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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): August 2026

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Essentially Unchanged at 4.1%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in August, essentially unchanged from its revised unemployment rate of 4.2% in July. Benton County's unemployment rate has decreased slightly, dropping from 4.4% to 4.1% over the past year. Oregon's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August was 5.1%.

Benton County's employment decline in August was slightly more than normal; total nonfarm employment was down 110 during the month, when an employment decrease of 100 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 10 between July and August. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 0.6% from the level in February 2020, or 270 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment has shed 640 jobs or -1.4%.

The private sector employment overall was unchanged over the month. Gains and losses were mixed at the industry level. Leisure and hospitality shed 20 jobs in August. Other services gained 20 jobs in August.

Public sector employment declined 110 in August. Local government education employment decreased by 110. Federal government employment was unchanged in August. State government added 10 jobs in August.

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



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

	--Change From--				
	August 2026	July 2026	August 2025	July 2026	August 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	48,634	48,213	48,348	421	286
Unemployed	2,204	2,148	2,323	56	-119
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.8%	0.0	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%	-0.1	-0.3
Employed	46,430	46,065	46,025	365	405
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	41,470	41,580	41,900	-110	-430
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	43,790	43,800	44,430	-10	-640
Total private	28,550	28,550	28,530	0	20
Mining, logging, and construction	1,540	1,540	1,540	0	0
Manufacturing	2,450	2,450	2,550	0	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,520	4,530	4,530	-10	-10
Information	590	590	590	0	0
Financial activities	1,500	1,510	1,550	-10	-50
Professional and business services	4,090	4,090	4,380	0	-290
Private education and health services	7,930	7,910	7,590	20	340
Health care and social assistance	7,540	7,540	7,230	0	310
Leisure and hospitality	4,350	4,370	4,260	-20	90
Other services	1,580	1,560	1,540	20	40
Government	12,920	13,030	13,370	-110	-450
Federal government	400	400	470	0	-70
State government	340	330	340	10	0
State education	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Local government	12,180	12,300	12,560	-120	-380
Local education	10,600	10,710	11,020	-110	-420

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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