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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2016**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Drops to 3.4 Percent**

Benton County's unemployment rate declined to 3.4 percent in April, down from its revised rate of 3.5 percent in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April remained at 4.5 percent, matching its revised March rate.

Benton County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 120 jobs, when no employment change would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 120 between March and April. Benton County's employment level was 2,480, or 6.4 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has grown 680 over the past year, a 1.6 percent increase. Benton County's growth has been outpaced by the state and the nation. Oregon has shown job growth of 3.5 percent and the U.S. grew 1.9 percent. Benton County's private sector added 380 jobs over the past year, growing 1.4 percent. The public sector added 300 jobs, up 2.0 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: mining, logging, and construction (+80 jobs, or 7.1%); financial activities (+70 jobs, or 5.3%); health care and social assistance (+270 jobs, or 4.6 %) and other services (+50 jobs, or 3.8%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 14.

**Current Labor Force and Industry Employment**  
**CORVALLIS (Benton County) MSA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
 (by place of residence)

	Apr. 2016	Mar. 2016	Apr. 2015	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2016	Apr. 2015
Civilian Labor Force	46,466	46,620	45,049	-154	1,417
Unemployment	1,519	1,724	1,734	-205	-215
Percent of Labor Force	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	XX	XX
Total Employment	44,947	44,896	43,315	51	1,632
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.5%	4.3%	XX	XX

**CORVALLIS MSA (Benton County) NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT**  
 (by place of work)

	Apr. 2016	Mar. 2016	Apr. 2015	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2016	Apr. 2015
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	42,120	42,000	41,440	120	680
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	41,470	41,350	40,800	120	670
TOTAL PRIVATE	26,870	26,720	26,490	150	380
Mining, logging, and Construction	1,210	1,200	1,130	10	80
Manufacturing Total	2,780	2,780	3,030	0	-250
Durable Goods	2,410	2,420	2,720	-10	-310
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,610	4,580	4,540	30	70
Information	580	580	580	0	0
Financial Activities	1,380	1,370	1,310	10	70
Professional and Business Services	4,340	4,270	4,250	70	90
Educational and Health Services	6,670	6,660	6,390	10	280
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,140	6,130	5,870	10	270
Leisure and Hospitality	3,930	3,920	3,940	10	-10
Other Services	1,370	1,360	1,320	10	50
Government	15,250	15,280	14,950	-30	300
Federal Government	500	510	480	-10	20
State Government	11,880	11,890	11,710	-10	170
State Government Educational Services	11,530	11,520	11,310	10	220
Local Government	2,870	2,880	2,760	-10	110
Local Government Educational Services	1,610	1,620	1,530	-10	80
LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural Resources" includes only logging (NAICS 1133).

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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