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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): March 2025

Benton County's Employment Increases Slightly

Benton County's employment gains in March were slightly more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 70 jobs, when an employment increase of 60 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 10 jobs between February and March. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 2.0% from the level in February 2020, 850 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is down 300 jobs or -0.8%.

The private sector overall added 60 jobs over the month. Health care and social assistance and leisure and hospitality had the largest monthly employment gains.

The public sector overall added 10 jobs in March. Local government employment increased by 10. Federal government employment and state government employment were both unchanged in March.

Benton County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in March, down from its revised rate of 4.2% in February. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in March was 5.2%, unchanged from its revised February rate of 5.2%.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 14.



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

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	March 2025	February 2025	March 2024	February 2025	March 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,015	50,022	50,286	-7	-271
Unemployed	2,034	2,093	1,759	-59	275
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.2%	3.5%	-0.1	0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	47,981	47,929	48,527	52	-546
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	44,970	44,900	45,390	70	-420
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,370</i>	<i>44,360</i>	<i>44,740</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-370</i>
Total private	28,270	28,210	28,620	60	-350
Mining, logging, and construction	1,460	1,470	1,470	-10	-10
Manufacturing	2,560	2,550	2,690	10	-130
Durable goods	2,050	2,050	2,240	0	-190
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,690	4,680	4,680	10	10
Information	710	710	730	0	-20
Financial activities	1,470	1,470	1,480	0	-10
Professional and business services	4,520	4,490	4,610	30	-90
Private education and health services	7,250	7,280	7,200	-30	50
Health care and social assistance	6,950	6,910	6,790	40	160
Leisure and hospitality	4,130	4,090	4,330	40	-200
Other services	1,480	1,470	1,430	10	50
Government	16,700	16,690	16,770	10	-70
Federal government	480	480	510	0	-30
State government	330	330	320	0	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	15,890	15,880	15,940	10	-50
Local education	14,410	14,430	14,440	-20	-30

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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