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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): January 2025**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate up to 4.3%**

Benton County's employment losses in January were less than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 660 jobs, when an employment decrease of 730 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 70 jobs between December and January. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is now up 2.1% from the level in February 2020, 900 jobs above its pre-pandemic level.

Over the past year Benton County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment is down 80 jobs or -0.2%.

The private sector overall shed 280 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality, health care and social assistance, and trade, transportation, and utilities had the most monthly employment losses.

The public sector overall shed 380 jobs in January. Local government employment decreased 360. Federal employment was down 20 jobs. State government was unchanged in January.

Benton County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 4.3% in January, up from its revised rate of 3.8% in December. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in January was 5.4%, up from its revised December rate of 4.3%.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 1 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, March 26.



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## Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	49,485	49,801	49,309	-316	176
Unemployed	2,113	1,890	1,873	223	240
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.8%	3.8%	0.5	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	47,372	47,911	47,436	-539	-64
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	44,300	44,960	44,300	-660	0
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>44,420</i>	<i>44,350</i>	<i>44,500</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>-80</i>
Total private	28,040	28,320	28,420	-280	-380
Mining, logging, and construction	1,420	1,470	1,460	-50	-40
Manufacturing	2,540	2,550	2,730	-10	-190
Durable goods	2,050	2,080	2,250	-30	-200
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,650	4,710	4,670	-60	-20
Information	710	710	730	0	-20
Financial activities	1,490	1,500	1,480	-10	10
Professional and business services	4,420	4,470	4,620	-50	-200
Private education and health services	7,280	7,320	7,130	-40	150
Health care and social assistance	6,880	6,940	6,740	-60	140
Leisure and hospitality	4,060	4,130	4,190	-70	-130
Other services	1,470	1,460	1,410	10	60
Government	16,260	16,640	15,880	-380	380
Federal government	490	510	500	-20	-10
State government	330	330	330	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	15,440	15,800	15,050	-360	390
Local education	14,030	14,360	13,560	-330	470

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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