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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2021**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Remains at 5.9%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.9% in April, essentially unchanged from its revised rate of 5.8% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 6.0%, unchanged from its revised March rate of 6.0%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,200 jobs, when an employment gain of 800 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 400 jobs, or 0.2%, between March and April. Employment is still 4.3% or 7,500 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 April include: professional and business services (+400 jobs, 2.7%); construction (+400, 3.2%); and other services (+100, 1.9%).

Private-sector job losses were concentrated in manufacturing, which shed 200 jobs (-1.7%) in April.

Government added 300 jobs in April. Local government employment increased 200 while state government employment added 100 jobs in April. Federal government employment was unchanged in April.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, June 22 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Tuesday, June 15.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	April 2021	March 2021	April 2020	March 2021	April 2020
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	209,956	209,105	194,724	851	15,232
Unemployed	12,593	13,181	22,469	-588	-9,876
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.3%	11.5%	-0.3	-5.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.9%	5.8%	11.6%	0.1	-5.7
Employed	197,363	195,924	172,255	1,439	25,108
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	167,900	166,700	153,300	1,200	14,600
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>166,900</i>	<i>166,500</i>	<i>152,900</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>14,000</i>
Total private	126,500	125,600	112,200	900	14,300
Mining, logging, and construction	13,500	13,100	12,200	400	1,300
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	12,900	12,500	11,600	400	1,300
Manufacturing	11,300	11,500	10,900	-200	400
Durable goods	5,600	5,800	5,400	-200	200
Nondurable goods	5,700	5,700	5,500	0	200
Food manufacturing	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,500	29,400	26,200	100	3,300
Wholesale trade	4,000	3,900	4,000	100	0
Retail trade	18,500	18,500	16,000	0	2,500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,000	7,000	6,200	0	800
Information	1,500	1,500	1,200	0	300
Financial activities	6,800	6,800	6,900	0	-100
Professional and business services	15,100	14,700	13,300	400	1,800
Administrative and support services	8,000	7,900	6,600	100	1,400
Education and health services	30,800	30,700	28,200	100	2,600
Health care and social assistance	27,100	27,100	25,200	0	1,900
Leisure and hospitality	12,700	12,700	9,000	0	3,700
Accommodation and food services	11,700	11,700	8,000	0	3,700
Other services	5,300	5,200	4,300	100	1,000
Government	41,400	41,100	41,100	300	300
Federal government	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
State government	20,700	20,600	20,300	100	400
State education	900	900	900	0	0
Local government	19,200	19,000	19,300	200	-100
Indian tribal	1,400	1,500	1,600	-100	-200
Local education	11,100	10,900	11,300	200	-200

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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