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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): August 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 5.3%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3% in August, unchanged from July's revised unemployment rate of 5.3%. Linn County's unemployment rate has decreased from 5.7% to 5.3% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in August was 5.1%.

Linn County's employment gains in August were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 80 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 180. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 260 between July and August. Employment is now 1.0%, or 460 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 360 (-0.8%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 10 in August. Leisure and hospitality (-60 jobs, -1.5%) and manufacturing (-30 jobs, -0.4%) had the largest employment losses in August.

Public-sector employment added 90 jobs in August. Federal and state government employment were both unchanged in August. Local government education employment was up 90 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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Albany MSA (Linn 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	62,844	62,147	62,739	697	105
Unemployed	3,361	3,402	3,721	-41	-360
Unemployment rate	5.3%	5.5%	5.9%	-0.2	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.3%	5.3%	5.7%	0.0	-0.4
Employed	59,483	58,745	59,018	738	465
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,340	47,260	47,530	80	-190
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,360	47,100	47,720	260	-360
Total private	40,820	40,830	40,960	-10	-140
Mining, logging, and construction	3,950	3,910	3,860	40	90
Mining and logging	360	370	450	-10	-90
Construction	3,590	3,540	3,410	50	180
Manufacturing	8,250	8,280	8,430	-30	-180
Durable goods	6,170	6,170	6,150	0	20
Wood product manufacturing	2,070	2,070	2,020	0	50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,430	2,430	2,420	0	10
Nondurable goods	2,080	2,110	2,280	-30	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,860	9,840	10,280	20	-420
Wholesale trade	1,750	1,740	1,800	10	-50
Retail trade	5,080	5,090	5,180	-10	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,030	3,010	3,300	20	-270
Information	370	380	320	-10	50
Financial activities	1,420	1,430	1,450	-10	-30
Professional and business services	3,430	3,430	3,440	0	-10
Private education and health services	8,110	8,090	7,690	20	420
Health care and social assistance	7,380	7,360	7,150	20	230
Leisure and hospitality	4,060	4,120	4,090	-60	-30
Other services	1,370	1,350	1,400	20	-30
Government	6,520	6,430	6,570	90	-50
Federal government	330	330	360	0	-30
State government	680	680	700	0	-20
Local government	5,510	5,420	5,510	90	0
Local education	3,180	3,090	3,340	90	-160
Local government excluding educational services	2,330	2,330	2,170	0	160

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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