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

Salem MSA's Unemployment Rate Drops to 3.5%

The Salem MSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.5% in July, down from its revised rate of 3.6% in June. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate in July was 3.4%, down slightly from its revised June rate of 3.5%.

Employment losses in the Salem MSA in July were larger than normal; total nonfarm employment decreased by 3,700 jobs, when an employment decrease of 3,400 jobs would be expected. As a result, seasonally adjusted employment decreased 300 between June and July. With July's losses, employment is up 3.0% or 5,300 jobs above the pre-pandemic employment level in February 2020.

Overall the private sector added 400 jobs in July. The largest private-sector job gains in July were reported in manufacturing (+300 jobs, +2.5%) and construction (+200 jobs, +1.4%).

Private-sector job losses in July were reported in professional and business services (-200 jobs, -1.1%) and private education and health services (-200 jobs, -0.6%).

The public sector dropped 4,100 jobs in July. Local government education employment was down 4,100 jobs in July due to the summer break. State government added 100 jobs. Federal government employment was down 100 jobs.

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The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sep. 19 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data will be released on Wednesday, Sep. 13.



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Salem MSA Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	July 2023	June 2023	July 2022	June 2023	July 2022
Labor Force Status					
Civilian labor force	214,656	212,895	215,232	1,761	-576
Unemployed	8,184	7,731	9,637	453	-1,453
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.6%	4.5%	0.2	-0.7
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	3.5%	3.6%	4.2%	-0.1	-0.7
Employed	206,472	205,164	205,595	1,308	877
Nonfarm Payroll Employment					
Total nonfarm employment	178,000	181,700	173,800	-3,700	4,200
Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)	179,900	180,200	175,900	-300	4,000
Total private	137,700	137,300	134,000	400	3,700
Mining and logging	700	700	600	0	100
Mining, logging, and construction	14,700	14,500	14,200	200	500
Construction	14,000	13,800	13,600	200	400
Manufacturing	12,500	12,200	12,600	300	-100
Durable goods	6,100	6,000	6,100	100	0
Nondurable goods	6,400	6,200	6,500	200	-100
Food manufacturing	4,100	3,900	4,000	200	100
Trade, transportation, and utilities	29,600	29,600	30,500	0	-900
Wholesale trade	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Retail trade	18,900	18,900	19,400	0	-500
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	6,500	6,500	6,900	0	-400
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Financial activities	6,800	6,700	6,900	100	-100
Professional and business services	18,100	18,300	15,800	-200	2,300
Administrative and support services	9,200	9,500	7,900	-300	1,300
Private education and health services	32,300	32,500	30,700	-200	1,600
Health care and social assistance	29,200	29,300	27,800	-100	1,400
Leisure and hospitality	16,400	16,300	16,300	100	100
Accommodation and food services	14,700	14,600	14,300	100	400
Other services	5,600	5,500	5,300	100	300
Government	40,300	44,400	39,800	-4,100	500
Federal government	1,400	1,500	1,400	-100	0
State government	21,400	21,300	21,500	100	-100
State education	1,100	1,100	1,000	0	100
Local government	17,500	21,600	16,900	-4,100	600
Indian tribal	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Local education	8,600	12,700	8,600	-4,100	0

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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