	400	10	40
Construction	3,080	3,000	3,000	80	80
Manufacturing	8,240	8,240	8,130	0	110
Durable goods	6,210	6,200	5,960	10	250
Wood product manufacturing	2,170	2,170	2,130	0	40
Primary metal manufacturing	2,260	2,260	2,060	0	200
Nondurable goods	2,030	2,040	2,170	-10	-140
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,560	10,590	11,150	-30	-590
Wholesale trade	1,880	1,880	1,930	0	-50
Retail trade	5,360	5,390	5,450	-30	-90
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,320	3,320	3,770	0	-450
Information	310	310	350	0	-40
Financial activities	1,440	1,450	1,430	-10	10
Professional and business services	3,410	3,390	3,500	20	-90
Private education and health services	7,660	7,570	7,440	90	220
Health care and social assistance	6,980	6,920	6,890	60	90
Leisure and hospitality	3,740	3,730	3,870	10	-130
Other services	1,300	1,300	1,310	0	-10
Government	7,100	7,050	6,980	50	120
Federal government	370	370	350	0	20
State government	660	660	630	0	30
Local government	6,070	6,020	6,000	50	70
Local education	3,950	3,900	3,890	50	60
Local government excluding educational services	2,120	2,120	2,110	0	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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