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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2021**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 4.7%**

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in April, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.7% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 6.0%, unchanged from its revised March rate of 6.0%.

Benton County's employment losses in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 70 jobs, when an employment increase of 210 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 280 jobs, or 0.7%, between March and April. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 10.4% below the level in February 2020, down 4,520 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

The private sector overall shed 120 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality added 150 jobs in April, a gain of 4.5%. The job gains in leisure and hospitality were offset by employment decline in professional and business services and private education and health services, both of which shed 130 jobs in April.

The public sector added 50 jobs in April. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 40 jobs. State government employment declined 10 in April, while federal government added 10 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	47,779	47,883	45,026	-104	2,753
Unemployed	2,196	2,389	4,233	-193	-2,037
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.0%	9.4%	-0.4	-4.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.7%	9.9%	0.0	-5.2
Employed	45,583	45,494	40,793	89	4,790
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	39,870	39,940	38,130	-70	1,740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	38,900	39,180	37,440	-280	1,460
Total private	26,420	26,540	23,860	-120	2,560
Mining, logging, and construction	1,390	1,380	1,270	10	120
Manufacturing	2,790	2,780	2,730	10	60
Durable goods	2,420	2,420	2,440	0	-20
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,610	4,660	3,890	-50	720
Information	560	550	610	10	-50
Financial activities	1,480	1,490	1,460	-10	20
Professional and business services	4,150	4,280	4,090	-130	60
Education and health services	6,720	6,850	6,490	-130	230
Health care and social assistance	6,540	6,540	6,040	0	500
Leisure and hospitality	3,450	3,300	2,220	150	1,230
Other services	1,270	1,250	1,100	20	170
Government	13,450	13,400	14,270	50	-820
Federal government	480	470	470	10	10
State government	230	240	240	-10	-10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,740	12,690	13,560	50	-820
Local education	11,240	11,200	12,220	40	-980

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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