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

## Linn County's Unemployment Remains at 4.4%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in September, unchanged from its revised rate of 4.4% in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 4.0%, unchanged from its revised August rate of 4.0%.

Linn County's employment gains in September were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 260 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 170 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 90 jobs between August and September. Employment is now 2.0%, or 950 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 300 (-0.6%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 20 in September. Industries showing the largest employment gains in September included private education and health services (+130 jobs, +1.7%); and trade, transportation, and utilities (+90 jobs, +0.9%).

Public-sector employment was up 240 in September. Local government employment was up 240 with the beginning of the school year. State government and federal government employment were both unchanged in September.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Thursday, Nov. 14.

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

|   |           |        |           | Change From |           |
|---|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|   | September | •      | September | -           | September |
|   | 2024      | 2024   | 2023      | 2024        | 2023      |
| Labor Force Status                              |           |        |           |             |           |
| Civilian labor force                            | 61,631    | 61,860 | 60,338    | -229        | 1,293     |
| Unemployed                                      | 2,697     | 2,789  | 2,341     | -92         | 356       |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.4%      | 4.5%   | 3.9%      | -0.1        | 0.5       |
| Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)         | 4.4%      | 4.4%   | 4.2%      | 0.0         | 0.2       |
| Employed  | 58,934    | 59,071 | 57,997    | -137        | 937       |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment                      |           |        |           |             |           |
| Total nonfarm employment                        | 48,000    | 47,740 | 47,770    | 260         | 230       |
| Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)  | 47,770    | 47,680 | 48,070    | 90          | -300      |
| Total private                                   | 41,120    | 41,100 | 41,130    | 20          | -10       |
| Mining, logging, and construction               | 3,680     | 3,760  | 3,860     | -80         | -180      |
| Mining and logging                              | 380       | 380    | 460       | 0           | -80       |
| Construction                                    | 3,300     | 3,380  | 3,400     | -80         | -100      |
| Manufacturing                                   | 8,480     | 8,510  | 8,320     | -30         | 160       |
| Durable goods                                   | 6,300     | 6,320  | 6,150     | -20         | 150       |
| Wood product manufacturing                      | 2,150     | 2,160  | 2,140     | -10         | 10        |
| Primary metal manufacturing                     | 2,380     | 2,380  | 2,240     | 0           | 140       |
| Nondurable goods                                | 2,180     | 2,190  | 2,170     | -10         | 10        |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities            | 10,630    | 10,540 | 10,890    | 90          | -260      |
| Wholesale trade                                 | 1,950     | 1,970  | 1,940     | -20         | 10        |
| Retail trade                                    | 5,350     | 5,350  | 5,480     | 0           | -130      |
| Transportation, warehousing, and utilities      | 3,330     | 3,220  | 3,470     | 110         | -140      |
| Information                                     | 350       | 350    | 330       | 0           | 20        |
| Financial activities                            | 1,450     | 1,450  | 1,480     | 0           | -30       |
| Professional and business services              | 3,320     | 3,360  | 3,570     | -40         | -250      |
| Private education and health services           | 7,840     | 7,710  | 7,460     | 130         | 380       |
| Health care and social assistance               | 7,160     | 7,140  | 6,810     | 20          | 350       |
| Leisure and hospitality                         | 3,980     | 4,030  | 3,840     | -50         | 140       |
| Other services                                  | 1,390     | 1,390  | 1,380     | 0           | 10        |
| Government                                      | 6,880     | 6,640  | 6,640     | 240         | 240       |
| Federal government                              | 380       | 380    | 390       | 0           | -10       |
| State government                                | 670       | 670    | 650       | 0           | 20        |
| Local government                                | 5,830     | 5,590  | 5,600     | 240         | 230       |
| Local education                                 | 3,520     | 3,220  | 3,490     | 300         | 30        |
| Local government excluding educational services | 2,310     | 2,370  | 2,110     | -60         | 200       |

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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