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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): September 2026

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.1%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1% in September, down from August's revised unemployment rate of 5.3%. Linn County's unemployment rate has decreased from 5.7% to 5.1% over the past year. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in September was 5.0%.

Linn County's employment gains in September were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 560 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 360. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment was up 200 between August and September. Employment is now 1.6%, or 740 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 10 over the past year, close to zero change on a percentage basis.

Private-sector employment was up 20 in September. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+160 jobs, +5.3%) and construction (+30 jobs, +0.8%) had the largest employment gains in September.

Public-sector employment added 540 jobs in September. State government employment was unchanged in September. Federal government employment declined 10 in September. Local government employment was up 550 in September.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Nov. 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	September 2026	August 2026	September 2025	August 2026	September 2025
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	62,850	62,872	62,711	-22	139
Unemployed	2,795	3,346	3,549	-551	-754
Unemployment rate	4.4%	5.3%	5.7%	-0.9	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
Employed	60,055	59,526	59,162	529	893
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,920	47,360	47,630	560	290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>47,640</i>	<i>47,440</i>	<i>47,650</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>-10</i>
Total private	40,860	40,840	40,820	20	40
Mining, logging, and construction	3,960	3,940	3,890	20	70
Mining and logging	360	370	490	-10	-130
Construction	3,600	3,570	3,400	30	200
Manufacturing	8,230	8,270	8,380	-40	-150
Durable goods	6,130	6,160	6,110	-30	20
Wood product manufacturing	2,060	2,070	2,000	-10	60
Primary metal manufacturing	2,420	2,430	2,410	-10	10
Nondurable goods	2,100	2,110	2,270	-10	-170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,010	9,870	10,130	140	-120
Wholesale trade	1,730	1,740	1,760	-10	-30
Retail trade	5,090	5,100	5,140	-10	-50
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,190	3,030	3,230	160	-40
Information	360	370	310	-10	50
Financial activities	1,410	1,420	1,440	-10	-30
Professional and business services	3,450	3,440	3,420	10	30
Private education and health services	8,100	8,100	7,860	0	240
Health care and social assistance	7,330	7,370	7,180	-40	150
Leisure and hospitality	3,990	4,070	4,000	-80	-10
Other services	1,350	1,360	1,390	-10	-40
Government	7,060	6,520	6,810	540	250
Federal government	320	330	350	-10	-30
State government	680	680	700	0	-20
Local government	6,060	5,510	5,760	550	300
Local education	3,780	3,180	3,520	600	260
Local government excluding educational services	2,280	2,330	2,240	-50	40

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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