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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): April 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.4%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in April, unchanged from March's revised unemployment rate of 5.4%. Linn County's unemployment rate has increased from 5.0% to 5.4% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in April was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 440 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 260. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 180 between March and April. Employment is now 0.3%, or 130 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 630 (-1.3%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 190 in April. Construction (+60 jobs, +1.8%); private education and health services (+40, +0.5%); and leisure and hospitality (+40, +1.0%) had the largest employment gains in April.

Public-sector employment added 250 jobs in April. Federal government employment was unchanged in April. State government shed 10 jobs. Local government employment was up 260 in April.

Next Press Releases

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

	--Change From--				
	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025	March 2026	April 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	61,901	61,938	62,133	-37	-232
Unemployed	3,086	3,432	3,214	-346	-128
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.5%	5.2%	-0.5	-0.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.4%	5.0%	0.0	0.4
Employed	58,815	58,506	58,919	309	-104
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,710	46,270	47,800	440	-1,090
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,030	46,850	47,660	180	-630
Total private	39,740	39,550	40,680	190	-940
Mining, logging, and construction	3,660	3,600	3,610	60	50
Mining and logging	350	350	360	0	-10
Construction	3,310	3,250	3,250	60	60
Manufacturing	8,130	8,120	8,350	10	-220
Durable goods	6,070	6,050	6,200	20	-130
Wood product manufacturing	2,020	2,010	2,040	10	-20
Primary metal manufacturing	2,400	2,390	2,470	10	-70
Nondurable goods	2,060	2,070	2,150	-10	-90
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,620	9,610	10,320	10	-700
Wholesale trade	1,730	1,720	1,800	10	-70
Retail trade	5,120	5,090	5,300	30	-180
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,770	2,800	3,220	-30	-450
Information	330	330	300	0	30
Financial activities	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	-50
Professional and business services	3,220	3,200	3,210	20	10
Private education and health services	8,130	8,090	7,960	40	170
Health care and social assistance	7,380	7,360	7,210	20	170
Leisure and hospitality	3,890	3,850	4,070	40	-180
Other services	1,360	1,350	1,410	10	-50
Government	6,970	6,720	7,120	250	-150
Federal government	340	340	380	0	-40
State government	700	710	710	-10	-10
Local government	5,930	5,670	6,030	260	-100
Local education	3,650	3,420	3,820	230	-170
Local government excluding educational services	2,280	2,250	2,210	30	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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