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## **Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): December 2022**

### **Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Edges Up to 4.5%**

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5% in December, up from its revised rate of 4.3% in November. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in December was also 4.5%, up from its revised November rate of 4.3%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in December were smaller than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 300 jobs, when an employment decrease of 800 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 between November and December. With December's gains, employment is down 0.2% or 400 jobs from the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector shed 100 jobs in December. The largest private-sector job gains in December were reported in trade, transportation, and utilities (+400 jobs, +1.3%); professional and business services (+100 jobs, +0.6%); and financial activities (+100 jobs, +1.4%).

The largest private-sector job losses in December were reported in construction (-400 jobs, -2.8%), food manufacturing (-200, -5.3%), and private education and health services (-200 jobs, -0.6%).

The public sector shed 200 jobs in December. State government employment was down 300 jobs in December and federal government added 100 jobs.

### **Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the January county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, March 7 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will also be released on Tuesday, March 7.



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## Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	December 2022	November 2022	December 2021	November 2022	December 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	208,341	210,249	210,043	-1,908	-1,702
Unemployed	9,425	9,067	7,310	358	2,115
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.3%	3.5%	0.2	1.0
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.5%	4.3%	4.3%	0.2	0.2
Employed	198,916	201,182	202,733	-2,266	-3,817
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	176,300	176,600	173,600	-300	2,700
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	174,700	174,200	173,000	500	1,700
Total private	132,700	132,800	132,000	-100	700
Mining, logging, and construction	14,300	14,700	13,100	-400	1,200
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,700	14,100	12,500	-400	1,200
Manufacturing	12,200	12,200	11,800	0	400
Durable goods	6,100	6,000	5,900	100	200
Nondurable goods	6,100	6,200	5,900	-100	200
Food manufacturing	3,600	3,800	3,500	-200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	31,000	30,600	31,200	400	-200
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
Retail trade	19,500	19,300	19,800	200	-300
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	7,300	7,100	7,300	200	0
Information	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
Financial activities	7,100	7,000	7,000	100	100
Professional and business services	16,600	16,500	17,000	100	-400
Administrative and support services	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	200
Education and health services	31,100	31,300	30,600	-200	500
Health care and social assistance	27,600	27,700	27,000	-100	600
Leisure and hospitality	13,600	13,700	14,400	-100	-800
Accommodation and food services	12,900	13,000	13,200	-100	-300
Other services	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Government	43,600	43,800	41,600	-200	2,000
Federal government	1,500	1,400	1,400	100	100
State government	21,400	21,700	20,600	-300	800
State education	1,100	1,100	900	0	200
Local government	20,700	20,700	19,600	0	1,100
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Local education	12,400	12,400	11,700	0	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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