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Employment in Corvallis MSA (Benton County): December 2021

Benton County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 3.1%

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1% in December, down from its revised rate of 3.2% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was 4.1%, down from its revised November rate of 4.2%.

Benton County's employment losses in December were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 50 jobs, when an employment decrease of 200 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 150 jobs, or 0.4%, between November and December. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 4.8% below the level in February 2020, down 2,070 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Leisure and hospitality lost 20 jobs in December. The sector's employment grew 1,060 or 36.4% over the past year.

The private sector overall shed 230 jobs over the month. Professional and business services dropped 110 jobs in December, down 2.5%. Trade, transportation, and utilities shed 80 jobs in December, declining 1.7%.

The public sector added 180 jobs in December. Local government education, which includes both local school districts and OSU, added 200 jobs in December. Federal government and state government employment both were 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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Corvallis MSA (Benton County) Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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| | December 2021 | November 2021 | December 2020 | November 2021 | December 2020 |
| Labor Force Status | | | | | |
| Civilian labor force | 47,825 | 48,000 | 47,061 | -175 | 764 |
| Unemployed | 1,233 | 1,182 | 2,027 | 51 | -794 |
| Unemployment rate | 2.6% | 2.5% | 4.3% | 0.1 | -1.7 |
| <i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 3.1% | 3.2% | 4.8% | -0.1 | -1.7 |
| Employed | 46,592 | 46,818 | 45,034 | -226 | 1,558 |
| Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | | |
| Total nonfarm employment | 41,940 | 41,990 | 39,670 | -50 | 2,270 |
| <i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i> | 41,350 | 41,200 | 39,040 | 150 | 2,310 |
| Total private | 27,280 | 27,510 | 26,240 | -230 | 1,040 |
| Mining, logging, and construction | 1,460 | 1,490 | 1,400 | -30 | 60 |
| Manufacturing | 2,940 | 2,940 | 2,860 | 0 | 80 |
| Durable goods | 2,490 | 2,490 | 2,450 | 0 | 40 |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 4,760 | 4,840 | 4,670 | -80 | 90 |
| Information | 620 | 610 | 550 | 10 | 70 |
| Financial activities | 1,500 | 1,490 | 1,520 | 10 | -20 |
| Professional and business services | 4,330 | 4,440 | 4,310 | -110 | 20 |
| Education and health services | 6,440 | 6,470 | 6,800 | -30 | -360 |
| Health care and social assistance | 6,340 | 6,320 | 6,460 | 20 | -120 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 3,970 | 3,990 | 2,910 | -20 | 1,060 |
| Other services | 1,260 | 1,240 | 1,220 | 20 | 40 |
| Government | 14,660 | 14,480 | 13,430 | 180 | 1,230 |
| Federal government | 470 | 470 | 470 | 0 | 0 |
| State government | 260 | 260 | 240 | 0 | 20 |
| State education | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local government | 13,930 | 13,750 | 12,720 | 180 | 1,210 |
| Local education | 12,490 | 12,290 | 11,330 | 200 | 1,160 |

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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