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

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

Benton County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.9% in April, matching its revised rate of 2.9% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 3.7%, down from its revised March rate of 3.8%.

Benton County's employment gains in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 220 jobs, when an employment increase of 70 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 150 jobs, or 0.4%, between March and April. Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment remains 2.1% below the level in February 2020, down 920 jobs after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Leisure and hospitality added 30 jobs in April. The sector's employment grew 720 or 24.4% over the past year.

The private sector overall added 190 jobs over the month. Private education and health services added 80 jobs in April, growing 1.2%. Manufacturing employment grew 40 or 1.3% in April.

The public sector added 30 jobs in April. Local government added 20 jobs. Federal government added 10 jobs and state government employment was unchanged in April.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, June 15.



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2022	March 2022	April 2021	March 2022	April 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	50,037	49,948	47,833	89	2,204
Unemployed	1,456	1,473	2,010	-17	-554
Unemployment rate	2.9%	2.9%	4.2%	0.0	-1.3
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2.9%	2.9%	4.5%	0.0	-1.6
Employed	48,581	48,475	45,823	106	2,758
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	43,360	43,140	41,070	220	2,290
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	42,790	42,640	40,190	150	2,600
Total private	28,500	28,310	26,930	190	1,570
Mining, logging, and construction	1,450	1,430	1,420	20	30
Manufacturing	3,050	3,010	2,870	40	180
Durable goods	2,570	2,550	2,400	20	170
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,960	4,940	4,780	20	180
Information	680	680	620	0	60
Financial activities	1,490	1,500	1,520	-10	-30
Professional and business services	4,610	4,610	4,440	0	170
Education and health services	6,700	6,620	6,620	80	80
Health care and social assistance	6,310	6,240	6,280	70	30
Leisure and hospitality	4,280	4,250	3,440	30	840
Other services	1,280	1,270	1,220	10	60
Government	14,860	14,830	14,140	30	720
Federal government	480	470	480	10	0
State government	250	250	250	0	0
State education	0	0	0	0	0
Local government	14,130	14,110	13,410	20	720
Local education	12,690	12,690	12,020	0	670

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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