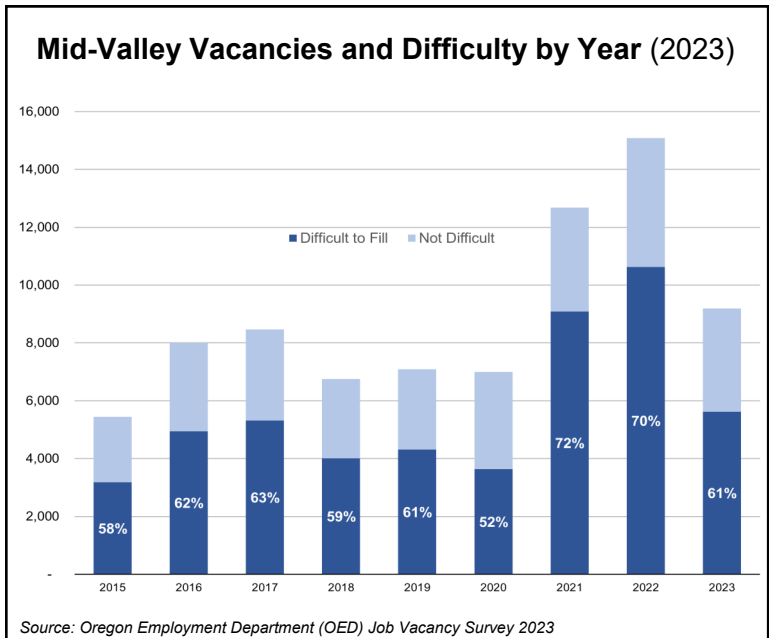
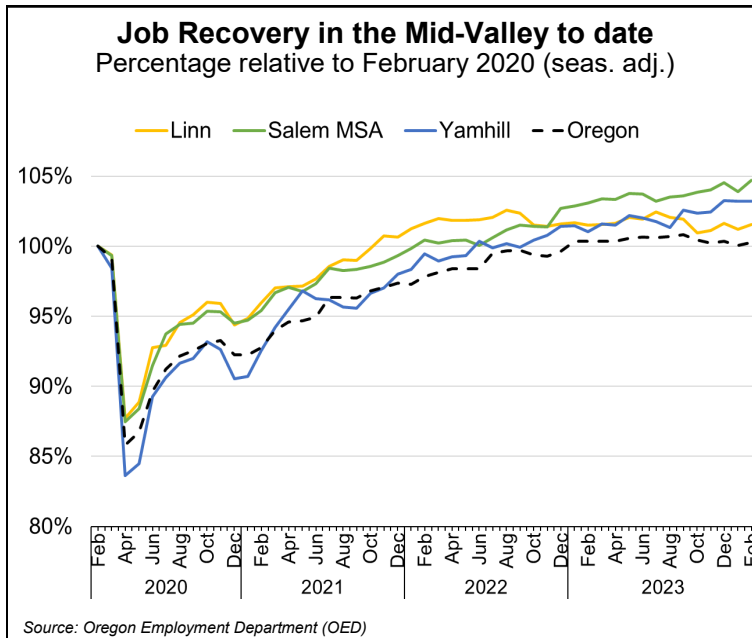
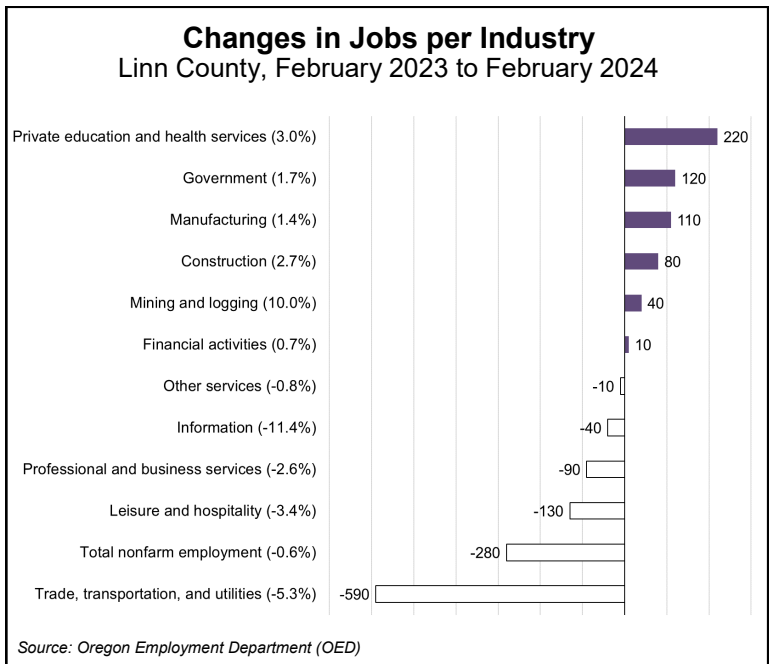
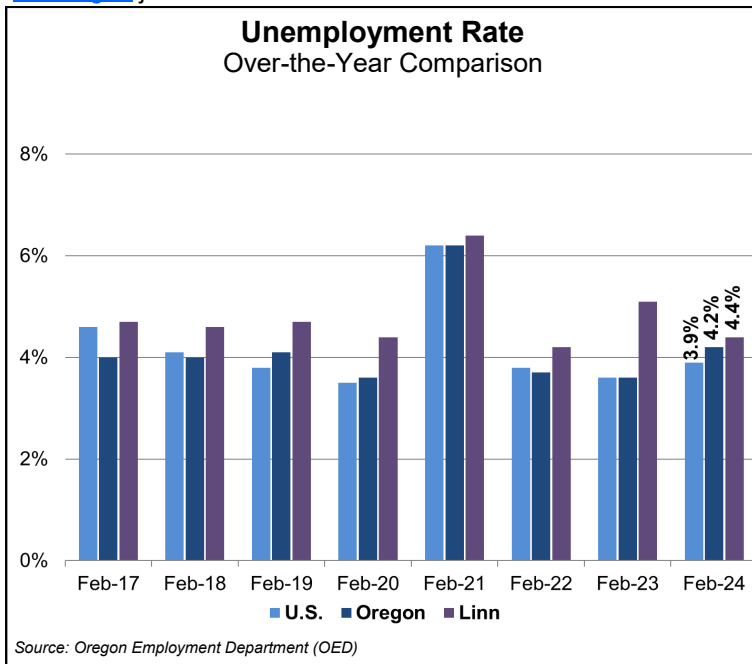


## Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Linn County, February Data

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in February, up from January's rate of 4.1%. Statewide, the unemployment rate increased from 4.1% in January to 4.2% in February. During this time, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 150 jobs, and employment is now 720 jobs, or 1.5% above the February 2020 pre-pandemic employment level.

From February of last year to February of this year, total nonfarm employment decreased by 0.6%, or by 280 jobs. Private education and health services had the largest employment gains over the year (+220 jobs), followed by the public sector (+120 jobs). The trade, transportation, and utilities industry had the greatest employment losses (-590 jobs), followed by the leisure and hospitality industry (-130 jobs).

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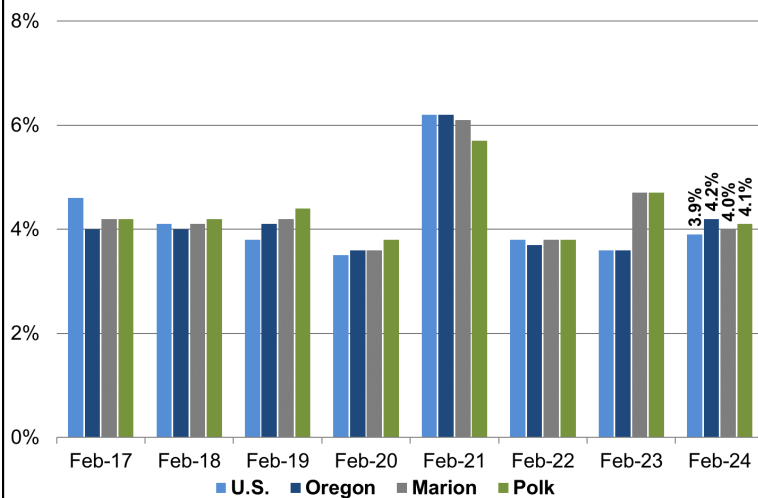
## Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Salem MSA, February Data

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in February, up from 3.9% in January. Statewide, the unemployment rate increased to 4.2% from 4.1% in January. Seasonally adjusted employment was up 1,000 between January and February. With February's gains, employment is now 4.7%, or 8,200 jobs, above the February 2020 pre-pandemic employment level.

Year-over-year, total nonfarm employment is up 1.6%, or 2,800 jobs. During this time, the private education and health services industry and the public sector saw the largest employment gains (+1,300 jobs each), followed by the professional and business services industry (+800 jobs). In contrast, the trade, transportation, and utilities industry registered the largest employment losses (-700 jobs), followed by the financial activities industry (-300 jobs).

