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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): September 2020**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.6 Percent**

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in September, down from its revised rate of 6.1 percent in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 8.0 percent, down from its revised August rate of 8.5 percent.

Benton County's employment gains in September were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased 1,620 jobs, when an employment increase of 890 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 730 jobs, or 1.9 percent, between August and September. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 10.7 percent below the level in February, down 4,720 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring.

The private sector was a mix of industries gaining and losing employment. Leisure and hospitality and professional and business services each shed 30 jobs in September. Mining, logging, and construction; durable goods manufacturing; and trade, transportation, and utilities each reported an employment decline of 10 in September.

Employment gains occurred in private education and health services and other services, which added 70 jobs and 20 jobs, respectively, in September.

Leisure and hospitality has shown the largest employment decline in recent months. Despite adding 30 jobs in September the sector's employment is down 1,920 jobs, or 45 percent, compared with September 2019.

The public sector added 1,610 jobs in September, with the majority of those gains in local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, November 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, November 17.



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

			--Change From--		
	September 2020	August 2020	September 2019	August 2020	September 2019
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	45,281	44,669	47,015	612	-1,734
Unemployed	2,480	2,956	1,318	-476	1,162
Unemployment rate	5.5%	6.6%	2.8%	-1.1	2.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.6%	6.1%	2.8%	-0.5	2.8
Employed	42,801	41,713	45,697	1,088	-2,896
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	38,190	36,570	42,030	1,620	-3,840
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	39,280	38,550	43,280	730	-4,000
Total private	25,410	25,400	28,450	10	-3,040
Mining, logging, and construction	1,630	1,640	1,540	-10	90
Manufacturing	2,650	2,650	3,070	0	-420
Durable goods	2,440	2,450	2,670	-10	-230
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,400	4,410	4,520	-10	-120
Information	590	590	610	0	-20
Financial activities	1,470	1,470	1,550	0	-80
Professional and business services	4,160	4,190	4,410	-30	-250
Education and health services	6,920	6,850	7,060	70	-140
Health care and social assistance	6,470	6,410	6,560	60	-90
Leisure and hospitality	2,380	2,410	4,300	-30	-1,920
Other services	1,210	1,190	1,390	20	-180
Government	12,780	11,170	13,580	1,610	-800
Federal government	550	600	500	-50	50
State government	250	250	250	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	11,980	10,320	12,830	1,660	-850
Local education	10,510	9,120	11,370	1,390	-860

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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