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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): April 2020

Linn County's Unemployment Rate Jumps to 15.6 Percent

Linn County's not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 15.6 percent in April, up from its revised rate of 4.5 percent in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 14.8 percent, up from its revised March rate of 3.9 percent.

April seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are not available for Linn County due to processing delays caused by large increases in unemployment. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates are being used for this news release. They reflect April's increase in unemployment related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for April will be available on Qualityinfo.org or by request at a later date. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Linn County's employment losses in April were much larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased 4,620 jobs, when an employment gain of 20 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 4,640 jobs or 10.0 percent between March and April.

All industries in the private sector showed employment declines in April. Leisure and hospitality showed the sharpest decline, shedding 1,640 jobs for a 44 percent decline over the month. Retail trade employment declined 540 in April, a monthly decline of 10 percent. Health care and social assistance showed an employment decline of 520 in April, nearly a 9 percent decline. Other services had a monthly employment decline of 400, or 27 percent in April. Other services includes many businesses that offer personal services that were temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

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



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	March 2020	April 2019
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	60,870	59,180	58,968	1,690	1,902
Unemployed	9,469	2,690	2,604	6,779	6,865
Unemployment rate	15.6%	4.5%	4.4%	11.1	11.2
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	51,401	56,490	56,364	-5,089	-4,963
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	41,970	46,590	46,910	-4,620	-4,940
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>41,910</i>	<i>46,550</i>	<i>46,630</i>	<i>-4,640</i>	<i>-4,720</i>
Total private	35,320	39,530	39,630	-4,210	-4,310
Mining, logging, and construction	3,220	3,550	3,660	-330	-440
Mining and logging	410	420	450	-10	-40
Construction	2,810	3,130	3,210	-320	-400
Manufacturing	8,320	8,690	8,680	-370	-360
Durable goods	6,290	6,470	6,480	-180	-190
Wood product manufacturing	2,100	2,120	2,150	-20	-50
Primary metal manufacturing	2,400	2,450	2,430	-50	-30
Nondurable goods	2,030	2,220	2,200	-190	-170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	9,630	10,270	10,190	-640	-560
Wholesale trade	1,610	1,690	1,740	-80	-130
Retail trade	4,790	5,330	5,270	-540	-480
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,230	3,250	3,180	-20	50
Information	400	420	430	-20	-30
Financial activities	1,480	1,540	1,490	-60	-10
Professional and business services	2,850	3,110	3,200	-260	-350
Education and health services	6,230	6,720	6,640	-490	-410
Health care and social assistance	5,540	6,060	6,000	-520	-460
Leisure and hospitality	2,100	3,740	3,840	-1,640	-1,740
Other services	1,090	1,490	1,500	-400	-410
Government	6,650	7,060	7,280	-410	-630
Federal government	310	300	310	10	0
State government	610	630	600	-20	10
Local government	5,730	6,130	6,370	-400	-640
Local education	3,880	4,120	4,200	-240	-320
Local government excluding educational services	1,850	2,010	2,170	-160	-320

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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