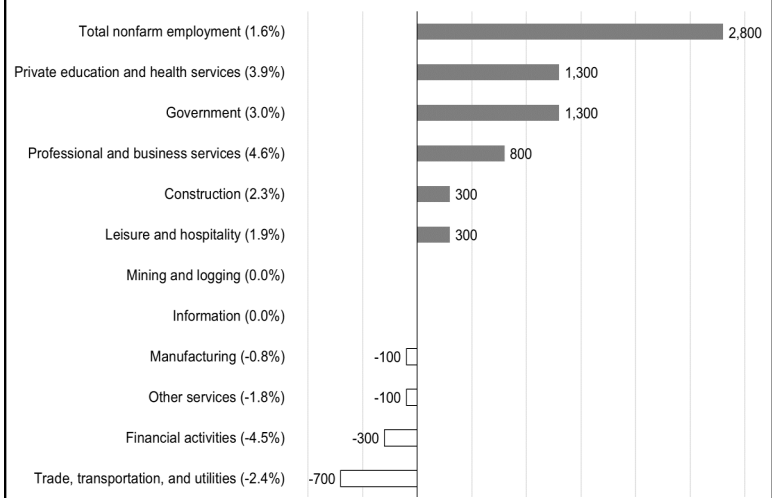
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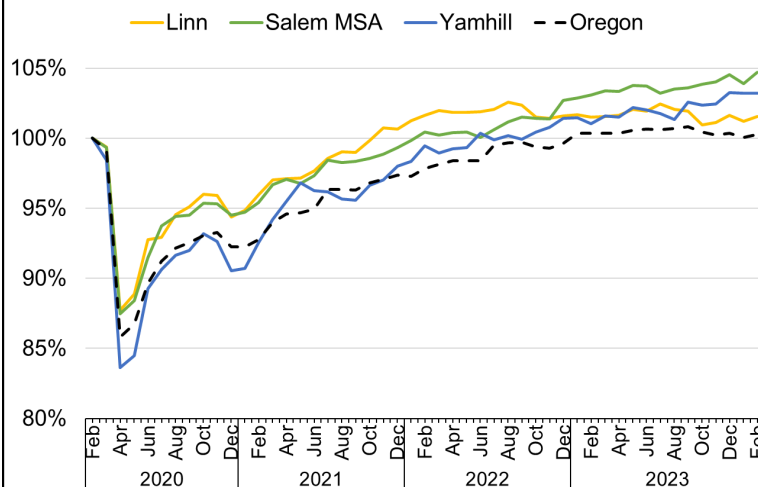
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**Changes in Jobs per Industry  
Salem MSA, February 2023 to February 2024**



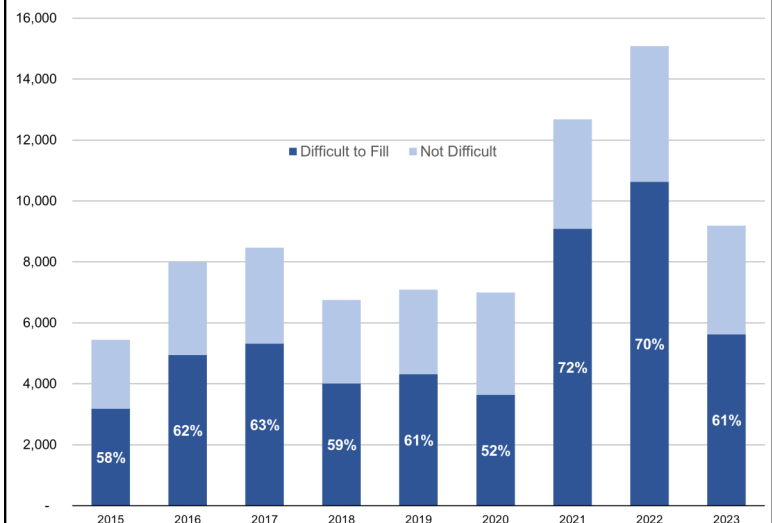
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**Job Recovery in the Mid-Valley to date  
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**Mid-Valley Vacancies and Difficulty by Year  
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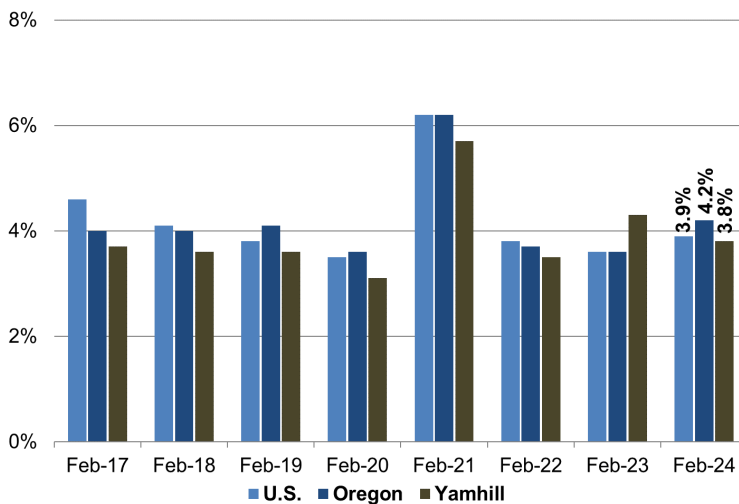
## Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Yamhill County, February Data

Yamhill County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly from 3.6% in January to 3.8% in February. Statewide, the unemployment rate increased from 4.1% in January to 4.2% in February. The county's seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 10 jobs during this time, and employment is now 1,130 jobs, or 3.2%, above the pre-pandemic employment level of February 2020.

