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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): July 2021

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.1%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in July, down from its revised rate of 4.4% in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 5.2%, down from its revised June rate of 5.6%.

Benton County's employment losses in July were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 2,550 jobs, when an employment decrease of 3,560 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 1,010 jobs, or 2.6%, between June and July. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 6.5% below the level in February 2020, down 2,820 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Leisure and hospitality employment remains down 890 jobs or 20.3% from its pre-recession level in February 2020.

The private sector overall gained 80 jobs over the month. Leisure and hospitality added 100 jobs in July, up 2.9%. Manufacturing added 50 jobs in July, a gain of 1.7%.

The public sector shed 2,630 jobs in July. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, shed 2,640 jobs for summer break. State and federal government employment were both unchanged in July.

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



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

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	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020	June 2021	July 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	46,441	47,773	43,548	-1,332	2,893
Unemployed	1,882	1,909	3,522	-27	-1,640
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.0%	8.1%	0.1	-4.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	4.4%	6.8%	-0.3	-2.7
Employed	44,559	45,864	40,026	-1,305	4,533
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	38,240	40,790	37,370	-2,550	870
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	40,600	39,590	39,830	1,010	770
Total private	26,840	26,760	26,010	80	830
Mining, logging, and construction	1,450	1,410	1,480	40	-30
Manufacturing	2,920	2,870	2,800	50	120
Durable goods	2,440	2,420	2,440	20	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,690	4,680	4,360	10	330
Information	600	590	590	10	10
Financial activities	1,480	1,470	1,530	10	-50
Professional and business services	4,270	4,270	4,180	0	90
Education and health services	6,640	6,770	6,660	-130	-20
Health care and social assistance	6,480	6,540	6,310	-60	170
Leisure and hospitality	3,500	3,400	3,170	100	330
Other services	1,290	1,300	1,240	-10	50
Government	11,400	14,030	11,360	-2,630	40
Federal government	500	500	520	0	-20
State government	260	260	250	0	10
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	10,640	13,270	10,590	-2,630	50
Local education	9,280	11,920	9,270	-2,640	10

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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