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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): August 2021

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.4%

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4% in August, down from its revised rate of 5.9% in July. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in August was 4.9%, down from its revised July rate of 5.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in August were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 710 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 380. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 330 jobs between July and August. Employment is now 0.9%, or 400 jobs, below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in August include: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+290 jobs, +7.6%); and private education and health services (+170 jobs, +2.5%).

Retail trade (-50 jobs, -0.9%) and manufacturing (-20 jobs, -0.3%) were the industries reporting the most employment losses in August.

Public-sector employment was up 110 jobs in August. Local government education gained 110 jobs in August. Federal government employment declined 10 while state government was unchanged in August.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Oct. 19.



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Albany MSA (Linn County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2021	August 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	60,938	60,823	58,864	115	2,074
Unemployed	3,023	3,284	4,839	-261	-1,816
Unemployment rate	5.0%	5.4%	8.2%	-0.4	-3.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.4%	5.8%	7.9%	-0.4	-2.5
Employed	57,915	57,539	54,025	376	3,890
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	46,400	45,690	43,760	710	2,640
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,540	46,210	44,300	330	2,240
Total private	40,090	39,490	37,820	600	2,270
Mining, logging, and construction	3,590	3,550	3,460	40	130
Mining and logging	460	450	410	10	50
Construction	3,130	3,100	3,050	30	80
Manufacturing	7,770	7,790	7,620	-20	150
Durable goods	5,520	5,530	5,450	-10	70
Wood product manufacturing	2,080	2,090	2,010	-10	70
Primary metal manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Nondurable goods	2,250	2,260	2,170	-10	80
Trade, transportation, and utilities	11,510	11,280	10,630	230	880
Wholesale trade	1,970	1,980	1,790	-10	180
Retail trade	5,420	5,470	5,430	-50	-10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	4,120	3,830	3,410	290	710
Information	290	280	330	10	-40
Financial activities	1,310	1,300	1,450	10	-140
Professional and business services	3,370	3,250	3,130	120	240
Education and health services	7,050	6,880	6,630	170	420
Health care and social assistance	6,610	6,550	6,300	60	310
Leisure and hospitality	3,910	3,880	3,280	30	630
Other services	1,290	1,280	1,290	10	0
Government	6,310	6,200	5,940	110	370
Federal government	320	330	450	-10	-130
State government	610	610	630	0	-20
Local government	5,380	5,260	4,860	120	520
Local education	3,160	3,050	2,780	110	380
Local government excluding educational services	2,220	2,210	2,080	10	140

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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