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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): May 2024

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.6%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in May, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.6% in April. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in May was 4.2%, matching its revised April rate of 4.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in May were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 270 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 190 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 80 jobs between April and May. Employment is now 1.6%, or 750 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 320 (-0.7%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 210 in May. Industries showing the largest employment gains in May included manufacturing (+70 jobs, +0.8%); construction (+50 jobs, +1.6%); and private education and health services (+50 jobs, +0.7%).

Public-sector employment was up 60 in May. Local government employment added 70. Federal government employment shed 10 while state government employment was unchanged in May.

Next Press Releases

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



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

	--Change From--				
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	April 2024	May 2023
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,407	61,492	60,091	-85	1,316
Unemployed	2,552	2,509	2,197	43	355
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%	0.1	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.6%	3.8%	0.0	0.8
Employed	58,855	58,983	57,894	-128	961
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,250	46,980	48,050	270	-800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,570	47,490	47,890	80	-320
Total private	39,970	39,760	40,920	210	-950
Mining, logging, and construction	3,550	3,500	3,560	50	-10
Mining and logging	380	380	390	0	-10
Construction	3,170	3,120	3,170	50	0
Manufacturing	8,360	8,290	8,330	70	30
Durable goods	6,230	6,180	6,190	50	40
Wood product manufacturing	2,140	2,130	2,190	10	-50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,330	2,310	2,240	20	90
Nondurable goods	2,130	2,110	2,140	20	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,140	10,110	11,100	30	-960
Wholesale trade	1,880	1,880	1,960	0	-80
Retail trade	5,270	5,250	5,510	20	-240
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,990	2,980	3,630	10	-640
Information	370	370	330	0	40
Financial activities	1,460	1,450	1,490	10	-30
Professional and business services	3,290	3,270	3,430	20	-140
Private education and health services	7,670	7,620	7,520	50	150
Health care and social assistance	7,000	6,980	6,930	20	70
Leisure and hospitality	3,800	3,820	3,790	-20	10
Other services	1,330	1,330	1,370	0	-40
Government	7,280	7,220	7,130	60	150
Federal government	370	380	380	-10	-10
State government	650	650	630	0	20
Local government	6,260	6,190	6,120	70	140
Local education	4,020	4,020	3,930	0	90
Local government excluding educational services	2,240	2,170	2,190	70	50

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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