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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): October 2022

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Up to 4.1%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1% in October, up from its revised rate of 3.8% in September. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in October was also 4.1%, up from its revised September rate of 3.8%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in October were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 400 jobs, when an employment increase of 800 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 400 between September and October. With October's losses, employment is down 1.7% or 3,000 jobs from the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector shed 300 jobs in October. The largest private-sector job losses in October were reported in professional and business services (-400 jobs, -2.6%), leisure and hospitality (-200 jobs, -1.4%), and food manufacturing (-200 jobs, -4.9%).

Private education and health services added 200 jobs or 0.6% in October. Construction employment grew 100 or 0.7% in October.

The public sector added 700 jobs in October. Local government added 800 jobs in October, 900 of those jobs in local education. Federal government shed 100 jobs and state government employment was unchanged in October.

Next Press Releases

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data on Wednesday, Dec. 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	211,060	212,170	210,593	-1,110	467
Unemployed	8,854	8,551	7,856	303	998
Unemployment rate	4.2%	4.0%	3.7%	0.2	0.5
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.1%	3.8%	4.3%	0.3	-0.2
Employed	202,206	203,619	202,737	-1,413	-531
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	174,400	174,000	174,100	400	300
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	172,100	172,500	172,200	-400	-100
Total private	131,100	131,400	132,300	-300	-1,200
Mining, logging, and construction	14,800	14,700	13,700	100	1,100
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	14,200	14,100	13,100	100	1,100
Manufacturing	12,400	12,600	12,000	-200	400
Durable goods	6,000	6,000	5,800	0	200
Nondurable goods	6,400	6,600	6,200	-200	200
Food manufacturing	3,900	4,100	3,800	-200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	30,100	30,000	30,600	100	-500
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,200	4,000	-100	100
Retail trade	19,100	18,900	19,400	200	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,900	6,900	7,200	0	-300
Information	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Financial activities	7,100	7,000	7,100	100	0
Professional and business services	15,000	15,400	16,600	-400	-1,600
Administrative and support services	9,300	9,100	8,900	200	400
Education and health services	31,100	30,900	30,600	200	500
Health care and social assistance	27,800	27,800	26,800	0	1,000
Leisure and hospitality	13,800	14,000	14,800	-200	-1,000
Accommodation and food services	12,800	12,900	13,500	-100	-700
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Government	43,300	42,600	41,800	700	1,500
Federal government	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
State government	21,600	21,600	21,000	0	600
State education	1,100	1,100	900	0	200
Local government	20,300	19,500	19,300	800	1,000
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,100	11,200	11,400	900	700

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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