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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): March 2024**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Increases to 4.7%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7% in March, up from its revised rate of 4.6% in February. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in March was 4.2%, matching its revised February rate of 4.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in March were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 100 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 20 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 80 jobs between February and March. Employment is now 1.7%, or 780 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was up 60 (+0.1%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 30 in March. Industries showing the largest employment declines in March included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-80 jobs, -2.4%); construction (-70 jobs, -2.3%); and retail trade (-30 jobs, -0.6%).

Public-sector employment was up 130 jobs in March. Local government education employment added 130. Federal government and state government employment were both unchanged in March.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	March 2024	February 2024	March 2023	February 2024	March 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	61,982	61,872	60,533	110	1,449
Unemployed	3,088	3,272	2,456	-184	632
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.3%	4.1%	-0.3	0.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.6%	4.8%	0.1	-0.1
Employed	58,894	58,600	58,077	294	817
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,360	47,260	47,590	100	-230
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,600	47,520	47,540	80	60
Total private	40,130	40,160	40,520	-30	-390
Mining, logging, and construction	3,440	3,500	3,380	-60	60
Mining and logging	450	440	400	10	50
Construction	2,990	3,060	2,980	-70	10
Manufacturing	8,260	8,250	8,150	10	110
Durable goods	6,200	6,200	5,970	0	230
Wood product manufacturing	2,170	2,170	2,120	0	50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,260	2,260	2,090	0	170
Nondurable goods	2,060	2,050	2,180	10	-120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,460	10,560	11,100	-100	-640
Wholesale trade	1,890	1,880	1,940	10	-50
Retail trade	5,330	5,360	5,470	-30	-140
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,240	3,320	3,690	-80	-450
Information	310	310	350	0	-40
Financial activities	1,440	1,430	1,400	10	40
Professional and business services	3,450	3,410	3,440	40	10
Private education and health services	7,690	7,670	7,480	20	210
Health care and social assistance	6,980	6,970	6,890	10	90
Leisure and hospitality	3,780	3,730	3,910	50	-130
Other services	1,300	1,300	1,310	0	-10
Government	7,230	7,100	7,070	130	160
Federal government	370	370	360	0	10
State government	660	660	630	0	30
Local government	6,200	6,070	6,080	130	120
Local education	4,060	3,950	3,910	110	150
Local government excluding educational services	2,140	2,120	2,170	20	-30

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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