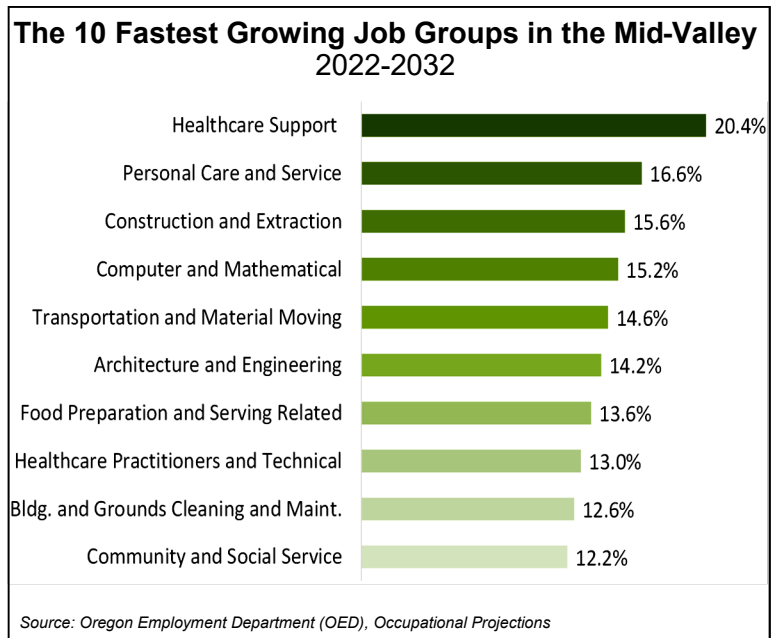
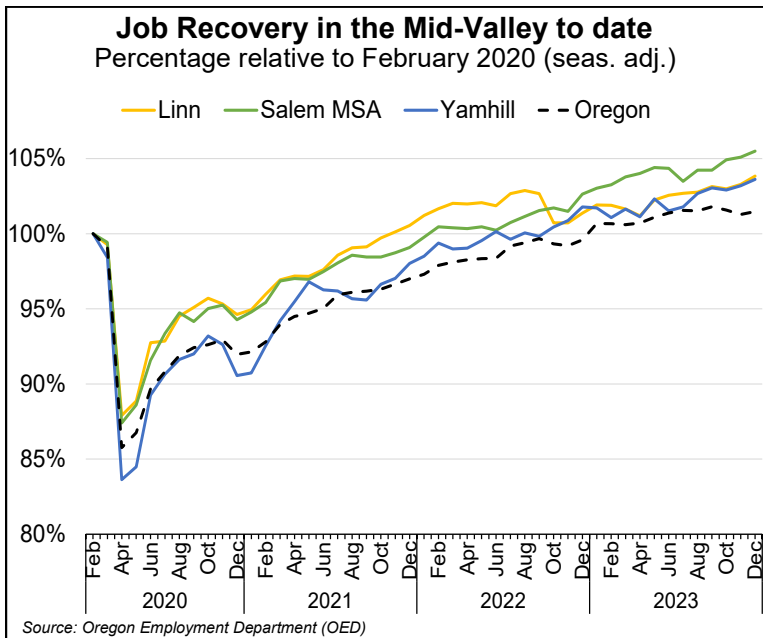
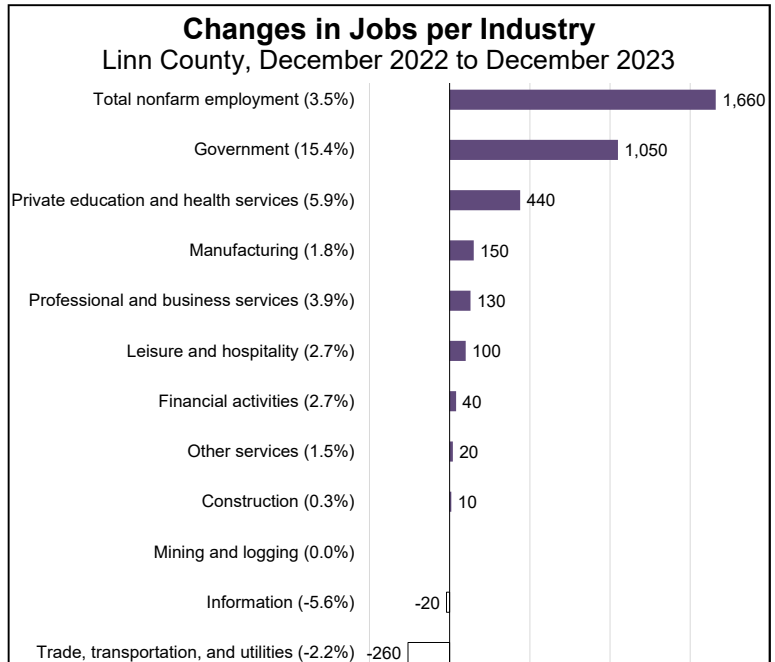
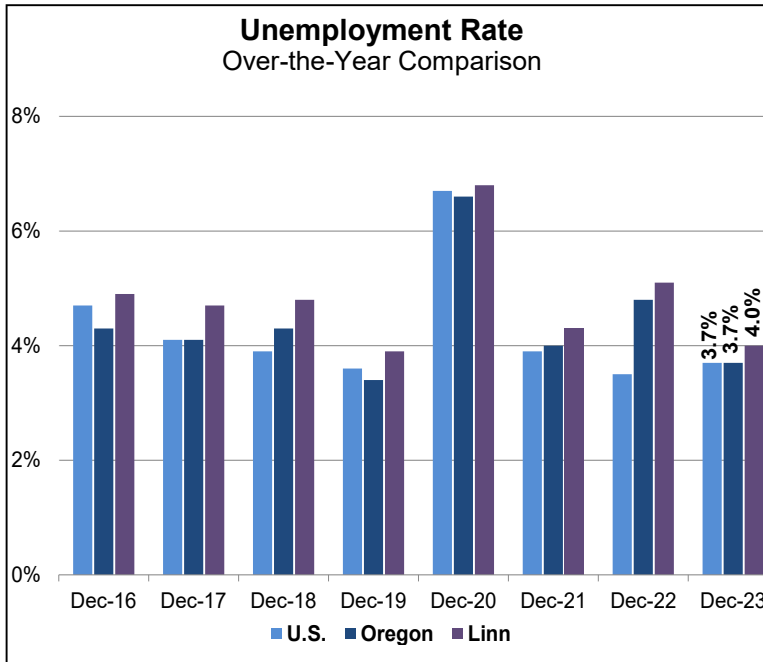


Mid-Valley Economic Indicators— Linn County, December Data

Linn County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly in December and is now 4.0%. Statewide, the unemployment rate increased to 3.7% from 3.6% in November. During this time, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 260 jobs, and employment is now 1,800 jobs, or 3.8% above the February 2020 pre-pandemic employment level.

From December of last year to December of this year, total nonfarm employment increased by 3.5%, or by 1,660 jobs. The public sector had the largest employment gains over the year (+1,050 jobs), followed by the private education and health services industry (+440 jobs). The trade, transportation, and utilities industry had the greatest employment losses (-160 jobs), followed by the information industry (-20 jobs).

PROJECTED JOB GROWTH — The fastest-growing jobs in most regions are dominated by health care. This is also true in the Mid-Valley, where healthcare support occupations are expected to grow by 20.4% by 2032. Personal care and service related jobs are expected to grow at the second-fastest rate during this time (16.6%), followed by construction and extraction jobs (15.6%). When considering all jobs, the rate of growth is smaller at 9.6%, but job growth within these broader occupational categories can vary widely. To learn more about projected growth within these broader categories you can visit [our projections page](#) on qualityinfo.org, where you can also find an [article on Mid-Valley](#) employment growth.



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