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Employment in Salem MSA (Marion and Polk Counties): April 2023

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.0%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.0% in April, down from its revised rate of 4.3% in March. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in April was 4.0%, down slightly from its revised March rate of 4.4%.

Employment gains in the Salem MSA in April were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment increased by 1,100 jobs, when an employment increase of 600 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment increased 500 between March and April. With April's gains, employment is up 3.4% or 5,900 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector added 800 jobs in April. The largest private-sector job gains in April were reported in private education and health services (+300 jobs, +0.9%); and leisure and hospitality (+300 jobs, +2.0%).

The largest private-sector job losses in April were reported in professional and business services (-200 jobs, -1.1%).

The public sector added 300 jobs in April. Local government employment was up 100 jobs in April while state government added 200 jobs. Federal government employment was unchanged.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the May county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Wednesday, June 21 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Wednesday, June 14.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2023	April 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	209,002	211,007	210,874	-2,005	-1,872
Unemployed	6,062	7,672	7,863	-1,610	-1,801
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.6%	3.7%	-0.7	-0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	4.0%	4.3%	3.8%	-0.3	0.2
Employed	202,940	203,335	203,011	-395	-71
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	180,000	178,900	175,800	1,100	4,200
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	<i>180,500</i>	<i>180,000</i>	<i>175,200</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>5,300</i>
Total private	135,300	134,500	132,900	800	2,400
Mining, logging, and construction	13,600	13,500	13,400	100	200
Mining and logging	600	600	600	0	0
Construction	13,000	12,900	12,800	100	200
Manufacturing	11,600	11,500	11,900	100	-300
Durable goods	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Nondurable goods	5,700	5,600	5,800	100	-100
Food manufacturing	3,500	3,400	3,500	100	0
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,500	29,500	30,500	0	-1,000
Wholesale trade	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
Retail trade	18,900	18,700	19,400	200	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,500	6,700	7,000	-200	-500
Information	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Financial activities	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	-100
Professional and business services	17,600	17,800	16,800	-200	800
Administrative and support services	8,900	8,900	9,000	0	-100
Private education and health services	33,200	32,900	31,100	300	2,100
Health care and social assistance	29,500	29,100	27,200	400	2,300
Leisure and hospitality	15,600	15,300	15,300	300	300
Accommodation and food services	14,100	13,800	13,700	300	400
Other services	5,800	5,700	5,400	100	400
Government	44,700	44,400	42,900	300	1,800
Federal government	1,400	1,400	1,500	0	-100
State government	22,400	22,200	21,300	200	1,100
State education	1,200	1,100	1,000	100	200
Local government	20,900	20,800	20,100	100	800
Indian tribal	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
Local education	12,500	12,500	12,100	0	400

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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