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

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Declines to 4.9%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9% in October, down from its revised rate of 5.2% in September. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in October was 4.4%, down from its revised September rate of 4.7%.

Linn County's employment gains in October were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 710 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 10. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 720 jobs between September and October. Employment is now just 0.1%, or 50 jobs, below the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

The private sector gained 610 jobs in October. Industries showing the largest employment gains in October include: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+510 jobs, +4.4%); financial activities (+80 jobs, +6.1%); and leisure and hospitality (+80 jobs, +2.2%).

Professional and business services (-70 jobs, -2.2%) and construction (-30 jobs, -1.0%) were the industries reporting the most employment losses in October.

Public-sector employment was up 100 jobs in October. Local government education gained 130 jobs in October. Federal government employment was unchanged while state government shed 20 jobs in October.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, Dec. 14.



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

	--Change From--				
	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2021	October 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	60,909	60,860	58,996	49	1,913
Unemployed	2,339	2,816	3,880	-477	-1,541
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.6%	6.6%	-0.8	-2.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.9%	5.2%	7.0%	-0.3	-2.1
Employed	58,570	58,044	55,116	526	3,454
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	47,150	46,440	45,140	710	2,010
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	46,890	46,170	44,740	720	2,150
Total private	40,360	39,750	38,810	610	1,550
Mining, logging, and construction	3,480	3,500	3,510	-20	-30
Mining and logging	450	440	420	10	30
Construction	3,030	3,060	3,090	-30	-60
Manufacturing	7,830	7,790	7,720	40	110
Durable goods	5,640	5,570	5,520	70	120
Wood product manufacturing	2,040	2,050	1,960	-10	80
Primary metal manufacturing	1,650	1,650	1,830	0	-180
Nondurable goods	2,190	2,220	2,200	-30	-10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	12,090	11,580	11,170	510	920
Wholesale trade	1,920	1,890	1,770	30	150
Retail trade	5,570	5,460	5,490	110	80
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	4,600	4,230	3,910	370	690
Information	350	360	320	-10	30
Financial activities	1,400	1,320	1,410	80	-10
Professional and business services	3,140	3,210	3,110	-70	30
Education and health services	7,010	7,020	6,960	-10	50
Health care and social assistance	6,780	6,740	6,480	40	300
Leisure and hospitality	3,710	3,630	3,320	80	390
Other services	1,350	1,340	1,290	10	60
Government	6,790	6,690	6,330	100	460
Federal government	320	320	350	0	-30
State government	590	610	610	-20	-20
Local government	5,880	5,760	5,370	120	510
Local education	3,670	3,540	3,260	130	410
Local government excluding educational services	2,210	2,220	2,110	-10	100

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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