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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): February 2021

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Decreases to 6.8%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.8% in February, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 6.9% in January. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in February was 6.1%, essentially unchanged from its revised January rate of 6.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in February were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 370 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 60. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 310 jobs, or 0.7%, between January and February. Employment remains 6.2%, or 2,900 jobs, below the level in February 2020, after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in February include: leisure and hospitality (+110 jobs, +3.7%); trade, transportation, and utilities (+80 jobs, 0.7%); and financial activities (+40, +3.0%).

Private-sector industries that lost employment in February include: construction, information, and private education and health services, which each shed 10 jobs.

Public-sector employment was up 100 jobs in February. Local government employment added 80 and state government employment grew 20. Federal government employment was unchanged in February.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 13.



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

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|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | February 2021 | January 2021 | February 2020 | January 2021 | February 2020 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 59,624 | 59,576 | 58,710 | 48 | 914 |
| Unemployed | 4,154 | 4,520 | 2,401 | -366 | 1,753 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.0% | 7.6% | 4.1% | -0.6 | 2.9 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 6.8% | 6.9% | 3.8% | -0.1 | 3.0 |
| Employed | 55,470 | 55,056 | 56,309 | 414 | -839 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 43,680 | 43,310 | 46,750 | 370 | -3,070 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 44,040 | 43,730 | 46,940 | 310 | -2,900 |
| Total private | 37,630 | 37,360 | 39,590 | 270 | -1,960 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 3,190 | 3,190 | 3,490 | 0 | -300 |
| Mining and logging | 390 | 380 | 420 | 10 | -30 |
| Construction | 2,800 | 2,810 | 3,070 | -10 | -270 |
| Manufacturing | 7,610 | 7,560 | 8,680 | 50 | -1,070 |
| Durable goods | 5,440 | 5,390 | 6,490 | 50 | -1,050 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1,980 | 1,990 | 2,180 | -10 | -200 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 1,710 | 1,700 | 2,440 | 10 | -730 |
| Nondurable goods | 2,170 | 2,170 | 2,190 | 0 | -20 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 11,040 | 10,960 | 10,240 | 80 | 800 |
| Wholesale trade | 1,800 | 1,780 | 1,740 | 20 | 60 |
| Retail trade | 5,580 | 5,530 | 5,200 | 50 | 380 |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities | 3,660 | 3,650 | 3,300 | 10 | 360 |
| Information | 370 | 380 | 400 | -10 | -30 |
| Financial activities | 1,360 | 1,320 | 1,420 | 40 | -60 |
| Professional and business services | 3,010 | 3,010 | 3,080 | 0 | -70 |
| Education and health services | 6,570 | 6,580 | 6,980 | -10 | -410 |
| Health care and social assistance | 6,210 | 6,200 | 6,490 | 10 | -280 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,080 | 2,970 | 3,810 | 110 | -730 |
| Other services | 1,400 | 1,390 | 1,490 | 10 | -90 |
| Government | 6,050 | 5,950 | 7,160 | 100 | -1,110 |
| Federal government | 310 | 310 | 310 | 0 | 0 |
| State government | 610 | 590 | 580 | 20 | 30 |
| Local government | 5,130 | 5,050 | 6,270 | 80 | -1,140 |
| Local education | 3,200 | 3,150 | 4,110 | 50 | -910 |
| Local government excluding educational services | 1,930 | 1,900 | 2,160 | 30 | -230 |

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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