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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): March 2021

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.8%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8% in March, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 4.9% in February. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in March was 6.0%, essentially unchanged from its revised February rate of 6.1%.

Benton County's employment gains in March were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 510 jobs, when an employment increase of 180 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 330 jobs, or 0.8%, between February and March. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 8.7% below the level in February 2020, down 3,790 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

The private sector saw healthy gains over the month. Leisure and hospitality added 210 jobs in March, while private education and health services added 50. None of the sectors showed declining employment levels in March.

The public sector added 160 jobs in March. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 140 jobs. State government employment was unchanged in March, while federal government shed 10 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, May 18.



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Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	47,866	47,444	47,759	422	107
Unemployed	2,325	2,372	1,597	-47	728
Unemployment rate	4.9%	5.0%	3.3%	-0.1	1.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.8%	4.9%	2.6%	-0.1	2.2
Employed	45,541	45,072	46,162	469	-621
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	40,220	39,710	43,700	510	-3,480
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,630	39,300	43,100	330	-3,470
Total private	26,830	26,480	28,310	350	-1,480
Mining, logging, and construction	1,430	1,400	1,410	30	20
Manufacturing	2,840	2,820	2,930	20	-90
Durable goods	2,450	2,430	2,570	20	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,460	4,440	4,480	20	-20
Information	540	540	620	0	-80
Financial activities	1,580	1,570	1,540	10	40
Professional and business services	4,080	4,080	4,330	0	-250
Education and health services	7,020	6,970	7,370	50	-350
Health care and social assistance	6,490	6,470	6,800	20	-310
Leisure and hospitality	3,590	3,380	4,240	210	-650
Other services	1,290	1,280	1,390	10	-100
Government	13,390	13,230	15,390	160	-2,000
Federal government	460	470	470	-10	-10
State government	230	230	240	0	-10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,700	12,530	14,680	170	-1,980
Local education	11,190	11,050	13,240	140	-2,050

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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