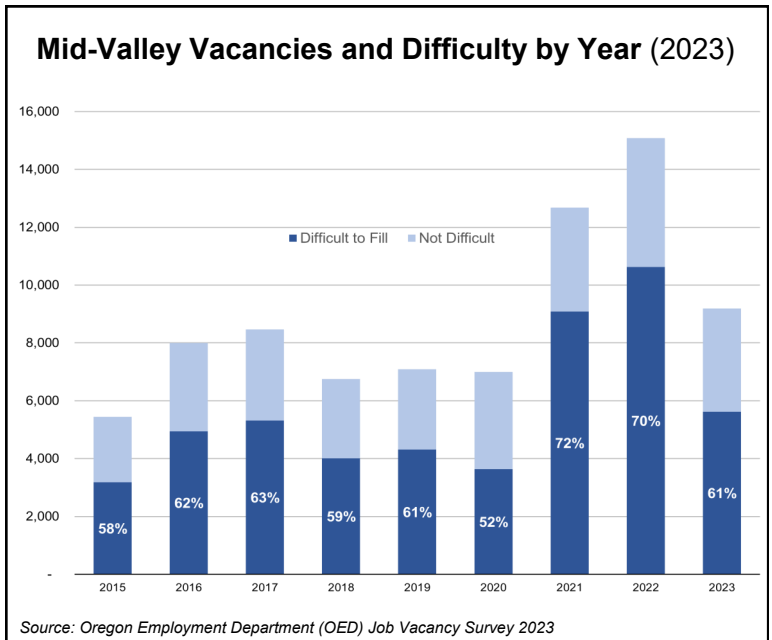
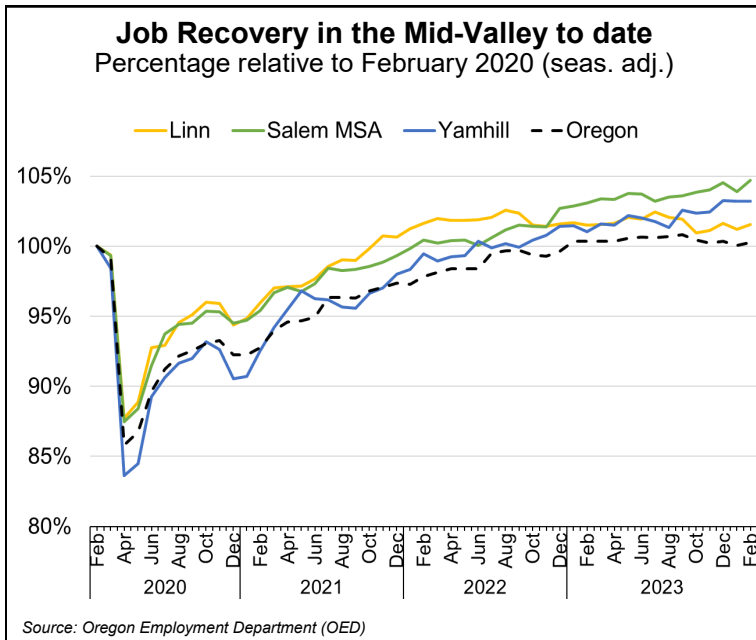
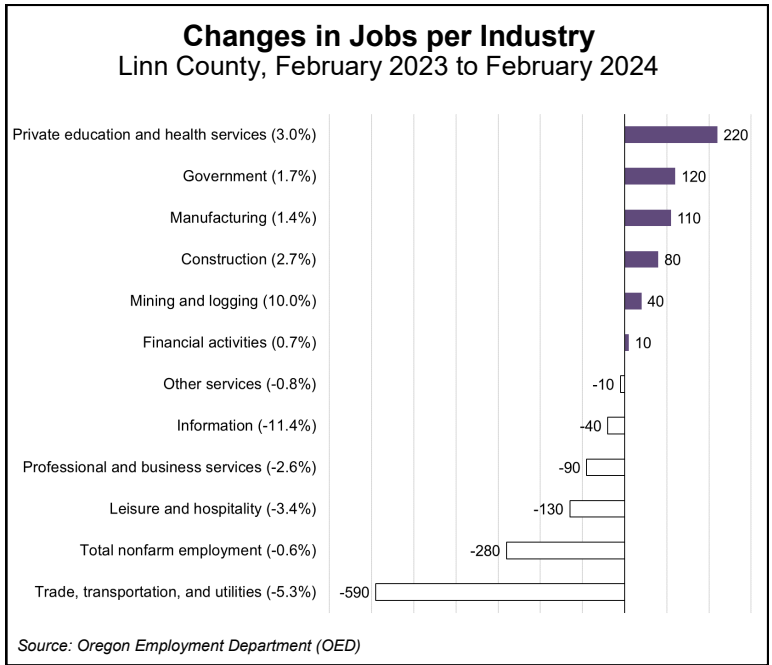
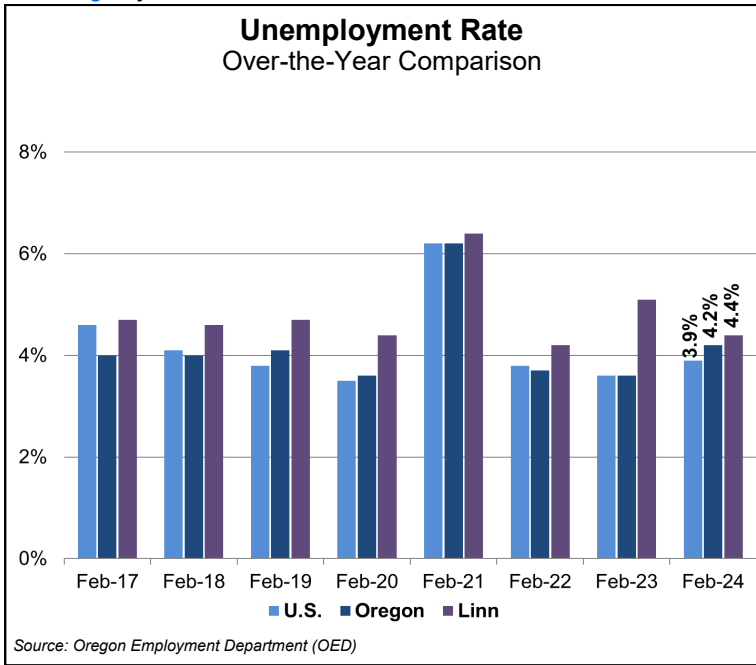


# Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Linn County, February Data

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4% in February, up from January's rate of 4.1%. Statewide, the unemployment rate increased from 4.1% in January to 4.2% in February. During this time, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 150 jobs, and employment is now 720 jobs, or 1.5% above the February 2020 pre-pandemic employment level.

From February of last year to February of this year, total nonfarm employment decreased by 0.6%, or by 280 jobs. Private education and health services had the largest employment gains over the year (+220 jobs), followed by the public sector (+120 jobs). The trade, transportation, and utilities industry had the greatest employment losses (-590 jobs), followed by the leisure and hospitality industry (-130 jobs).

**HELP WANTED IN THE MID-VALLEY**— With the release of this year's annual data, the Oregon Employment Department's Job Vacancy Survey now has nine years of data to look at regional trends in job demand and the labor market. The overall number of Oregon job vacancies declined from 2022 to 2023, as the recovery from the 2020 pandemic recession slowed. Similarly, the Mid-Valley experienced a decline in the number of job vacancies in 2023 after two years of record highs. Employers in the Mid-Valley reported about six out of 10 openings were difficult to fill in 2023, this is equivalent to what was reported statewide. To learn more about regional and statewide job vacancies, you can visit our Job Vacancy Survey section on the publications page of [QualityInfo.org](http://QualityInfo.org), where you can also find an [article on Oregon](#) job vacancies.



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