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## **Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): March 2022**

### **Benton County's Unemployment Rate at 2.9%**

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.9% in March, down from its revised rate of 3.0% in February. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in March was 3.8%, down from its revised February rate of 4.0%.

Benton County's employment gains in March were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 270 jobs, when an employment increase of 180 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 90 jobs, or 0.2%, between February and March. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 3.3% below the level in February 2020, down 1,450 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Leisure and hospitality added 100 jobs in March. The sector's employment grew 1,160 or 38.2% over the past year.

The private sector overall added 190 jobs over the month. Trade, transportation, and utilities added 40 jobs in March, growing 0.8%. Other services employment grew 20 or 1.6% in March.

The public sector added 80 jobs in March. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 160 jobs. Federal government and state government employment were both unchanged in March.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 24 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, May 18.



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

	--Change From--				
	March 2022	February 2022	March 2021	February 2022	March 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	50,062	49,563	47,599	499	2,463
Unemployed	1,487	1,378	2,320	109	-833
Unemployment rate	3.0%	2.8%	4.9%	0.2	-1.9
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2.9%	3.0%	4.7%	-0.1	-1.8
Employed	48,575	48,185	45,279	390	3,296
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	42,910	42,640	40,280	270	2,630
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	42,260	42,170	39,870	90	2,390
Total private	28,080	27,890	26,270	190	1,810
Mining, logging, and construction	1,400	1,400	1,380	0	20
Manufacturing	3,010	3,000	2,830	10	180
Durable goods	2,510	2,490	2,390	20	120
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,920	4,880	4,750	40	170
Information	670	680	580	-10	90
Financial activities	1,490	1,480	1,500	10	-10
Professional and business services	4,490	4,470	4,370	20	120
Education and health services	6,610	6,610	6,620	0	-10
Health care and social assistance	6,260	6,260	6,280	0	-20
Leisure and hospitality	4,200	4,100	3,040	100	1,160
Other services	1,290	1,270	1,200	20	90
Government	14,830	14,750	14,010	80	820
Federal government	470	470	460	0	10
State government	250	250	250	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,110	14,030	13,300	80	810
Local education	12,800	12,640	11,950	160	850

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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