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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): April 2017

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Edges Down to 2.8 Percent

Benton County's unemployment rate was 2.8 percent in April, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 2.9 percent in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 3.7 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised March rate of 3.8 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 170 jobs, when an employment gain of 120 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 50 between March and April. Benton County's employment level was 4,060, or 10.4 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak in November 2007.

Benton County's employment has added 960 over the past year, a 2.3 percent increase. Benton County's employment growth has outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon has shown job growth of 2.2 percent and the U.S. grew 1.4 percent. Benton County's private sector added 620 jobs over the past year, growing 2.3 percent. The public sector added 340 jobs, up 2.2 percent.

The fastest-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: professional and business services (+350 jobs, or 8.1%); mining, logging and construction (+50 jobs, or 4.1%); and education and health services (+230 jobs, or 3.4%).

Next Press Releases

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

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

	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2016	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2017	Apr. 2016
Civilian Labor Force	48,198	47,960	47,069	238	1,129
Unemployment	1,216	1,504	1,638	-288	-422
Percent of Labor Force	2.5%	3.1%	3.5%	XX	XX
Total Employment	46,982	46,456	45,431	526	1,551
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.9%	3.9%	XX	XX

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

	Apr. 2017	Mar. 2017	Apr. 2016	-Change from-	
				Mar. 2017	Apr. 2016
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	43,290	43,120	42,330	170	960
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT	43,050	43,000	41,710	50	1,340
TOTAL PRIVATE	27,620	27,380	27,000	240	620
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,260	1,260	1,210	0	50
Manufacturing Total	2,720	2,730	2,750	-10	-30
Durable Goods	2,450	2,430	2,440	20	10
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,480	4,450	4,490	30	-10
Information	550	550	580	0	-30
Financial Activities	1,470	1,470	1,440	0	30
Professional and Business Services	4,680	4,530	4,330	150	350
Education and Health Services	6,930	6,860	6,700	70	230
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,440	6,420	6,200	20	240
Leisure and Hospitality	4,140	4,150	4,130	-10	10
Other Services	1,390	1,380	1,370	10	20
Government	15,670	15,740	15,330	-70	340
Federal Government	490	500	500	-10	-10
State Government	410	410	390	0	20
State Government Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0
Local Government	14,770	14,830	14,440	-60	330
Local Government Educational Services	13,480	13,530	13,170	-50	310
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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