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Employment in Linn County (Albany MSA): November 2017

Linn County's Unemployment Rate declines to 4.4 Percent

Linn County's unemployment rate in November declined to 4.4 percent, down from its revised rate in October of 4.8 percent. Over the past 12 months Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has declined 0.8 percentage point. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in November was 4.2 percent, essentially unchanged from its revised October rate of 4.3 percent. The national unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in November.

Linn County's employment gains in November were more than normal; total nonfarm employment was unchanged, when a decrease of roughly 80 jobs would be expected. The difference resulted in an 80-job seasonally adjusted increase between October and November. Linn County's employment was 1,840 jobs or 4.2 percent above its pre-recession employment peak in February 2008.

Over the past year Linn County added 1,310 jobs, a 2.9 percent increase. Linn County's employment growth has outpaced the state and the nation. Oregon's employment has shown job growth of 1.7 percent and the U.S. grew 1.4 percent. Linn County's private sector added 1,310 jobs over the past year, growing 3.6 percent. Public sector employment was unchanged over the past year.

Fast-growing private-sector industries over the past year included: financial activities (+210 jobs, or 13.9%); construction (+310 jobs, or 11.7%); and education and health services (+350 jobs, or 6.2%).

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the December county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, January 23 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, January 17.

Current Labor Force and Industry Employment
LINN COUNTY LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
 (by place of residence)

| | -Change from- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Nov. 2017 | Oct. 2017 | Nov. 2016 | Oct. 2017 | Nov. 2016 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 59,737 | 59,777 | 57,692 | -40 | 2,045 |
| Unemployment | 2,595 | 2,821 | 2,905 | -226 | -310 |
| Percent of Labor Force | 4.3% | 4.7% | 5.0% | XX | XX |
| Total Employment | 57,142 | 56,956 | 54,787 | 186 | 2,355 |
| Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate | 4.4% | 4.8% | 5.2% | XX | XX |

LINN COUNTY NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT
 (by place of work)

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|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Nov. 2017 | Oct. 2017 | Nov. 2016 | Oct. 2017 | Nov. 2016 |
| TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT | 45,930 | 45,930 | 44,620 | 0 | 1,310 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT | 45,400 | 45,320 | 44,060 | 80 | 1,340 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 37,840 | 37,850 | 36,530 | -10 | 1,310 |
| Mining and Logging | 440 | 440 | 420 | 0 | 20 |
| Construction | 2,960 | 3,100 | 2,650 | -140 | 310 |
| Manufacturing Total | 8,080 | 8,060 | 7,760 | 20 | 320 |
| Durable Goods | 6,110 | 6,050 | 5,810 | 60 | 300 |
| Wood Product Manufacturing | 1,840 | 1,840 | 1,820 | 0 | 20 |
| Primary Metal Manufacturing | 2,130 | 2,140 | 2,060 | -10 | 70 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1,970 | 2,010 | 1,950 | -40 | 20 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 9,900 | 9,830 | 9,930 | 70 | -30 |
| Wholesale Trade | 1,590 | 1,600 | 1,680 | -10 | -90 |
| Retail Trade | 5,310 | 5,220 | 5,250 | 90 | 60 |
| Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities | 3,000 | 3,010 | 3,000 | -10 | 0 |
| Information | 470 | 460 | 470 | 10 | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 1,720 | 1,700 | 1,510 | 20 | 210 |
| Professional and Business Services | 3,280 | 3,290 | 3,090 | -10 | 190 |
| Education and Health Services | 6,010 | 5,960 | 5,660 | 50 | 350 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 5,210 | 5,220 | 5,110 | -10 | 100 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 3,570 | 3,600 | 3,610 | -30 | -40 |
| Other Services | 1,410 | 1,410 | 1,430 | 0 | -20 |
| Government | 8,090 | 8,080 | 8,090 | 10 | 0 |
| Federal Government | 310 | 310 | 320 | 0 | -10 |
| State Government | 1,430 | 1,440 | 1,430 | -10 | 0 |
| Local Government | 6,350 | 6,330 | 6,340 | 20 | 10 |
| Local Government Educational Services | 4,230 | 4,220 | 4,130 | 10 | 100 |
| Local Government Excluding Education | 2,120 | 2,110 | 2,210 | 10 | -90 |
| LABOR-MANAGEMENT DISPUTES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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.

Labor Force Status: Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm 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: 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. "Natural Resources" includes only Logging (NAICS 1133).

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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