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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): August 2025

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Ticks Up to 4.1%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in August, edging up from its July rate of 4.0%. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in August was 5.0%, up from its July rate of 4.9%.

Benton County's employment losses in August were less than normal; total nonfarm employment was down 10 during the month, when an employment decrease of 150 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 140 jobs between July and August. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 1.5% from the level in February 2020, 640 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is up 150 jobs or +0.3%.

The private sector overall added 150 jobs over the month. Private education and health services added 90 jobs. Professional and business services employment increased 30 in August.

The public sector overall shed 160 jobs in August. Local government employment decreased by 160. Federal and state government employment were both unchanged in August.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Wednesday, Oct. 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	August 2025	July 2025	August 2024	July 2025	August 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	48,090	48,117	47,482	-27	608
Unemployed	2,325	2,300	1,915	25	410
Unemployment rate	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%	0.0	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>
Employed	45,765	45,817	45,567	-52	198
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	41,700	41,710	41,530	-10	170
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,160</i>	<i>44,020</i>	<i>44,010</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>150</i>
Total private	28,440	28,290	28,270	150	170
Mining, logging, and construction	1,440	1,440	1,510	0	-70
Manufacturing	2,480	2,480	2,550	0	-70
Durable goods	2,020	2,020	2,080	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,670	4,680	4,600	-10	70
Information	590	590	660	0	-70
Financial activities	1,560	1,550	1,530	10	30
Professional and business services	4,510	4,480	4,500	30	10
Private education and health services	7,260	7,170	7,250	90	10
Health care and social assistance	6,970	6,890	6,910	80	60
Leisure and hospitality	4,470	4,450	4,200	20	270
Other services	1,460	1,450	1,470	10	-10
Government	13,260	13,420	13,260	-160	0
Federal government	470	470	550	0	-80
State government	330	330	350	0	-20
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	12,460	12,620	12,360	-160	100
Local education	10,880	11,030	10,810	-150	70

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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