Year-over-year, total nonfarm employment increased by 2.2%, or 770 jobs. The private education and health services industry gained the most jobs during this time (+530), followed by the leisure and hospitality industry (+150 jobs) and the public sector (+80 jobs). The professional and business services industry registered the most employment losses (-50 jobs), followed by the trade, transportation, and utilities industry (-30 jobs).

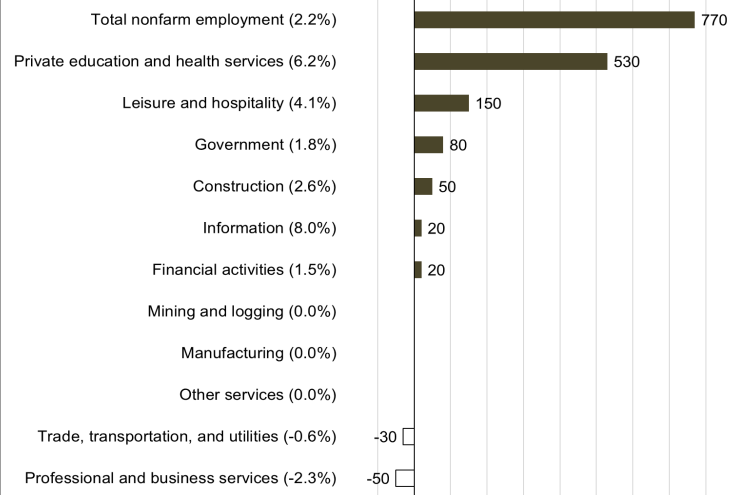
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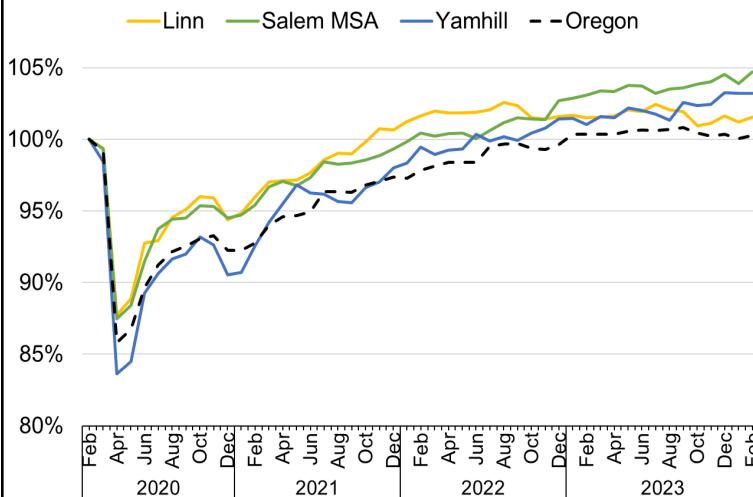
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**Changes in Jobs per Industry  
Yamhill County, February 2023 to February 2024**



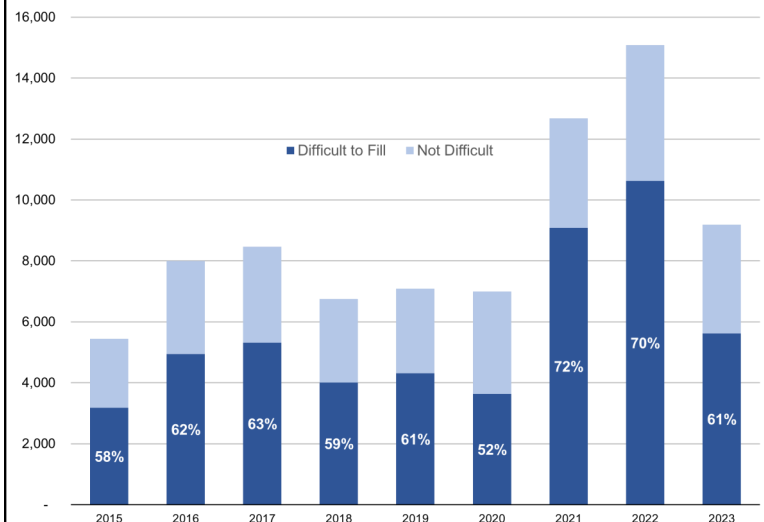
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