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## **Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): April 2024**

### **Linn County's Unemployment Rate Decreases to 4.6%**

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6% in April, edging down from its revised rate of 4.7% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 4.2%, matching its revised March rate of 4.2%.

Linn County's employment gains in April were more than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 80 jobs, when employment would be expected to increase 20 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 60 jobs between March and April. Employment is now 1.3%, or 630 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was down 270 (-0.6%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was up 80 in April. Industries showing the largest employment gains in April included construction (+80 jobs, +2.6%); manufacturing (+60 jobs, +0.6%); and health care and social assistance (+40 jobs, +0.6%).

Public-sector employment was flat in April. Local government employment shed 10. Federal government employment added 10 while 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 Tuesday, June 25 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Thursday, June 20.



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

	--Change From--				
	April 2024	March 2024	April 2023	March 2024	April 2023
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	61,566	61,930	60,017	-364	1,549
Unemployed	2,529	3,059	2,018	-530	511
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.9%	3.4%	-0.8	0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.6%	4.7%	3.8%	-0.1	0.8
Employed	59,037	58,871	57,999	166	1,038
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	46,940	46,860	47,930	80	-990
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	47,450	47,390	47,720	60	-270
Total private	39,710	39,630	40,860	80	-1,150
Mining, logging, and construction	3,500	3,410	3,490	90	10
Mining and logging	380	370	380	10	0
Construction	3,120	3,040	3,110	80	10
Manufacturing	8,300	8,240	8,250	60	50
Durable goods	6,190	6,140	6,100	50	90
Wood product manufacturing	2,130	2,120	2,190	10	-60
Primary metal manufacturing	2,320	2,290	2,150	30	170
Nondurable goods	2,110	2,100	2,150	10	-40
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,080	10,210	11,140	-130	-1,060
Wholesale trade	1,870	1,870	1,960	0	-90
Retail trade	5,250	5,290	5,500	-40	-250
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	2,960	3,050	3,680	-90	-720
Information	370	360	360	10	10
Financial activities	1,450	1,450	1,510	0	-60
Professional and business services	3,250	3,230	3,410	20	-160
Private education and health services	7,630	7,580	7,510	50	120
Health care and social assistance	6,990	6,950	6,910	40	80
Leisure and hospitality	3,810	3,830	3,860	-20	-50
Other services	1,320	1,320	1,330	0	-10
Government	7,230	7,230	7,070	0	160
Federal government	380	370	360	10	20
State government	650	650	640	0	10
Local government	6,200	6,210	6,070	-10	130
Local education	4,020	4,060	3,920	-40	100
Local government excluding educational services	2,180	2,150	2,150	30	30

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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