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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2026

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.2%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2% in April, down from its revised unemployment rate of 4.4% in March. Benton County's unemployment rate has increased from 3.9% to 4.2% over the past year. Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April was 5.2%.

Benton County's employment gains in April were slightly less than normal; total nonfarm employment was up 180 during the month, when an employment increase of 200 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 20 between March and April. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 2.3% from the level in February 2020, or 1,230 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has shed 130 jobs or -0.3%.

The private sector overall added 110 jobs over the month. Private education and health services added 60 jobs in April. Other services gained 30 jobs in April.

Public sector employment increased by 70 in April. Local government employment increased by 80. State government employment was unchanged in April. Federal government shed 10 jobs in April.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 17.



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

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	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	50,352	50,480	50,519	-128	-167
Unemployed	1,745	2,031	1,722	-286	23
Unemployment rate	3.5%	4.0%	3.4%	-0.5	0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.2%	4.4%	3.9%	-0.2	0.3
Employed	48,607	48,449	48,797	158	-190
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	45,510	45,330	45,920	180	-410
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	44,750	44,770	44,880	-20	-130
Total private	28,540	28,430	28,780	110	-240
Mining, logging, and construction	1,450	1,430	1,420	20	30
Manufacturing	2,500	2,500	2,560	0	-60
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,580	4,710	-20	-150
Information	570	560	570	10	0
Financial activities	1,480	1,490	1,530	-10	-50
Professional and business services	4,170	4,160	4,510	10	-340
Private education and health services	7,920	7,860	7,660	60	260
Health care and social assistance	7,540	7,520	7,270	20	270
Leisure and hospitality	4,320	4,310	4,300	10	20
Other services	1,570	1,540	1,520	30	50
Government	16,970	16,900	17,140	70	-170
Federal government	380	390	480	-10	-100
State government	330	330	320	0	10
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	16,260	16,180	16,340	80	-80
Local education	14,760	14,690	14,840	70	-80

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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