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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): March 2021

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 6.7%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.7% in March, unchanged from its revised rate of 6.7% in February. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in March was 6.0%, essentially unchanged from its revised February rate of 6.1%.

Linn County's employment gains in March were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,450 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 180. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 1,270 jobs, or 2.9%, between February and March. Employment remains 3.3%, or 1,570 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 March include: leisure and hospitality (+1,150 jobs, +37.3%); manufacturing (+110 jobs, 1.4%); and construction (+60, +2.1%).

The only private-sector industry that lost employment in March was retail trade, which shed 80 jobs.

Public-sector employment was up 110 jobs in March. Local government employment added 110 and state government employment grew 10. Federal government employment declined 10 in March.

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

	--Change From--				
	March 2021	February 2021	March 2020	February 2021	March 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	60,865	59,731	58,635	1,134	2,230
Unemployed	4,148	4,175	2,948	-27	1,200
Unemployment rate	6.8%	7.0%	5.0%	-0.2	1.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	6.7%	6.7%	3.8%	0.0	2.9
Employed	56,717	55,556	55,687	1,161	1,030
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,210	43,760	46,510	1,450	-1,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	45,370	44,100	46,670	1,270	-1,300
Total private	38,980	37,640	39,370	1,340	-390
Mining, logging, and construction	3,250	3,190	3,460	60	-210
Mining and logging	390	390	410	0	-20
Construction	2,860	2,800	3,050	60	-190
Manufacturing	7,710	7,600	8,580	110	-870
Durable goods	5,520	5,430	6,390	90	-870
Wood product manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,140	0	-150
Primary metal manufacturing	1,710	1,710	2,390	0	-680
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,170	2,190	20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	11,110	11,090	10,310	20	800
Wholesale trade	1,850	1,810	1,730	40	120
Retail trade	5,540	5,620	5,280	-80	260
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,720	3,660	3,300	60	420
Information	370	370	420	0	-50
Financial activities	1,340	1,330	1,380	10	-40
Professional and business services	3,020	3,020	3,050	0	-30
Education and health services	6,530	6,560	7,010	-30	-480
Health care and social assistance	6,240	6,210	6,510	30	-270
Leisure and hospitality	4,230	3,080	3,720	1,150	510
Other services	1,420	1,400	1,440	20	-20
Government	6,230	6,120	7,140	110	-910
Federal government	300	310	310	-10	-10
State government	610	600	580	10	30
Local government	5,320	5,210	6,250	110	-930
Local education	3,290	3,200	4,080	90	-790
Local government excluding educational services	2,030	2,010	2,170	20	-140

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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