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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): September 2021**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.2%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in September, down from its revised rate of 5.4% in August. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in September was 4.7%, down from its revised August rate of 5.0%.

Linn County's employment gains in September were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 60 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 350. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 290 jobs between August and September. Employment is now 1.8%, or 860 jobs, below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Only two industries in the private sector showed employment gains in September; transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+170 jobs, +4.1%); and other services (+40 jobs, +3.1%).

Leisure and hospitality (-170 jobs, -4.3%) and private education and health services (-100 jobs, -1.4%) were the industries reporting the most employment losses in September.

Public-sector employment was up 370 jobs in September. Local government education gained 380 jobs in September. Federal government employment was unchanged while state government added 40 jobs in September.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the October county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Nov. 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Nov. 16.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	September 2021	August 2021	September 2020	--Change From--	
				August 2021	September 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	214,347	214,152	206,982	195	7,365
Unemployed	8,455	9,429	13,555	-974	-5,100
Unemployment rate	3.9%	4.4%	6.5%	-0.5	-2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.7%	4.9%	7.0%	-0.2	-2.3
Employed	205,892	204,723	193,427	1,169	12,465
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	174,700	171,400	165,400	3,300	9,300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>173,700</i>	<i>172,700</i>	<i>164,700</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>9,000</i>
Total private	132,500	132,300	125,300	200	7,200
Mining, logging, and construction	14,300	14,400	13,300	-100	1,000
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,700	13,800	12,700	-100	1,000
Manufacturing	12,600	13,100	12,200	-500	400
Durable goods	5,900	6,000	5,800	-100	100
Nondurable goods	6,700	7,100	6,400	-400	300
Food manufacturing	4,300	4,500	4,200	-200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,400	30,200	29,100	200	1,300
Wholesale trade	4,300	4,300	4,000	0	300
Retail trade	19,100	19,000	18,400	100	700
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,000	6,900	6,700	100	300
Information	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Financial activities	6,800	6,900	6,800	-100	0
Professional and business services	16,700	16,200	14,200	500	2,500
Administrative and support services	8,800	8,400	7,400	400	1,400
Education and health services	30,000	29,700	29,600	300	400
Health care and social assistance	26,700	26,600	26,500	100	200
Leisure and hospitality	14,800	14,900	13,800	-100	1,000
Accommodation and food services	13,600	13,600	12,300	0	1,300
Other services	5,500	5,500	4,900	0	600
Government	42,200	39,100	40,100	3,100	2,100
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,700	0	-300
State government	22,000	20,800	20,500	1,200	1,500
State education	1,100	900	900	200	200
Local government	18,800	16,900	17,900	1,900	900
Indian tribal	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Local education	10,600	8,500	9,700	2,100	900

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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