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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): June 2019**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate at 3.2 Percent**

Benton County's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in June, unchanged from its revised rate (3.2%) in May. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in June was 4.1 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised May rate of 4.2 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in June were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 470 jobs, when an employment increase of 310 jobs was expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 160 jobs between May and June. Benton County's employment level was 5,180, or 13.3 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County has added 570 jobs over the past year, an increase of 1.3 percent. Benton County's employment growth was about the same as the nation, but was lower than the state. The U.S. job growth was 1.5 percent and Oregon grew 2.4 percent.

Benton County's private sector added 830 jobs over the past year, growing 2.9 percent. The public sector lost 260 jobs, a decrease of 1.6 percent, with local government education dropping 250 jobs.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year were mining, logging, and construction (+210 jobs, or 14.4%); leisure and hospitality (+240 jobs, or 5.6%); and education and health services (+350 jobs, or 4.9%).

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the July county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, August 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, August 13.



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

	--Change From--				
	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018	May 2019	June 2018
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	49,260	48,876	49,274	384	-14
Unemployed	1,660	1,220	1,705	440	-45
Unemployment rate	3.4%	2.5%	3.5%	0.9	-0.1
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.2%	3.2%	3.0%	0.0	0.2
Employed	47,600	47,656	47,569	-56	31
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	45,550	45,080	44,980	470	570
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	44,170	44,010	43,740	160	430
Total private	29,380	29,120	28,550	260	830
Mining, logging, and construction	1,670	1,660	1,460	10	210
Manufacturing	3,060	3,030	3,000	30	60
Durable goods	2,710	2,710	2,640	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,560	4,610	4,680	-50	-120
Information	550	540	570	10	-20
Financial activities	1,560	1,560	1,580	0	-20
Professional and business services	4,470	4,340	4,340	130	130
Education and health services	7,520	7,540	7,170	-20	350
Health care and social assistance	6,900	6,950	6,670	-50	230
Leisure and hospitality	4,560	4,410	4,320	150	240
Other services	1,430	1,430	1,430	0	0
Government	16,170	15,960	16,430	210	-260
Federal government	480	480	500	0	-20
State government	230	190	220	40	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	15,460	15,290	15,710	170	-250
Local education	14,080	13,910	14,330	170	-250

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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