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Employment in Albany MSA (Linn County): January 2025

Linn County's Unemployment up to 5.7%

Linn County's employment losses in January were fairly normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 920 jobs, when employment would be expected to decrease 930 jobs. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 10 jobs between December and January. Employment is now 2.6%, or 1,210 jobs, above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Linn County's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment was up 790 (+1.7%) over the past year.

Private-sector employment was down 950 in January. Industries showing the largest employment losses in January included transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-340 jobs, -9.5%); and retail trade (-170 jobs, -3.1%).

Public-sector employment was up 30 in January. Local government employment was up 40. State government employment was down 10. Federal government employment was unchanged in January.

Linn County's unadjusted unemployment rate was 5.7% in January, up from its revised rate of 4.6% in December. Oregon's statewide unadjusted unemployment rate in January was 5.4%, up from its revised December rate of 4.3%.

Labor force statistics for Oregon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) are produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Through June 2025, seasonally adjusted data are not available for Oregon MSAs or other MSAs around the country. New MSA definitions resulting from the 2020 Census are being incorporated into the history of the data series back to 1990, as well as other updates to the processing of labor force estimates for substate areas. Read more on this pause in seasonally adjusted metro area data [here](#).

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the February county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 1 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, March 26.



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

	--Change From--				
	January 2025	December 2024	January 2024	December 2024	January 2024
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	62,118	62,461	60,949	-343	1,169
Unemployed	3,532	2,874	3,162	658	370
Unemployment rate	5.7%	4.6%	5.2%	1.1	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>					
Employed	58,586	59,587	57,787	-1,001	799
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	47,720	48,640	46,880	-920	840
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	48,110	48,100	47,320	10	790
Total private	40,610	41,560	39,770	-950	840
Mining, logging, and construction	3,550	3,680	3,450	-130	100
Mining and logging	420	430	370	-10	50
Construction	3,130	3,250	3,080	-120	50
Manufacturing	8,150	8,290	8,170	-140	-20
Durable goods	6,030	6,150	6,060	-120	-30
Wood product manufacturing	1,980	2,010	2,070	-30	-90
Primary metal manufacturing	2,360	2,400	2,270	-40	90
Nondurable goods	2,120	2,140	2,110	-20	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	10,360	10,870	10,420	-510	-60
Wholesale trade	1,820	1,820	1,870	0	-50
Retail trade	5,310	5,480	5,300	-170	10
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	3,230	3,570	3,250	-340	-20
Information	300	300	310	0	-10
Financial activities	1,540	1,560	1,510	-20	30
Professional and business services	3,570	3,620	3,150	-50	420
Private education and health services	7,940	8,010	7,430	-70	510
Health care and social assistance	7,180	7,240	6,750	-60	430
Leisure and hospitality	3,800	3,840	3,970	-40	-170
Other services	1,400	1,390	1,360	10	40
Government	7,110	7,080	7,110	30	0
Federal government	380	380	380	0	0
State government	710	720	670	-10	40
Local government	6,020	5,980	6,060	40	-40
Local education	3,910	3,860	3,880	50	30
Local government excluding educational services	2,110	2,120	2,180	-10	-70

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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