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

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.6%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in December, down from its revised rate of 4.7% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was 4.1%, down from its revised November rate of 4.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in December were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 330 jobs, when employment would be expected to decline 50. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 380 jobs between November and December. Employment is now 0.3%, or 130 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

The private sector gained 350 jobs in December. Industries showing the largest employment gains in December include: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+200 jobs, +4.2%); retail trade (+110 jobs, +1.9%); and leisure and hospitality (+70 jobs, +1.8%).

Professional and business services (-60 jobs, -2.0%); information (-40 jobs, -9.8%); and construction (-30 jobs, -1.0%) were the industries reporting employment losses in December.

Public-sector employment was down 20 jobs in December. Local government shed 20 jobs in December. Federal government and state government employment were both unchanged in December.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Mar. 8 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Mar. 8.



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

	--Change From--				
	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2021	December 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	60,605	60,611	59,568	-6	1,037
Unemployed	2,430	2,324	3,796	106	-1,366
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.8%	6.4%	0.2	-2.4
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	6.5%	-0.1	-1.9
Employed	58,175	58,287	55,772	-112	2,403
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,260	46,930	44,340	330	2,920
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,070	46,690	44,000	380	3,070
Total private	40,450	40,100	38,050	350	2,400
Mining, logging, and construction	3,410	3,430	3,350	-20	60
Mining and logging	450	440	410	10	40
Construction	2,960	2,990	2,940	-30	20
Manufacturing	7,540	7,500	7,410	40	130
Durable goods	5,370	5,330	5,310	40	60
Wood product manufacturing	2,050	2,050	1,950	0	100
Primary metal manufacturing	1,650	1,650	1,650	0	0
Nondurable goods	2,170	2,170	2,100	0	70
Trade, transportation, and utilities	12,650	12,340	11,350	310	1,300
Wholesale trade	1,860	1,860	1,770	0	90
Retail trade	5,800	5,690	5,570	110	230
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	4,990	4,790	4,010	200	980
Information	370	410	310	-40	60
Financial activities	1,320	1,320	1,360	0	-40
Professional and business services	2,870	2,930	3,090	-60	-220
Education and health services	7,080	7,030	7,110	50	-30
Health care and social assistance	6,840	6,780	6,610	60	230
Leisure and hospitality	3,870	3,800	2,890	70	980
Other services	1,340	1,340	1,180	0	160
Government	6,810	6,830	6,290	-20	520
Federal government	310	310	330	0	-20
State government	590	590	590	0	0
Local government	5,910	5,930	5,370	-20	540
Local education	3,730	3,720	3,310	10	420
Local government excluding educational services	2,180	2,210	2,060	-30	120

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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