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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): July 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Essentially Unchanged at 5.3%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3% in July, essentially unchanged from June's revised unemployment rate of 5.4%. Linn County's unemployment rate has decreased from 5.7% to 5.3% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in July was 5.2%.

Linn County's employment losses in July were more than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 790 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 280. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was down 510 between June and July. Employment is now 0.4%, or 210 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 840 (-1.8%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 210 in July. Construction (+90 jobs, +2.6%); manufacturing (+70, +0.9%); and professional and business services (+40, +1.2%) had the largest employment gains in July.

Public-sector employment shed 1,000 jobs in July. Federal and state government employment were both unchanged in July. Local government employment was down 1,000 in July. Local government education employment declined 960 jobs with the beginning of summer break.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Sep. 16.



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

	--Change From--				
	July 2026	June 2026	July 2025	June 2026	July 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	62,091	62,537	63,067	-446	-976
Unemployed	3,426	3,431	3,660	-5	-234
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.5%	5.8%	0.0	-0.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
Employed	58,665	59,106	59,407	-441	-742
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,210	48,000	47,950	-790	-740
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>47,110</i>	<i>47,620</i>	<i>47,950</i>	<i>-510</i>	<i>-840</i>
Total private	40,780	40,570	40,880	210	-100
Mining, logging, and construction	3,930	3,830	3,780	100	150
Mining and logging	370	360	380	10	-10
Construction	3,560	3,470	3,400	90	160
Manufacturing	8,230	8,160	8,410	70	-180
Durable goods	6,170	6,130	6,190	40	-20
Wood product manufacturing	2,070	2,050	2,040	20	30
Primary metal manufacturing	2,440	2,420	2,430	20	10
Nondurable goods	2,060	2,030	2,220	30	-160
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,820	9,820	10,270	0	-450
Wholesale trade	1,740	1,750	1,810	-10	-70
Retail trade	5,090	5,080	5,190	10	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,990	2,990	3,270	0	-280
Information	380	380	430	0	-50
Financial activities	1,420	1,420	1,470	0	-50
Professional and business services	3,440	3,400	3,350	40	90
Private education and health services	8,100	8,090	7,640	10	460
Health care and social assistance	7,370	7,360	7,120	10	250
Leisure and hospitality	4,110	4,100	4,130	10	-20
Other services	1,350	1,370	1,400	-20	-50
Government	6,430	7,430	7,070	-1,000	-640
Federal government	330	330	370	0	-40
State government	680	680	710	0	-30
Local government	5,420	6,420	5,990	-1,000	-570
Local education	3,090	4,050	3,810	-960	-720
Local government excluding educational services	2,330	2,370	2,180	-40	150

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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