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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): February 2021

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.9%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in February, unchanged from its revised rate of 5.9% in January. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in February was 6.1%, essentially unchanged from its revised January rate of 6.2%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in February were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 2,200 jobs, when an employment gain of 1,700 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 jobs, or 0.3%, between January and February. Employment is still 4.5% or 7,800 jobs below the level in February 2020, after sharp job losses in the spring of 2020.

Industries in the private sector that showed the largest employment gains in February include: trade, transportation, and utilities (+500 jobs, 1.7%); private education and health services (+700, 2.4%); and professional and business services (+200, 1.4%).

Private-sector job losses occurred in: leisure and hospitality (-200 jobs, -1.6%); construction (-100, -0.8%); and manufacturing (-100, -0.9%).

Government added 1,000 jobs in February. Local government employment increased 200 while state government employment added 800 jobs in February.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the March county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, April 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, April 13.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2021	February 2020
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	207,851	205,826	201,416	2,025	6,435
Unemployed	13,206	13,875	7,668	-669	5,538
Unemployment rate	6.4%	6.7%	3.8%	-0.3	2.6
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.9%	3.5%	0.0	2.4
Employed	194,645	191,951	193,748	2,694	897
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	165,400	163,200	173,200	2,200	-7,800
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>166,600</i>	<i>166,100</i>	<i>174,400</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>-7,800</i>
Total private	123,800	122,600	130,400	1,200	-6,600
Mining, logging, and construction	12,700	12,700	12,900	0	-200
Mining and logging	600	500	600	100	0
Construction	12,100	12,200	12,300	-100	-200
Manufacturing	11,400	11,500	11,800	-100	-400
Durable goods	5,800	5,900	6,100	-100	-300
Nondurable goods	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
Food manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,500	100	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,400	28,900	28,900	500	500
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Retail trade	18,400	18,100	18,500	300	-100
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,900	6,800	6,200	100	700
Information	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Financial activities	6,900	6,800	7,200	100	-300
Professional and business services	14,700	14,500	15,600	200	-900
Administrative and support services	7,600	7,500	8,500	100	-900
Education and health services	29,900	29,200	31,800	700	-1,900
Health care and social assistance	26,700	26,800	28,000	-100	-1,300
Leisure and hospitality	12,400	12,600	15,500	-200	-3,100
Accommodation and food services	11,400	11,500	13,800	-100	-2,400
Other services	4,900	4,900	5,300	0	-400
Government	41,600	40,600	42,800	1,000	-1,200
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State government	21,400	20,600	20,500	800	900
State education	1,000	900	900	100	100
Local government	18,700	18,500	20,800	200	-2,100
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	10,700	10,500	12,600	200	-1,900

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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